

Proceedings of the
47th Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land
Brandon University, Brandon, Manitoba
June 7th to 10th, 2012

St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon

The Opening Eucharist of Synod began at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon Manitoba.

1st Sitting of Synod; Thursday Evening, June 10th, 2012

Convening of Synod

The Most Reverend David Ashdown, Archbishop called to order the first sitting of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land Synod on Thursday June 10, 2012 at 8:45 p.m.

Introduction of Officers

Prolocutor Michael Stonhouse, Deputy Prolocutor Marion Jenkins, Provincial Treasurer Richard Spencer, Provincial Registrar Noreen Hareuther, Provincial Chancellor Garth Dymond, Provincial Secretary Penelope Cummine.

Appointment of Recording Secretaries

The Prolocutor named The Rev Dr. Lee Sinclair and Peter Coolen, Saskatoon as Recording Secretaries for this Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

Appointment of Assessors

The Metropolitan appointed Ms. Heather Dixon, Chancellor of the Diocese of Keewatin as assessor for the Synod.

Appointment of Credentials Committee

The Metropolitan appointed Mr. Garth Dymond, Chancellor, Ms. Noreen Hareuther Registrar, and the Rev. Penny Cummine, Provincial Secretary, members of the Credentials Committee.

Calling and Convening of the Synod

In accordance with Sections 5.06, 5.07 of the Constitution, notices were emailed to delegates with internet, and sent by post to those delegates without internet, to Bishops of the Province, clergy, lay delegates, and Chancellors, that the 47th Session of Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land would convene June 7, 2012 in Brandon Manitoba. The Convening Circular in accordance with Section 5.09 was emailed to all Bishops, Clergy, Lay Delegates and Chancellors.

Credentials Report

Of	12	Bishops eligible to attend	7 are present
Of	40	Clergy eligible to attend	30 are present
Of	40	Lay delegates to attend	27 are present
Of	10	Chancellors eligible to attend	1 is present
Of	6	Officers of Synod	6 are present

Declaration of Metropolitan

Archbishop David referred to his report on the website reminding us of the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Province as being in a time of change, what went before is neither good nor bad, it may have been both; there have been a multitude of changes since our beginning in our ability to travel quickly across great distances. He referred to having just been to the Synod in the Arctic and the speed it takes one to travel is so very different than it once was.

We are moving from a set written circular mailed through the post to an online circular on a new website to which we added as we moved along. We are in the same situation today where some want to keep things the way they always were, the good old days which may be just the old days.

We are walking in the moment. The recently completed translation of the Bible in Inuktituk is having an effect on the church and on the wider community. There is a new Cathedral in Nunavut. With Bishop Andrew retiring, there are now two new bishops for that region. In Athabasca, youth ministry is blossoming; in Edmonton activities of church planting and signs of the emerging church; in Calgary, in a week's time there will be an election of a new bishop, voted on electronically; Saskatchewan will soon have a Diocesan Indigenous Bishop who will share Episcopal ministry with the Diocesan; Saskatoon is experiencing newly raised up local/mutual ministry; Qu'Appelle are working toward discipleship and emerging new life; Brandon, Rupert's Land and Keewatin are working together towards a Manitoba Indigenous Bishop, working pastorally, evangelically and in urban indigenous ministries, especially in Winnipeg and Brandon; in Keewatin with a small changes to the canons, passed at the last Provincial Synod, it was made possible to select an aboriginal Bishop by aboriginal people, using aboriginal methods. The Diocese of Keewatin will be asking this Synod to vote on the creation of a new Diocese of Northern Ontario. It was passed unanimously at a recent Diocesan Synod by the three regions in the Diocese of Keewatin.

