

**64<sup>TH</sup> SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON**  
**April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**DRAFT Minutes of Proceedings**  
**(as they will be presented to the 65<sup>th</sup> Synod for approval)**

**Friday, April 24, 2015**

The 64<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton opened with Eucharist. The Bishop included parts of her Charge in the homily. The meeting followed the service.

**1. Opening Prayer**

The Chair opened the proceedings of the 64<sup>th</sup> Synod with prayer.

**2. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm.

**3. Report of the Credentials Committee**

The Ven. Alan Perry reported that there were 122 members of the clergy who are eligible to attend this Synod, and 63 had registered, thus there is more than 1/3 of the members of the Order of Clergy present and a Quorum in the Order of Clergy.

Ms. Charis St. Pierre reported that there are 172 members of the laity who are eligible to attend this Synod, and 140 have registered, thus there is more than 1/3 of the members of the Order of Laity present, and a quorum in the Order of Laity.

**4. Report of the Agenda Committee**

Canon Barbara Burrows, Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee, reported that the agenda was included in the Convening Circular, and could be found on pages 6 to 8. It was noted that the elections would be held that evening, immediately following the business part of the meeting.

**5. Appointed Members of Synod:**

According to the Constitution, the Bishop is allowed to appoint up to 10 lay members of Synod and 15 youth members of Synod. They are the following:

- Fiona Brownlee – Aboriginal and Rural Ministries Liaison
- Amy Croy – Alpha Coordinator
- John Gee – Community Development Facilitator
- Margaret Marschall – Anglican Messenger, Diocesan Staff
- Paul Nahirney – Canon for Missional Development
- Sharon Pasula – Oskâpêwis
- Debbie Phillipchuk – Cursillo
- Charis St. Pierre – Diocesan Staff, Credentials
- Roger Thomson – Diocesan Development Fund
- Lauren VanderHout – Youth Cohort

The youth appointments included the following:

- From the Battle River Region:  
Chiamaka Morah – St. Patrick's, Edmonton

- From the Cold Lake Region:  
Luke Armstrong – All Saints’ Cathedral, Edmonton  
Jenna Brown – St. John’s, Cold Lake  
Anya Zoledziowski – St. Stephen’s, Edmonton
- From Edmonton West Region:  
Sydney Caron – Ascend / St. Paul’s  
Tristan Fair – St. Peter’s, Edmonton  
Graham Ward – Ascend / St. Paul’s
- From the Whitemud Region:  
Claire Casault – St. George’s, Devon  
Gabriella Hicks – Holy Trinity Riverbend  
Leah Marshall – St. Andrew’s Camrose
- From the Yellowhead Region:  
Jonathan Christian – St. Augustine, Parkland  
Olivia DeBourcier – Christ Church, Edmonton  
Sarah Dickson – Christ Church, Edmonton  
Becca Stephens – Christ Church, Edmonton

## 6. **Guests**

The Chair introduced a number of guests who will be part of our Synod:

- Bob McKeon – Roman Catholic Archdiocese
- Lewis Longard – music ministry
- Angela Bokenfohr – music ministry
- Mark Armstrong – speaking on the Cathedral Reach campaign
- Chris Pilon – the new Cathedral Community Engagement Worker
- David Barnum – Stewardship
- Amy Agwiking – Filipino Community

## 7. **Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod**

The Chair informed Synod that the minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod had been distributed to Synod members (Appendix 1 of the Convening Circular) and their acceptance must be moved and seconded by persons who were in attendance at that Synod.

MOTION: The Very Rev. Neil Gordon moved that the Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod be approved as published in the Convening Circular.

Seconded by Alexandra Munn.

MOTION CARRIED.

## 8. **Receiving of Printed Reports**

The Chair announced that the reports included in the Circular were presented for reception by the delegates.

MOTION: Canon Barbara Burrows moved that the reports be received as published.

Seconded by the Rev. Lesley Hand.

MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Appointment of Accounts Examiner**

The Ven. Alan Perry, interim chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, reported that the Review Engagement Reports for 2012 and 2013 were approved by Executive Council, and are included in the Convening Circular, Appendix 4. The Review Engagement Report for 2014 is not yet ready. It will be approved by Executive Council when it is ready. He referred to sections C120 and C122 of the Constitution with regard to the appointment of a chartered accountant.

MOTION: The Ven. Alan Perry moved that the firm of Grant, Thornton, Chartered Accountants, of Edmonton, be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.

Seconded by Roger Thomson.

MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Report of the Resolutions Committee**

Ken Holmstrom, Chair of the Resolutions Committee and Chancellor of the Diocese, reported that the Resolutions Committee had not received any resolutions for consideration at this 64<sup>th</sup> Synod, except for those from the Legislative Committee dealing with Constitutional and Canonical changes, which were included in the Convening Circular, beginning at page 32.

At this point, Bishop Jane Alexander relinquished the Chair, and the Dean, Neil Gordon, took over as Chair.

**11. Resolution L-1: To add the Marks of Mission to the Constitution as section C1A.**

Bishop Jane spoke about the importance of the Marks of Mission as adopted by the Anglican Communion. They are God's mission for us; they say who we are and what we are about in our diocese. She would like to see them front and centre for us in the Diocese; they help us discern how to become involved in the world.

MOTION: Moved by Bishop Jane Alexander that the title "Solemn Declaration" in the Constitution be amended to read "Solemn Declaration and Marks of Mission" and a new section C1A be added as follows:

C1A.

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton accepts the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council as a description, guide and framework for the pursuit of God's mission in the Diocese of Edmonton. These Marks of Mission are:

1. *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
2. *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*
3. *To respond to human need by loving service*
4. *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*

5. *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

Seconded by the Ven. Alan Perry.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

## **12. Resolution L-3: Canon 3 (Clergy)**

The Ven. Alan Perry indicated that this resolution is intended to simplify Canon 3; it removes redundant material, which appears elsewhere, and modernizes the language from stipend to salary.

Section 3.5 (3.3 of the old canon) addresses a Normal Retirement Date for clergy to coincide with the date of eligibility for the Old Age Security pension.

Section 3.14 (3.21 of the old canon) addresses non-ecclesiastical employment, and makes it easier for the Bishop to grant permission to a member of the clergy to enter secular employment, without consulting with Executive Council.

MOTION: Moved by the Ven. Alan Perry that Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3.  
Seconded by Ken Holmstrom.

It was pointed out that in Sections 3.11 and 3.16 there is reference to section 3.10, but “3.10” is missing from the wording of the motion. That will be corrected in the final draft.

MOTION CARRIED. (see Appendix 1 for wording of the new Canon 3)

## **13. Resolution L-4: Canon 12 (Discipline and Court)**

The primary purpose of a new Canon 12 is to transfer the provisions for discipline and the court from Canon 3 to a stand-alone canon for the purpose of simplification and clarification.

MOTION: Moved by the Ven. Alan Perry that a new Canon 12 be adopted as printed in the Convening Circular.  
Seconded by Ken Holmstrom.