God is working to bring Christians of good will together in new ways not envisioned 25 years ago; a change in the way we work ecumenically. True ecumenism is about relationships, not structures. Our keynote speaker Todd Atkinson is from a tradition seeking new ways as disciples, to share the same journey, not necessarily "in communion". Archbishop David shared parts of a letter he wrote to Todd Atkinson on the occasion of Todd's consecration as Bishop in which he referred to Matt 28:18-20 the heart of apostolic ministry...'making disciples of all nations'... and John 17:21 ...'so that the world may believe that you have sent me' ministry of proclamation is crucial today. All Christians of good will are called to walk with each other to fulfill the mandate of the Gospel. There are new ways of sharing without structural change.

We are now in an electronic age and at this Synod we've tried to do some things differently. We gave up annual Executive Council face to face meetings and had several conference calls by telephone. It was a failure. We will meet annually in future. This time registration was on line and we built the convening circular on line. Everyone could see what was happening. We may not have kept the letter of the Canon, but we kept the spirit of the Canon. Last Synod the vote for a Metropolitan was by the whole synod. We are very like the travelers on the road to Emmaus. The next three years we will devote our time and energy to become effective messengers of the Gospel.

As Metropolitan, I declare that this 47th Session of Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land has been duly called and is properly constituted, thereby the 47th Session of Synod is in session.

Introduction of Guests

The Rev Shirl Christian is our Chaplain and Bible Study Leader. Bishop Elaine Sauer, Bishop of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario brought greetings on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Presenters: Matt Terlinski, Laura Marie Piotrowicz, Paul Sodtke, Doug Cowling, Suzanne Rumsey, Jesse Dymond, Marty Levesque, Murray Still, Bishop Lydia Mamakwa, Stanley Sainnawap, Amos Winter, Jim Halmarson, Robin Walker, Walter Hamman, Terry Wiebe, Leslie Elizabeth Kind, Michael Stonhouse, Maylanne Maybee, Leigh Sinclair, Marion Jenkins.

Resolution PS47.01

Greetings to Queen Elizabeth II

THAT this 47th Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land send Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II greetings in her Jubilee Year.

Moved by Archbishop David

Approved by applause. **Carried**

Resolution PS47.02

Resolution Deadline

Moved by: Marion Jenkins

Seconded by: Penny Cummine

THAT this Synod establish a deadline of 12:00 noon Friday, June 8, 2012 for acceptance of any new resolutions for this synod. **Carried**

Resolution PS47.03

Acceptance of Minutes of Last Synod

Moved by Penny Cummine

Seconded by Michael Stonhouse

THAT the minutes of the 46th Session of Synod, held in Calgary, Alberta, June 11–14, 2009, and approved by Executive Council, be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Presentation of Gift to Retiring Chancellor

Prolocutor Michael Stonhouse thanked David Jones, guest and former Provincial Chancellor who rewrote the Canons and Constitution and provided a commentary on them, and presented him with a painting by Archbishop David, in recognition of his many years of service as Chancellor to the Ecclesiastical Province.

Archbishop David adjourned the first sitting of synod; the second sitting of synod will be convened at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 8th. A reception followed the close of business in the adjoining parish hall.

Second Sitting of synod; Friday, June 8, 2012, 8:30 a.m.

7:00 a.m. Early Morning Worship and Music led by Doug Cowling

8:30 a.m. The second day of Synod began with a gathering Song and Announcements in the dining hall of Brandon University, after which Archbishop David Ashdown called the Second Sitting of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land to order.

The Archbishop introduced the new Bishops elected/consecrated since last Synod: Fraser of Athabasca, David of Saskatoon, Lydia of Northern Ontario Area, David and Darren of the Arctic.

The Rev Dr Michael Thompson, representing General Synod, brought greetings from the Primate.

Resolution PS47.04

Agenda

Moved by: Noreen Hareuther

Seconded by Michael Stonhouse

That the agenda be approved and adopted as presented.

Carried

Resolution PS47.05

Convening Circular

Moved by Michael Stonhouse

Seconded by: Marion Jenkins

THAT the reports in the convening circular be received as printed.

Carried

Chaplain Shirl Christian introduced herself and her role as chaplain, not as delegate, available for prayer, ministry, and conversation.

John Dollof introduced an Anglican Fellowship of Prayer room.

8:45 a.m. Bible Study Luke 24 and song

Members of Committees were introduced:

Nominations: Frida Lepine, Bishop Michael and Michael Stonhouse;

Resolutions: Bishop Fraser, Marion Jenkins, Garth Dymond.

It was clarified that positions of Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor must be members of the Synod.

9:15 a.m. Guest Speaker, Todd Atkinson, ***“Walking Together”***

Archbishop David introduced Todd, a Bishop of a budding apostolic movement, “via apostolica”.

Todd thanked the Archbishop and Synod for inviting him to speak on our theme of walking in the moment, the Emmaus journey and gave him gifts; a pectoral cross and purple ink.

Todd said that throughout Scriptures are examples of walking with God; Enoch, Noah, in the creation story, and then through the Incarnation, God walking with us. What might walking with Christ look like today?

Prayer allows us to be in touch with our weakness, allowing God’s strength to prevail.

All night prayer vigils, allow people to feel the presence of God and others to see what God’s people look like. Any kind of renewal is through choice, not technology. When men and women choose to walk with God, then renewal happens. We begin to recognize Christ in one another, and walk with each other. The keys to my treasure hidden in the field are found in the soil of other peoples’ hearts. Our treasure is found in our prejudices to find Christ in others and confronting that prejudice. Communing with Christ through the Eucharist brings us to the truth.

Young and old movements walking together, what can be gained?

What does a congregation of 20 year olds look like with an older congregation?

What about communion between older leaders and younger leaders: personal apprenticeship, walking with a mentor - time, hope, heart, which develops into the apprentice becoming the mentor. David and Solomon are good examples.

David had the plan, Solomon had the energy. So the old with the plan need to find the young with the energy but don't have a plan and vice versa. What would the church look like that took seriously its young leaders, create a culture of training and mentoring – loved, cared for..that kind of word spreads through social media. Model is walking together – mentoring over periods of time several years in some cases. Pray for what do I want God to do for me.

10:00 am **First Report of Nomination Committee**

The Prolocutor's duties are outlined in the Canons p. 5 and following. Deputy Prolocutor's duties are in Canons, p. 5 and following.

Michael Stonhouse spoke of two standing committees:

1) Constitution and Canons, 2) Ministry.

Provincial Court requires 2 clergy members of Synod ordained 10 years, 2 lay members one of whom must be a lawyer. The Court has not ever met to date.

Provincial Panel is comprised of 4 clergy and 4 laity from which the Metropolitan draws a search committee for electing a bishop.

Executive Council meets between Synods.

For more information about the canons and constitution, visit www.rupertsprov.ca/c&c

Song and Break; followed by Workshop "A"

The 2nd Sitting of Synod reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2012 with a gathering song. Archbishop David called the 47th Synod back into session.

Call for Nomination, First report of Nomination Committee.

Election for Prolocutor: Clergy or Lay Synod member, to share the role with the Metropolitan

Nominations: Jan Bigland-Pritchard (D. of Saskatoon)
Peter Coolen (D of Saskatoon)
Marion Jenkins (D of Brandon)
Michael Rolph (D of Edmonton)

Voting closed and in the hands of scrutineers.

1:40 p.m. Guest Speaker, Todd Atkinson; ***"We did not recognize Him"***

This part of the Gospel story is about blindness and revealing, hiding and revealing
Missing the obvious – Todd told a funny story about a man hiding a small packet in a wheelbarrow load, was stopped every day by the guard, and finally when questioned about the small packet of worthless contents, the man admitted that he was in fact every day, stealing wheelbarrows.

Their eyes (two travelers) are blinded in part by a deep disappointment, deep sadness

We had hoped" ...disillusioned disciples, hurting disciples had once dreamed big, had big hopes.