MOTION CARRIED. (see Appendix 1 for wording of the new Canon 12)

## **14. Greetings from Ecumenical Partners**

The Ven. Alan Perry introduced Bob McKeon, Coordinator of the Office of Social Justice from the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, to bring greetings on behalf of the Archdiocese. Bob spoke of our two dioceses’ joint passion for social justice, and congratulated the diocese and Bishop Jane for outstanding work, on social justice, work around the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, bringing good news to the poor.

## **15. Report of the Nominations Committee**

The Ven. Joanne Webster thanked the Nominations Committee members (Archdeacons Lee

Bezanson, Jacques Vaillancourt, Dean Neil Gordon and Rev. Cameron Burns), those who helped recruit Synod members to let their names stand for nomination, and those who did let their names stand.

She presented the report of the Nominations Committee, which was included in the Convening Circular, on page 13 (dated April 7).

Elections would be held for these positions:

- Executive Council – Cold Lake – Clergy
- Executive Council – Whitemud – Laity
- General Synod – Clergy
- General Synod – Laity
- Provincial Synod – Clergy
- Provincial Synod – Laity
- Lay Recorder for the 65<sup>th</sup> Synod

Unless there were further nominations, there would not be elections for these positions:

- Executive Council – Battle River, Edmonton West, Whitemud, Yellowhead (clergy)
- Executive Council – Battle River, Cold Lake, Edmonton West, Yellowhead (laity)
- Diocesan Court (clergy and laity)
- General Synod – youth delegate
- Provincial Synod – youth delegate
- Clerical Recorder for the 65<sup>th</sup> Synod

There are 2 slates that are not full – Executive Council – Battle River (laity) and Provincial Synod – Youth.

**MOTION:** Moved by the Ven. Joanne Webster that the final report of the Nominations Committee be accepted, noting that there is still a vacancy in Lay member for Executive Council from Battle River, and youth delegate for Provincial Synod.

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Neil Gordon.

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no further nominations.

The Rev. Peter Yeung noted that Provincial Synod canons request that there must be a youth delegate. Bishop Jane noted that she would appoint one.

## **16. Appointment of Elections Officer and Scrutineers**

The Chair appointed Judy Kesanko as Elections Officer, and Diann Bowes, Mike Falk, Lorne Halabisky, Treena Murray, Fran Peacock, Kenn Tuckey, Judy Ukeniek to be Scrutineers for voting.

## **17. Balloting Procedure Explained**

Judy Kesanko explained in detail the process for voting. Every member registered was entitled to vote. Balloting would close half an hour after the end of tonight's meeting.

## **18. Announcements**

Canon Barbara Burrows acknowledged Impark for extending free parking for that evening in the parking lot next door to the Cathedral.

Delegates were reminded that Synod would reconvene the following day at St. Matthias with coffee and muffins at 8:00, Morning Worship in the hall at 8:30; and the call to order at 9:00. Barbara explained the seating plan, so that everyone was prepared, noting that Synod delegates' name tags were marked with a number. Delegates were requested, on Saturday morning, to sit at the table whose number corresponds with the number on their name tag. It was suggested that delegates were welcome to bring their laptops or iPads to Saturday's proceedings, and were encouraged to download the electronic version of the Circular to their devices.

### **19. Closing Prayers and Recess for the Day**

The Chair closed the session in prayer, and the Synod recessed at 9:40 pm.

## **Saturday, April 25, 2015**

Morning Prayer was led by Bishop Jane, with music led by Alison Hurlburt, Angela Bokenfohr and Lewis Longard.

### **20. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### **21. Report of the Credentials Committee**

The Ven. Alan Perry and Charis St. Pierre announced the number of members of the Synod registered: 67 of the 122 members of the Order of Clergy were present, thus a quorum was present; and 145 of the 172 members of the Order of the Laity were present, thus a quorum was present. The total number of members present was 212 out of a total possible of 294.

### **22. Addendum to Voting on Marks of Mission**

Vice Chancellor Lois MacLean spoke about adding the Marks of Mission to the Constitution, which had been voted on the previous evening. But since that motion brought about an amendment to the Constitution, there needed to be a vote by orders, according to Constitution section C136.

The same motion L-1 was moved again by Bishop Jane, and seconded by the Ven. Alan Perry.

Voting by Orders, the results were:

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE CLERGY by greater than 2/3 majority (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE LAITY by greater than 2/3 majority (unanimous)

### **23. Report of the Elections Committee**

Judy Kesanko, Elections Officer, presented the results of the balloting from Friday night. Number of ballots cast was 203.

In the report below, \* indicates persons elected by acclamation.

**Diocesan Executive Council:** (one clergy and two laity from each region)

<u>Region</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Battle River	Ann Marie Nicklin*	Kenn Tuckey*

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		Roland Teape (appointed during Synod to fill vacancy – see #41 below)
Cold Lake	Rick Chapman	Mary-Lou Cleveland*
Edmonton West	Jon Connell*	Curtis Whale*
Whitemud	Nick Trussell*	Sandra Arbeau*
Yellowhead	Sarah Holmstrom*	Susan Daniel*
		Toby Ramsden
		Areltte Zinck
		Diann Bowes*
		Fran Peacock*

**Diocesan Court:**

Clergy: Lee Bezanson\* Jacques Vaillancourt\*  
 Laity: Charlene Hendry\* Lois MacLean (Law Society Member)\*

**General Synod:**

Clergy:	Alan Perry	Laity:	Margaret Marschall
	Joanne Webster		Dorothy Marshall
	Nick Trussell (Alternate #1)		Sue Trenchard (Alternate #1)
	Travis Enright (Alternate #2)		Toby Ramsden (Alternate #2)
Youth:	Graham Ward*		

**Provincial Synod:**

Clergy:	Jon Crane	Laity:	Margaret Marschall
	Neil Gordon		Bethann O’Neil
	Steve London		Sarah Skinner
	Scott Sharman		Sue Trenchard (Alternate #1)
	Christian Gordon (Alternate #1)		Rita Milligan (Alternate #2)
Youth:	Graham Ward (appointed during Synod as per note in #15 above)		

**Synod Recorders for 65<sup>th</sup> Synod:**

Clergy: Alexandra Meek\*  
 Laity: Rochelle Nieuwenhuis

MOTION: Judy Kesanko moved that the report of the Elections Committee be accepted and the ballots destroyed.

Seconded by Michael Falk.

MOTION CARRIED.

**24. Centennial Review / Reach Initiatives**

Following a slideshow of pictures showing a review of activities of the Diocesan Centennial year from Pentecost 2013 to Pentecost 2014, Bishop Jane noted how we had learned a great deal about ourselves during the year of celebration, that we have a vibrant expression of the kingdom of God right here – we are enlivened by worshipping together, and working together;

we have enthusiastic youth, two new parishes, new ministries; we can shape our future together through church development, and a partnership with Buyé. Our centennial year led into our Reach campaign where we saw that God is working in us. Delegates to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod in 2012 gave us the mandate to do Reach, and so far we have raised over \$4.6 million. Bishop Jane confessed that ‘thank you’ is too small a word to say to the hundreds and hundreds of people who have committed in many ways to their parishes’ Reach campaigns and to further ministry. Today, we will see some of the results of this campaign and hear stories of initiatives made possible.