Their hopes died, their aspirations died, they are leaving Jerusalem, they've checked out.

Rarely do we consider disappointment's effect on our hearts. We look the same, but some part of us has been affected seriously, there is a hesitancy now because of hurt and pain, relationships may have been lost. It may be an old pain which shows up years later. There may be the temptation –

minister everyone but be close to no one. When hearts are broken and you don't tell anyone, your heart will still seek comfort...addictiveness and obsessiveness appear
Isaiah writes of broken heartedness.

The ministry of Jesus began by his baptism – being affirmed in the spirit, called my beloved.
You don't have to minister to feel God's pleasure, we minister because we have God's favour which eliminates competition, which is destructive in church culture. In the Emmaus story vs 25 Jesus spoke straight with them – foolish ones...truths are hard to hear when you are in pain
May we never get to the point where we are beyond being instructed by God. We act out of our woundedness. These are the facts and this is how it affects us.

We have no theology of suffering.
Were we ever taught?
Suffering is a fundamental fact of life.
Suffering precedes glory.

He interpreted Scripture "these things were necessary" God walks with you
You have a painful experience you have an experience, God interprets Scripture to the disciples, by vs 34 there is an amazing transformation, disciples again, witnesses of the Resurrection
God turns people around to make them strong believers.

2:30 p.m. Song and Break; followed by Workshop "B" and Break

Results of Prolocutor 1st ballot:

Total Ballots, 64; spoiled, 0; needed to elect, 33

Jan Bigland Pritchard	13
Peter Coolen	13
Marion Jenkins	22
Michael Rolph	16

No election

Call for the 2nd ballot for Prolocutor.

M. Jenkins and M. Rolph remain on ballot. Second ballot distributed.

5:00 p.m. Supper in the Dining Hall

The 2nd sitting of the synod reconvened at 7:00 p.m. on, Friday, June 8, 2012.

7:00 p.m. Gathering Song in the Dining Hall. Archbishop David Ashdown calls the 47th Synod back into session.

Results of the second ballot for Prolocutor:

Total Ballots, 75; spoiled, 0; needed to elect, 38.

Marion Jenkins	39
Michael Rolph	36

Archbishop David Ashdown declared that Marion Jenkins had been elected Prolocutor.

Call for Nominations and 1st ballot for Deputy Prolocutor:

Archbishop David Ashdown discussed the Report and the Resolution (to be voted on Saturday) from the Keewatin N Ontario Region, noting that the resolution, as provided had three clauses but would have a new, fourth clause, when presented for the vote tomorrow.

Nominations for Deputy Prolocutor

Heather Dixon

Travis Enright

Michael Rolph

Nominations closed.

Members of the Primate's Theological Education Committee: Todd Townsend and Eric Beresford offered a lunch discussion Sat 12:30 in the Louis Riel Room re presbyterial ministry: to review document on what makes for competent ministry, what skills and competencies should be evident at ordination?

Heather Dixon invited interested folks to take a trip up to the Observatory in the U after the banquet. U staff will escort.

Results of Deputy Prolocutor 1st ballot:

Total Ballots, 77; spoiled, 1; needed to elect, 39.

Heather Dixon	19
Travis Enright	27
Michael Rolph	30

Call for the 2nd ballot for the Deputy Prolocutor.

Michael Rolph announced that he was withdrawing from the election; Travis Enright was elected by a show of hands.

Archbishop David Ashdown declared that Travis Enright had been elected Deputy Prolocutor.

The new Prolocutor's and Deputy Prolocutor's responsibilities will take effect upon the prorogation of the current synod.

The Archbishop left the Chair and the Prolocutor Michael Stonhouse continued in the Chair.

The Diocese of Keewatin Presentation (attached)

Archbishop David, Bishop Lydia, Rev Amos Winter, Michelle Anderson (youth), Barb Larson, Stanley Sainnawap, Chief James, Chief of Kingfisher Lake, Rev Wayne McIntosh, all spoke in turn in favour of this resolution and provided the history.