## **25. Celebration of Diocesan Leaders in Mission Initiative**

Prayers were said at the beginning by youth delegate Becca Stephens.

The Leaders in Mission Initiative is phase 2 of the Barnabas Initiative, which is an ongoing program. It includes Back to Church Sunday, doing church differently (Messy Church, Spaghetti Church, etc.), reaching out to mothers and seniors, even small changes in the way we do something indicates that a parish is in mission. Mission Days are offering a new sense of partnership with God.

The Reach goal was \$750,000 for this initiative over five years. Perhaps this can be our year to have a Mission Day. We will continue to work with the National Church. We will continue to support ‘seasons of invitation’, not just one day (Back to Church Sunday). Parishes have used a Church Assessment Tool to help them decipher where their strengths are. Barnabas has provided leadership training for lay and clergy, leading to more people called to ordained ministry. Team members are to be resources for parishes to use in their ministry initiatives. The Bishop reminded Synod that ‘the diocese’ is you, not the Bishop.’

## **26. Resolution L-5, Lay Evangelists**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod asked the Bishop to establish a program for the recruitment, training and deployment of licensed lay evangelists. This resolution establishes a canonical framework for the licensing of Lay Evangelists similar to the framework for Lay Readers.

MOTION: Moved by Rev. Tim Chesterton that Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists. This addition to Canon 4 is included in Appendix 1.  
Seconded by Alison Hurlburt.

Synod was asked to add in to Canon 4.3, section “d. Lay Evangelists.”  
MOTION CARRIED.

## **27. Celebration of Parish Initiatives re: Leaders in Mission**

### **a. St. Paul’s Edmonton**

The Rev. Michael Williamson spoke about St. Paul’s Reach campaign, which focused on the nature and purpose of God’s work in their parish and community, and that they wanted to connect with the community at different times and places. The first focus of their community engagement is a June workshop called “Moving Back into the Neighbourhood”.

### **b. St. Catherine’s Anglican / Grace Lutheran, Edson**

The Rev. Ann Salmon spoke of the focus of their Reach campaign to hire an intern for ministry for their two small rural congregations. There was an intentional move to become one church in one building. They have been transformed to a church looking outward.

Putting bums in pews is no longer their goal, but working in the community is their goal and that's exciting. They are building strong relationships with one another. Both churches went over their goal, and have been able to hire an intern already.

c. Good Shepherd, Edmonton

The Rev. Jon Connell spoke of the two parishes within their one parish – those who attend weekly, and those who built the parish and are now spread over the city, in nursing homes and seniors' homes. Their mandate was to grow community involvement, to create new opportunities for mission, to build their child and youth ministries. They have almost reached their goal, and will be able to hire more staff to help achieve their mandate.

d. St. George's, Edmonton

The Rev. Alex Meek spoke about the desire of the parish to become a spiritual and education centre in their area, to connect with the University Hospital and Cross Cancer Clinic. They will use their Reach money to create St. George's Centre for Wellness and Learning, and offer a support group for care givers, called "When Life Changes", a space for people to come and share, a place for a time out, where they can be prayed for, a place for healing and wholeness.

e. All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton

Mark Armstrong spoke about the desire of the Cathedral to engage the community. The Cathedral sits in the middle of a huge community of high rises and condos and a number of educational institutions, and wanted to make a connection with the, as well as with aboriginal people in the area. For now, the Cathedral is focusing on reaching out to the community in the condos, and have recently hired a community engagement worker, Chris Pilon. Chris spoke about the desire to make the Cathedral a relevant pillar in the community, using the image of a lighthouse, where the light never goes out. They want to point their light at the heavens so people downtown will see it.

Prayers to close this section were led by youth delegate Luke Armstrong.

## 28. Table Discussions

During the times for table discussions, delegates were asked to take turns telling others at their tables about the goals and vision for their parishes, and for their Reach campaigns, using the following questions as guidelines:

- What were your goals?
- Why did you choose them / it?
- Where are you now in achieving them?
- Were there any curve balls thrown in your way?
- Do you have a good news story?
- Where do you want to be in 5 years?

## 29. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees:

a. Cursillo

Debbie Phillipchuk introduced Synod to Cursillo, which is a short course in Christian living. More information can be found at [www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca)

- b. EfM  
The Rev. Robin Walker spoke of the program Education for Ministry, which has proven itself as an invaluable tool to build a committed lay membership. There is a need to build a group of clergy mentors. Sally Harrison also gave a testimonial of the value of EfM.
- c. Marriage Encounter  
Mark and Terri Polet showed a video clip from CTV / Edmonton about Marriage Encounter. The group meets monthly, and reaches out to all denominations and to non-church 'attenders'. There is a need for a clergy couple from our Diocese to be on the executive. They were very grateful for the support of this Diocese.

### 30. Connecting with ... Students and Young Adults

- a. Alpha  
Amy Croy spoke about the Alpha program in the diocese, particularly Youth Alpha. The first training session at St. Augustine's Parkland grew from three students to twelve. St. David's and Holy Trinity Riverbend are using Youth Alpha, and are offering a session for parents at the same time. Amy has run the program at the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and it is now going into schools. Her hope is that Youth Alpha will be in every school in the province. See [www.alphacanada.org](http://www.alphacanada.org) for more information.
- b. Educational Chaplains:
  - i. U of A  
The Rev. Scott Sharman is the Anglican chaplain at the U of A. He offers students dinners and a safe environment in which to talk. They even offer "Pub Theology"... i.e. discussion groups where students meet in coffee houses and pubs and talk about world views. At the Sunday evening Worship Room, students learn that a spiritual life is a critical part of a young adult's life, critical to emotional and spiritual health. It is an anchor place, a hub for young adult ministry.
  - ii. Ascension House and St Aidan's House  
Loneliness is a common theme for young adults so these houses provide an experimental way of living together in an intentional way. They provide homes, resources, prayer, ministry, all of which are shared in these places by young people. They are seeing a resurgence of this idea all over; we have two communities in our Diocese.  
Ascension House is in the rectory of Christ Church Parish and is comprised of 8 young adults living together there. It's like a laboratory of what it might look like to radically follow Jesus.  
St Aidan's House is the former rectory of St. George's parish – Reach funds will open this house in September. It will contain a library, chapel, have a chaplain and will be a residential community of the U of A.
  - iii. NAIT  
The Rev. Nick Trussell has just become one of 10 chaplains at NAIT which came about from a request of the college. This multi-faith group looks forward to seeing where it will go.

- c. Camping Ministry  
Synod guest Dr. Mark Armstrong was invited to add some comments about the camping ministry. After some time Base Camp will be back this summer. Dr. Armstrong will take messages for the camp through the Diocesan office.

### **31. Celebration of Diocesan Indigenous Ministry Initiative**

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Olivia deBourcier and Gabi Hicks.

- a. Canon Missioner for Indigenous Ministry  
The Rev. Canon Travis Enright began by talking about how we can share the land of our indigenous peoples. We have come from a dark place of no inclusion, taking apart and destruction but he says that Mother Earth feeds us and we need to continue to walk together. Even though we did not have a residential school here, that is nothing to be proud of. We are rural and urban peoples here within our Diocese. There are 52,000 indigenous people here in Edmonton which is 5% of the city's population. Travis says that the indigenous peoples' language matters, particularly when we talk about missing and murdered women. But... There is always hope. The mandate of this initiative is education, reconciliation and Mission. Mission was not a good word but now indigenous people can "mission us" – There is a Mission team in the Diocese – Travis, Sharon Pasula, and Fiona Brownlee. They are changing people's lives by listening to their stories – in a sacramental ministry. In the last month Travis had 4 funerals, with 500 people in attendance, 10 baptisms at Easter and a wedding. He told the story of a family who comes to St Faith's. The mother came to smudge and came with her son but the son would not cross from the narthex into the church. The lady asked if they could smudge together and the son that day broke the threshold of the church, dipped his fingers into the font. Finally, he felt safe enough to do this to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. Urban Ministry  
Sharon Pasula, Oskâpêwis / Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper, spoke and played the drum which is a gift from the Creator. Sharon is Cree Métis on her mom's side and Jewish by her dad. Her choice is to be a follower of Jesus' way in the Anglican tradition. Indigenous people today don't know who they are, from knowledge of the land to their culture, so they cannot pass that to their indigenous brothers and sisters. Sharon works at the food bank and has started to smudge there. This is reconciliation. Our Anglican Church took away these things and now we are offering it again. Sharon spoke of a lady who had forgotten how to smudge but once she began again, she remembers what it was all about. Mayor Iveson is helping to develop a new narrative. Sharon also works at the Edmonton Young Offenders Centre. She lets the children have the drum while they talk. It affected one young man very profoundly.
- c. Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison  
Fiona Brownlee spoke of her work in Wetaskiwin, which means a place that brings peace. They are working at being neighbours with Maskwacis and learning together. The goal is to grow relationships between the communities. She wants to see rural communities across the Diocese do this work. Using the example of planting the Centennial chokecherry trees, she pointed out that we need to get back on our knees and do work. It is a scary task but just as the trees are small but will grow, our words need to be heard and

grow... our words matter. We must make our words matter. We can't just talk about Reconciliation – we have to act.

### **32. Celebration of National Church Initiatives of Indigenous Peoples**

Bishop Jane indicated that \$200,000 of our Reach dollars are committed to walking with Indigenous peoples in the national church, in the areas of fair compensation for full time aboriginal clergy, providing funds for youth suicide prevention, and pastoral care for indigenous people in urban centres. The Sacred Circle, Council of the North, ACIP and the National Church will work together on this. Bishop Jane noted especially the new Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh in northern Ontario, which is a major milestone in the journey of establishing a self-determining, self-sustaining Indigenous church within the tradition, order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada.

A video called “A Spiritual Movement: a report about the 2013 Joint Assembly from the Indigenous House of Bishops Leadership Circle” will be on the Diocesan website for viewing after Synod.

### **33. Celebration of Parish Initiatives**

#### **a. Immanuel, Wetaskiwin**

The Rev. Hugh Matheson spoke of Immanuel's goals. Immanuel is located on a corner lot in town and kiddy corner from the court house. They are 20 minutes north of Maskwacis First Nation. There is a high level of integration in a negative way between the legal system, the aboriginal people and the town. The parish decided that common ministries with the native people of the area would be beneficial, providing space in the church, and offering joint events ... with them, not to them. Their parish will become multicultural.

#### **b. St. Mary's, Edmonton**

##### **i. Community Outreach to Indigenous People**

Sharon Pasula spoke about St. Mary's outreach to indigenous people, with a weekly smudge ceremony. They also had a “When Christmas Hurts” healing circle and a monthly sharing circle. She says everything they do is Christ centric. She thanked all for helping to make healthy communities.

##### **ii. Community Outreach to the Market**

Corinna Kubos spoke about the way St. Mary's set up a Market with vendors. They decided to talk to neighbours so at first they served coffee in a local hall (not at the church). People who entered were acknowledged and welcomed... given hospitality. Then they added a meal... sandwiches, soup, meat dish, veggies, etc. And now there is a wonderful energy in the room. Through this initiative the biggest impact at St. Mary's is from conversations with/ between parishioners. They also have a prayer shawl ministry. There are a few couples who don't come to church because church as it is, isn't what they want. They will work with these young professional people to develop church for them.

#### **c. St. Timothy's, Edmonton**

The Rev. Chris Roth told of St. Timothy's need to develop youth and children's ministries. They made it a priority. But they simply had no resources to make any changes. To that point Sunday School programs came from donations from parents. The decision was to use REACH funds for a quality curriculum, and to pay a salary to the Rev. Regula Brandle. They have gone from 6 children to 24. Their Messy Church ministry is growing with 58 people

attending at Christmas. Chris says it's easy to invite new families to Messy Church. They are also doing youth ministry with St. Paul's and will give some REACH funds to St Paul's for their youth group work.

St. Timothy's is in Laurier Heights where there is a huge number of seniors – 23% of the population in their area, so they have developed a pastoral visitation group and a staff position to manage the pastoral visitors' team. This gives Chris the time to have more time to do his pastoral work.

This section ended with prayer by youth delegates Olivia deBourcier and Gabi Hicks.

### **34. Table Discussions**

### **35. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees:**

a. Stewardship

David Barnum, Chair of the diocesan Stewardship Committee, spoke of the work of the committee, which advocates year round generosity. There are resources for this ministry on the Diocesan website.

b. ICPM

Following a video about the work of ICPM, the Rev. Rick Chapman spoke about his work at ICPM as a great privilege to work among the people of the inner city and the homeless. He works ecumenically with Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, Judaism, etc.

c. Social Justice

Focusing on the baptismal covenant, John Gee showed what we need to be doing for social justice, as this is close to the third, fourth and fifth Marks of Mission. The church has struggled with the place of social justice in the church. It is an Integral or Holistic Mission. Our words need weight. Scripture has described this mission... particularly in Isaiah. The Diocese has had an ad hoc Social Justice committee since 2012. It stepped up following the "We Believe we Can" conference, and the Justice Camp last summer, and has hosted The Justice Tour 2015 with national church leaders. Now they are proposing to make social justice a more integral part of the diocesan structure.

### **36. Resolution L-2: Social Justice**

This motion is to remove outdated references to the Program Committee and create the Social Justice Committee as a standing committee. It also provides a definition of social justice.

MOTION: John Gee moved that sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the new sections C79 through C88 (see Appendix 1);

and that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 to define Social Justice (see Appendix 1)

Seconded by: Rev. Rick Chapman

The Rev. Hugh Matheson and the Rev. Sarah Holmstrom asked for clarification of the purpose and goals of the committee, and if it is to oversee the work that is being done in parishes. Bishop Jane noted that this committee takes the place of the Program Committee of the Diocese, which has not functioned for nearly two decades. The Rev. Rick Chapman

explained how the committee, as an ad hoc committee, has been used for educational events and conferences, and the new committee could enable communication between parishes and the diocese and help that happen from a central point. It will not oversee the work of the parishes.

The Chair called for the vote.

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE CLERGY by greater than 2/3 majority

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### **37. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees**

#### **a. Prayer Book Society**

The Bishop about the importance of the Book of Common Prayer as the official prayer book of the Anglican Church of Canada. She noted that it is used across the diocese on a regular basis in 23 parishes, and in countless seniors' homes. Many people use it for their daily offices and compline. She noted the Rule of Life on page 555 of the BCP.

John Matthews noted that the Prayer Book Society provides each confirmand with a BCP. He pointed out the benefits of the BCP in using the daily readings and themes. There is now a set of commentaries that he recommends for each parish. He presented the Bishop with her own set.

### **38. Celebration of Diocesan Rural Ministry Initiative**

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Leah Marshall and Gabi Hicks.

Bishop Jane and the Ven. Jacques Vaillancourt spoke of rural ministry in the diocese. Our diocese is predominantly rural. There was a time when every small community had its church. There is a change in the shape of this, and now we have multi-point ministries. We need to be flexible enough to change with it. The Rural Ministry Initiative seeks to provide support in terms of collegial and pastoral support, clergy training and funding support for different approaches to rural ministry in a few pilot areas.

Jacques noted that rural ministry is multi-dimensional. It used to be the entry level for ministry, following which the priest went to a well healed city parish. The Bishop has chosen a different path. Rural parishes are not a weigh station anymore. Now we are equipping laity and using technology and distance learning. RMI allows for the time of transition for parishes that cannot afford full time ministry.

Rural parishes are places of great faith, and are strong and vibrant centres of community. They are full expressions of ecumenical work, with churches of various denominations sharing in ministry.

In many rural areas people are facing issues of affordable housing, seniors' housing and services. They wonder how to provide youth ministry, support youth at risk, and aid hunger issues. They are similar issues to those facing urban and suburban centres. The parishes feed people, both physically and spiritually. Often in rural communities there is not a critical mass to carry out ministry, so it is approached ecumenically.

Bishop Jane noted that the diocese is looking for full time clergy in a number of places. These parishes are part of our dna. Initiatives have been taken to lay in place the idea of rural ministry with an archdeacon for rural ministry, frequent episcopal visits, clergy days, mission days and other initiatives. It was noted that the roads go both ways – that city priests are

invited to visit the country for meetings, too (e.g. for clergy days). /we hope for a continued missional focus with a synergistic collaboration between rural and urban sisters and brothers.

### **39. Celebration of Parish Initiatives**

#### **a. St. Patrick's Whitecourt**

The Rev. Rita Milne spoke enthusiastically about a Bible rally and community engagement in Whitecourt. St. Patrick's have a small church building and a small congregation with huge hearts. They decided to use their Reach funds to spread the word of God through the area. They joined with St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and the United Church of Sangudo. They created a package which contained Bibles and gave them to parishioners who were then asked to give them away. They distributed 250 packages. Now they are working on a production of "Mary Jones". The whole community is getting involved.

#### **b. St. Saviour's Mission, Wabamun**

Michelle Squance-Slade spoke about what St. Saviour's is all about. They are not a year old yet – they are "tiny but passionate." They have an average attendance of 14 people (including 2 babies) each week. Every four months they send out a note to 1600 homes telling people to come. They do what they can to be seen. They volunteer at the local thrift shop. The Rev. Coleen Lynch and another lady attend the Seniors' Centre dinner. Reach came when we were only a couple of months old. Currently, Colleen is only 1/3 time. The Rural Ministry Initiative covers her salary. The Reach campaign will help them grown more in their community. They want to have a coffee night and are looking to advertise. They have phenomenal information coming back to them from people in the community. The Rev. Coleen Lynch said they call themselves "Team Jesus". They have adopted a portion of Hwy 16 (north side) and on June 13 will be cleaning the highway – Reach will allow them to have t-shirts with " Team Jesus" on one side and St. Saviour Mission Church on the other. Also, they will be a part of the Dragonfly Festival in Wabamun on June 19-21. The church group will do a pancake breakfast and they will buy 1500 bottles of water for the parade. They have offered to rent the hall and have something Sunday morning for the festival.... "Cowboy Church". They have been asked to have parking for horses. This is so exciting to the community, they have been told now to have overflow parking for horses. It will be an ecumenical service so everybody can take part.

#### **c. St. Mary's, Wainwright /Edgerton**

The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin spoke of the multi-generational approach to mission and evangelism in Wainwright and Edgerton. Both congregations have started REACH late. But they are already doing things in their communities. The congregation finds life in faith, and they want others to know. She feels that children need to start in the worship community early, so they will create a children's area in the church. They'll have a church school after school. Also they will do a VBS in the summer. For 20+'s, she will meet them and develop a style of worship that meets their needs. They know they will be dealing with young families so child care will be funded by Reach when programs are on.

Closing prayers for this section were led by youth delegates Leah Marshall and Claire Casault.

### **40. Youth Delegate for Provincial Synod**

The Bishop announced that she has appointed Graham Ward to be the Provincial Synod Youth

Delegate.

#### **41. Executive Council – Battle River Region**

Bishop Jane announced that Roland Teape will be the second lay representative for Battle River on Executive Council.

#### **42. Celebration of New Worshipping Communities**

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Graham Ward and Jonathan Christian.

##### **a. St. Mark-Jieng**

James Gurech Wai spoke for St. Mark-Jieng, the new parish of Sudanese. He thanked his pastors, who are not paid. A few years ago they asked the Dean of the Cathedral if they could pray there. They became a parish assembly. They pray in Dinka, a language of south Sudan. Sometimes there are 30 people & then 300 people at Christmas. They see about 31 children every Sunday so they now have a Sunday School. They are building a foundation for the children to grow in the path of God. He mentioned a special luncheon of traditional foods and dancing on June 27. The Pastors visit every family and visit families with new babies, even in the hospital. The Reach campaign has allowed them to pray together and become stronger.

##### **b. Filipino Community**

Amy Agwiking spoke about the new Filipino Community. They are one year old. The congregation is made mostly of foreign workers and is a support for them. They needed a place to meet. Amy met Father Kevin Kraglund at St. Matthias, and then Father David Tiessen, and asked them if they could use the church. Initially, they had mass once a month, but now it's every week. At first they had a priest come from Calgary to officiate, but now Deacon Johnny Pooten is there. There are now 80 families worshipping. They are now looking for more Filipino people to join them and hope to move from being a mission to being a parish. Amy thanked St. Matthias for giving them a home. Now they can go further.

##### **c. Emmaus Road**

The Rev. Jon Crane spoke about the service of Emmaus Road. This is a Contemplative Community at St. Augustine of Canterbury – a Eucharistic and contemplative service that moves through each of the seasons of the church. Their original commitment was to meet once a month but they now know they cannot build a community that way. It's not often enough. It is an exercise in silence and lectio divina, with an emphasis on community, rooted in Anglican liturgies, using the aboriginal pattern of praying together in the evening.

Closing prayers for this section were led by youth delegate Graham Ward.

#### **43. Youth Presentation**

The youth delegates spoke about events that are significant to each of them.

- a. Bishop's Youth Extravaganza – they were asked “What's next in our lives”, which gave them food for thought.
- b. Youth Alpha – they thanked Amy for her great job with this. Youth Alpha lets them go to a safe space to make faith their own.

- c. Community Involvement – they help with dinners, babysitting, help people who need that, run booths.
- d. Ascend – a great experience for young adults.
- e. Youth Ministry Needs – They like connecting (any event to spread the word) They need more events, and more opportunity to serve. They said that we should be sure that the youth in our parishes know they are needed. Youth need to make faith their own.
- f. Youth Farm Day – Most youth in our diocese are urban and don't know about growing food. June 13 Farm Day is a time to learn about how food is grown and what God wants us to do about lack of food.

Amy spoke about “Episcopalooza” on October 16 and 17 – a day when the Bishop will meet all the youth. The theme is “Out from the Shadows”. It will be at St. Matthias Church. We are all to be sure to invite our youth.

#### **44. ACW / Buyé Mothers' Union**

Synod viewed pictures of the activities of the ACW of the Diocese of Edmonton and the Mothers' Union of Buyé, culminating in pictures from their joint conference in June 2014.

#### **45. Celebration of National Church Initiatives**

##### **a. In Partnerships Together (Africa)**

Bishop Jane noted that \$100,000 of the Reach campaign was identified for National Church partnerships – to rebuild capacity to support mission in Africa where there are issues we cannot even understand. The Bishop says she is more aware than ever from her work with the Canadian and African bishops' dialogue group, the Eco-bishops' conference, and our own partnership with the Diocese of Buyé, that our help is needed. Specifically, we hope to assist in the renewing of relationships between our church and the Council of Anglican provinces of Africa (CAPA). These dioceses are trying to get their lives back in order after a number of tragedies.

##### **b. Celebration of our Partnership with Buyé**

John Gee spoke and showed pictures of Buyé. There is a trip this summer of ten young adults who will join young adults from Buyé at a conference.

Leah Marshall from St. Andrew's Camrose spoke about why she wanted to go on this trip. In January she went to the Bishop's Youth Extravaganza. When she was there, she asked God what he wanted her to do next. And then she heard about the trip. She is sure it is God's will that she go to Burundi as she has received financial support when she didn't even ask for it. Leah quoted Micah 6:8. They held a fund raiser last week at the Cathedral. She's nervous for her first plane ride and her first time out of Canada. Leah led Synod in a prayer for their time away.

##### **c. PWRDF**

Dorothy Marshall, St. Andrew's Camrose, is the PWRDF diocesan representative. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is the development and relief agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, working around the world responding to humanitarian crises, long term community development, and engages in education and advocacy. It is a ministry of encouragement as God calls us to be a servant church, and, importantly, it is a faith-based movement.

PWRDF carries out its work through a network of partners with international, national and local organizations, relying on local leadership and expertise. It makes financial resources

available to support partners' long term development initiatives and to respond to emergencies. It is giving a hand up, rather than a hand out; walking alongside people to enable them to improve their own lives by supporting projects they have identified as important. PWRDF operates through monetary donations from Anglicans (and others) from across Canada, and relies on a network of volunteer parish representatives to play a role in communication, stewardship and raising of awareness.

**46. Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent**

Bishop Jane declared her assent to the Acts of the 64<sup>th</sup> Synod.

**47. Prorogation**

Bishop Jane noted that we have concluded all our business, and thus prorogued Synod.

**48. Worship**

Synod closed with worship and prayer.

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**APPENDIX ONE**

**Resolution L-3 – Canon 3**

Moved by: The Ven. Alan Perry  
Seconded by: Ken Holmstrom

That Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3, following:

*(Note: changes are in **bold** and one deletion indicated by ~~strikeout~~. These will not be retained in the adopted text.)*

**CANON 3**

**CLERGY**

**LICENSING OF CLERGY**

*Requirement of a Licence*

3.1. Every bishop, priest or deacon, before exercising in any way an ordained ministry in the Diocese shall obtain the licence or temporary permission of the Bishop to do so.

**3.2. No licence shall be granted by the Bishop unless the proposed licensee has, in the presence of the Bishop or the Bishop's nominee, made, taken and subscribed the Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Canonical Obedience and the Declaration of Submission to the General, Provincial and Diocesan Synods set out in Canon VI of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. The licensee shall renew these oaths and subscriptions at such time as the Bishop may require.**

**3.3. Every bishop, priest or deacon shall exercise ordained ministry subject to the requirements of the oaths and subscriptions, and of the canons of the General, Provincial and Diocesan Synods, as well as all episcopal directives and diocesan policies which may from time to time be in effect. In particular, every bishop, priest or deacon shall be subject to the terms of the General and Provincial Synod canons on licensing, discipline and the relinquishment and abandonment of ministry.**

3.4. No licence shall be in force until the proposed licensee has declared assent to the terms thereof.

*Retirement*

**3.5.1. The Normal Retirement Date for clergy shall be the end of the month in which the cleric becomes eligible for the payment of the Old Age Security pension, according to the eligibility rules for that pension which may from time to time be in force.**

3.5.2 A license shall not continue in force beyond the **Normal Retirement Date** of the licensee (notwithstanding the terms of a license issued prior to that date), but the Bishop in the Bishop's sole discretion may in accordance with section 3.1 license a bishop, priest or deacon past the Normal Retirement Date for a period not exceeding one year, which license may be renewed from year to year thereafter at the sole discretion of the Bishop.

#### *Continuing Effect of Licence*

3.6. A licence shall remain in effect during the time that a bishop, priest or deacon is on leave from the diocese unless expressly revoked by the Bishop or unless its term expires during the term of the leave.

3.7. A licence shall remain in effect according to its terms notwithstanding the resignation, death or removal of the Bishop who granted it, and shall be deemed to be a licence granted by the succeeding Diocesan Bishop until that Bishop amends or revokes it, or issues a new licence.

#### *Temporary Permission*

3.8. The Bishop may issue temporary permission to a bishop, priest or deacon of the Anglican Communion, in good standing, to function in the Diocese of Edmonton, upon such terms, and at such place and for such time as the Bishop may state.

3.9. Temporary permission shall be held at the Bishop's pleasure and may be revoked at any time by the Bishop.

#### *Inhibition of the Unlicensed*

3.10. When the Bishop has reasonable grounds to believe that a bishop, priest or deacon who does not hold a licence or temporary permission from the diocesan bishop is officiating or is about to officiate in the diocese, the diocesan bishop may, by notice in writing to such bishop, priest or deacon, inhibit such person from officiating in the diocese.

3.11. When the Bishop issues a notice pursuant to section , the Bishop shall cause the notice be recorded in the Register and may advise such persons as the Bishop considers appropriate that such notice has been issued.

#### *Requirement of Consent of Incumbent*

3.12. No bishop, priest or deacon shall have public prayers or services, or administer the Sacraments within the limits of a Parish to which such bishop, priest or deacon is not licensed, without the consent of the incumbent of the Parish provided that a member of the clergy holding

a licence from the Bishop may visit pastorally any person in the habit of attending the ministrations of that member of the clergy.

3.13. Notwithstanding section 3.12, the Bishop may issue a licence or temporary permission to a bishop, priest or deacon to authorize the exercise of a specific ministry not directly related to the ministry of the bishop, priest or deacon of the Parish within the territorial boundaries of which the specific ministry may be performed.

#### *Non-Ecclesiastical Employment*

3.14. The Bishop may grant permission to a member of the clergy of the Diocese to enter employment other than ecclesiastical employment without relinquishing clerical orders, where the Bishop, ~~having consulted with the Executive Council~~, is satisfied that the member of the clergy will have and use opportunities for the exercise of Christian ministry.

3.15. A member of the clergy granted permission to enter non-ecclesiastical employment pursuant to section 3.14 shall report to the Bishop annually and in writing as to their Christian ministry.

3.16. A member of the clergy who fails to report as required by section for a period of two years may be removed by the Bishop from the roll of clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and transferred to the House of Bishops' list. The Bishop shall give written notice of intention to effect such a transfer to the member of the clergy affected.

#### **REMUNERATION OF CLERGY**

3.17. The Executive Council shall specify the **salary** rates payable to Clergy licensed in the Diocese.

3.18. Where a position held by a member of the Clergy is deemed by the Bishop to be a part-time position, the minimum **salary** applicable to that position shall be such portion of the minimum **salary** set pursuant to section 3.17 hereof as the Bishop shall establish.

3.19. Unless otherwise ordered by the Bishop, licensed members of the Clergy, who hold full-time secular employment shall not be entitled to receive a **salary** but shall be entitled to receive full compensation for expenses incurred in the exercise of their ministry as well as such honoraria as may be offered.

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#### **Resolution L-4 – Canon 12**

Moved by: The Ven. Alan Perry

Seconded by: Ken Holmstrom

That a new Canon 12 be adopted as follows:

## **CANON 12**

### **DISCIPLINE AND THE COURT**

12.1 Every member of the Clergy, licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese or holding any charge under or being in any sense subject to the Bishop's jurisdiction or receiving any allowance from or discharging any duties for the Synod of the Diocese, and every lay person holding any office within the Diocese of Edmonton, shall be liable to trial and subject to punishment if charged and found guilty of any of the offenses mentioned in the Canon on Discipline of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada or with offenses against the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Edmonton or the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land.

**12.2 The Bishop may exercise initial jurisdiction with respect to any charge, or may refer the matter to the Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.**

12.3 A charge of any offence shall be preferred in writing by the Bishop or by any member of the Clergy or by at least three communicants of at least one year's standing provided that if any member of the Court shall prefer a charge he shall not sit as a member in the event of the charge being heard by the Court, **and provided that if the Bishop prefers a charge the Bishop shall not exercise initial jurisdiction but shall refer the matter to the Court.**

12.4 A charge shall be submitted to the Synod office and shall contain a clear statement of the offence alleged to have been committed by the accused with particulars where appropriate; and the names and addresses of the person or persons preferring the said charge.

12.5 Upon the preferment of the charge, the Bishop shall forthwith transmit a copy of the charge to the accused with a request for explanation and if no explanation is forthcoming within seven days from the date of the transmittal of the said copy to the accused or if the Bishop deems the explanation given to be unsatisfactory, then the Bishop shall forthwith serve notice of the place where and the time when the accused shall appear before the Bishop or member of the Court commissioned in writing by the Bishop to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty and elect whether the charge shall be dealt with by the Bishop or Court member presiding in a summary way or by the Court. The said notice shall be transmitted at least fourteen days and no more than twenty-one days before the date set for the appearance of the accused.

12.6 At the time the charge is transmitted to the accused, notice shall also be given to the accused that at all stages of the proceedings instituted against the accused, the accused is entitled to be represented by a barrister duly admitted to practice in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

12.7 The Bishop shall appoint a prosecutor to present the case against the member of the Clergy, such prosecutor to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta.

12.8 If the accused admits the charge and requests the Bishop or member of the Court presiding to deal with the same in a summary way, the Bishop or member of the Court presiding shall pronounce sentence without any further proceedings provided that any sentence pronounced by the member of the Court presiding shall be confirmed by the Bishop and that any sentence pronounced hereunder shall be subject to appeal to the Court.

12.9 If the accused does not admit the charge but the accused and the person or persons preferring the charge state in writing that they are willing to submit to the discretion of the Bishop, or the member of the Court presiding, the Bishop or the member in such manner and at such time as the Bishop or the member shall think fit, provided that the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding shall hear the matter within fourteen days from the date of the accused's first appearance unless either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge request and the Bishop consents to a hearing at a later date. The decision of the Bishop or member of the Court presiding and any sentence imposed shall be subject to appeal to the Court.

12.10 If the accused does not admit the charge and either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge do not consent to the charge being dealt with by the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding in a summary manner, the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding shall proceed to hold a preliminary inquiry *in camera* wherein the prosecutor shall present the case against the accused who may reserve defence if the accused thinks fit. If the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding considers that there is a sufficient *prima facie* case against the accused, a date shall be forthwith set for the appearance of the accused before the Court for trial. At the trial the person who presided over the preliminary inquiry shall not sit as a member of the Court. The trial shall not be held more than fourteen days from the date of the preliminary inquiry unless either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge request and the Bishop consents to a later date.

12.11 At the trial, the Court shall pronounce judgment and if the accused is found guilty shall determine sentence according to the Canon on Discipline of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and the decision and sentence shall be in writing and shall be entered in a book to be kept by the Registrar for such purpose.

12.12 A record of all proceedings held under this Canon shall be kept and made available to the accused. All expenses incurred in connection with proceedings held under this Canon with the exception of expenses incurred by the accused shall be borne by the Diocese of Edmonton provided that if the accused is found not guilty or the charge is withdrawn or not proceeded with for any reason,

- (a) the accused shall be reimbursed by the Diocese of Edmonton for all reasonable expenses incurred by the accused, and
- (b) the Bishop or the Court shall have the right to require the person or persons preferring the charge to pay such portion of the total expenses as the Bishop or the Court may deem reasonable.

12.13 The witnesses at any trial shall be examined *viva voce* before the Court by the party calling them and shall be subject to cross-examination and re-examination and further examination by the Court. The evidence shall be recorded in writing and the witness shall be required to sign a declaration in the form prescribed by the Canada Evidence Act to the following effect:

*I, A.B., do solemnly declare that all answers made to questions asked me before the Courts and all statements made by me to the Court are true and correct and contain the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.*

12.14 The decision of the Court and the sentence imposed, if any, shall be subject to appeal to the Court of the Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land or to the Supreme Court of Appeal of the Anglican Church of Canada in accordance with the Canons of the Provincial and General Synods constituting the said Courts.

12.15 This Canon is subject to the provisions of the Canons on Discipline of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land and of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

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## **Resolution L-2 – Social Justice**

Moved by: John Gee

Seconded by: The Rev. Rick Chapman

- 1) That sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the following:

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

C79. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Executive Council which shall be called the Social Justice Committee.

#### *Composition*

C80. The Committee shall consist of:

- (a) The Bishop, as an ex-officio member,
- (b) The Executive Officer of the Diocese as an ex-officio member, and
- (c) Not fewer than 12 and not more than 16 other members.

C81. The non ex-officio members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) Not fewer than 8 and not more than 12 members by the Bishop,
- (b) Such additional members, to a maximum of 4, by the Committee as may be required by it to carry out its functions.

C82. (a) The appointed members of the Committee shall each hold office for a period of three years from the date of their respective appointments.

(b) The terms of office of no more than 4 of the members of the Committee shall expire in any year.

(c) The Bishop may appoint members of the Committee to take the place of members whose term of office expires in any year no later than the 30th day of June in each year.

(d) The Committee may, and if there are fewer than 12 appointed members shall, appoint members to take the place of members whose term of office expires if the Bishop has not done so by the 30th day of June in each year.

C83. The Bishop shall appoint a Chair for the Committee from among its members.

#### *Function*

C84. The Committee shall:

(a) plan, guide and review the social justice activities of the Synod,

(b) review and make recommendations concerning proposed social justice activities and policies to the Synod or Executive Council,

(c) receive reports and appraise progress and results of the social justice activities of the Synod,

(d) evaluate social justice plans and related budgets and report in that regard to the Synod or Executive Council,

(e) execute decisions taken by the Synod or Executive Council relating to social justice activities,

(f) through education, encourage awareness and understanding of the theology of social justice, and of its biblical foundations,

(g) provide assistance to Parishes in the area of social justice by offering encouragement, resource materials, and personal help,

(h) co-ordinate Diocesan social justice activities and the activities of the Committee with the activities of similar bodies in the National Church, in other Dioceses, and in other churches and faith communities.

C85. The Committee shall have the power to establish subcommittees comprised of members within or without the Committee.

C86. The Committee shall report its activities to each Regular Meeting of the Executive Council.

#### *Meetings of the Committee*

C87. The Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year at the call of the Chair.

#### *Quorum*

C88. A quorum of the Committee shall be 6 members.

2) And that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 as follows:

1.15: Social Justice: Any activity specifically directed toward one or more of the following objectives:

a. To respond to human need by loving service;

b. To seek to transform unjust structures of society;

- c. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
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### **Resolution L-5 – Lay Evangelists**

Moved by: The Rev. Tim Chesterton

Seconded by: Alison Hurlburt

That Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists as follows:

#### *Lay Evangelists*

- 4.22 The Bishop may licence Lay Evangelists upon nomination of the proposed licensee by the Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.23 A license issued by the Bishop to a Lay Evangelist shall authorize the licensee to exercise the gift of evangelism as a recognized public ministry of the Diocese of Edmonton in accordance with guidelines for the ministry of Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton approved by the Bishop.
- 4.24 The licence of a Lay Evangelist:
  - a. shall be for a specified period,
  - b. may be renewed by the Bishop, for a further specified period, and
  - c. may be revoked by the Bishop after consultation with the Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.25 Licensed Lay Evangelists shall submit regular reports on their ministry as required in the Guidelines on the ministry of Lay Evangelists.

#### *Warden of Lay Evangelists*

- 4.26 The Bishop shall appoint a member of the Clergy of the Diocese as Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.27 The term of office of the Warden of Lay Evangelists shall be at the pleasure of the Bishop.
- 4.28 The Warden of Lay Evangelists shall:
  - a. give leadership and guidance to the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese,
  - b. after consultation with the Bishop, and with the approval of the Bishop, revise and update the Manual of Lay Evangelists for the Diocese of Edmonton,
  - c. coordinate the training, discernment of call, and continuing education of the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese,
  - d. nominate suitable candidates who have satisfactorily completed the training programme specified in the Manual of Lay Evangelists to be Lay Evangelists,
  - e. maintain and administer, in cooperation with the Diocesan staff, all records concerning the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese including licensing records, training records, and program materials,
  - f. communicate information concerning the Lay Evangelist program of the Diocese to the people of the Diocese,

g. advise the Bishop, the Executive Council and Synod of the Diocese as to the state of the Lay Evangelist program of the Diocese and activities of the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese.

*Manual of Lay Evangelists*

4.29 There shall be a Manual of Lay Evangelists for the Diocese of Edmonton, the contents of which shall be determined and approved by the Bishop in consultation with the Warden of Lay Evangelists and shall include, at a minimum, requirements for the training of Lay Evangelists and guidelines for the ministry of Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton.

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**APPENDIX TWO – Acts of Synod**

1. **Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod:** That the Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod be approved as published in the Convening Circular.
2. **Receiving of Reports:** That the reports [included in the Convening Circular] be received as published.
3. **Chartered Accountants:** That the firm of Grant, Thornton, Chartered Accountants, of Edmonton, be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.
4. **Marks of Mission:** That the title “Solemn Declaration” in the Constitution be amended to read “Solemn Declaration and Marks of Mission” and a new section C1A be added [to include the Marks of Mission]. *(see Minutes for exact wording)*
5. **Canon 3:** That Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3. *(see Appendix One for exact wording)*
6. **Canon 12:** That a new Canon 12 be adopted. *(see Appendix One for exact wording)*
7. **Nominations Committee Report:** That the final report of the Nominations Committee be accepted, noting that there is still a vacancy in Lay member for Executive Council from Battle River, and youth delegate for Provincial Synod.
8. **Election Ballots:** That the report of the Elections Committee be accepted and the ballots destroyed.
9. **Licensed Lay Evangelists:** That Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists. *(see Appendix One for exact wording)*
10. **Social Justice:** That sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the new sections C79 through C88 *(see Appendix 1 for exact wording)* and that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 to define Social Justice *(see Appendix 1 for exact wording)*