- Change to provincial canon to elect a bishop for Northern Ontario by a different method was passed in Calgary at 46th Synod. March 7, 2010 Archdeacon Lydia Mamakwa was elected Bishop by the traditional Ojicree process of voting by physically standing behind the candidate of one's choice. Lydia was consecrated May 4, 2012 in Kingfisher Lake.
- Part of the Elders dream of over 50 years ago has been moving toward a self determining diocese in Northern Ontario.

- At last Diocesan Synod in March 2012 a proposal was put forward to sever Northern Ontario to create an independent diocese. Bishop Lydia and Archbishop David put forward Bishops' charges together at that Synod.
- This request will probably mean the end of the current Diocese of Keewatin
- Northern Manitoba region of Keewatin may be transferred to Brandon – had already been discussed by Synod 45 years ago and a resolution passed by Archbishop Clarke. It is currently under discussion again.
- What are the consequences, i.e. financially for the rest of the church? None. The Southern Region of the Diocese has two possibilities – to become part of the Diocese of Rupert's Land or Algoma or possibly becoming an area mission under the direction of the Metropolitan. In 2015 the current Metropolitan plans to retire and it is unlikely that the new Metropolitan would approve a 10th Bishop at that time.
- Self determination means self reliance. The history of the Diocese of Keewatin has been movement towards self-determination. Diocesan Synod affirmed the request to become a Diocese, unanimously passed a resolution to support the request to become an independent Diocese. The focus is on the mission of the church, not mission constrained by structures, rather structures will follow to serve the mission. Self sufficiency has been proven.
- Chief James spoke of driving in late the night before and as they came over the hill and started their descent into the city, there was lightning streaking across the sky in the west, re remarked to his driving companion, Stanley, that it reminded him of the passage from Matthew 24.27 *'For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.'*

Bishop Jane spoke on behalf of her Diocese of Edmonton, praising the presentation, the delegation speaking in a prophetic voice, thereby uplifting this Provincial Synod. Applause.

Governance Working Group Presentation (attached)

David Jones made a presentation on the Governance Working Group of General Synod which is examining and recommending methods to modify the structures, roles and functions of General Synod and the dioceses to enhance the mission of the Church. Mention was also made on the development of a canon for the election and role of the Bishop Ordinary as a stand alone office.

- Focus must always be on the 5 marks mission of the church,
- The Church's manifestation differs depending regions and their needs
- General Synod was created for the greater mission of the church: it has a legislative body and an executive body
- "church house" is the national church. What programs are to be undertaken by the national church re changes in structure?
- COGS is smaller as a result of the last GS in 2010, is it effective?
- 1st reading of amendment for dioceses' selection of delegates: 302 members: 142 bishops, officers, 160 clergy and laity required. Can Synod be made smaller? Determine delegates by attendance at Easter, Pentecost, 2nd Sunday in September and Christmas services.
- Provide structure for national indigenous ministry: Canon 22 enacted
- Working on statistics – helpful data elements, easier for use in staffing committees, etc.
- Diocesan apportionment for national church being evaluated
- Compare what national church does with what dioceses do. What can the two levels plus provincial do together and what can we do better apart? How can we be good stewards? Can provincial structures be aligned? How can we communicate more effectively? Possible restructuring of the dioceses in the Prov of Canada
- "prune the vine"

- In Moosonee (Prov of Ont) when the bishop retires, there will be changes – the Diocese will continue but as a mission of the Province, will not elect a new bishop but will have oversight by the Metropolitan of Ontario
- Observations: change is difficult; focus on church’s mission should make some discussions easier; create a structure to make mission happen; identify the possibility of doing things together; improve and increase communication; why do we exist?

Synod Sitting adjourned.

9:00 p.m. Evening Prayer; followed by social time in the Louis Riel Room and the Games Room.

Third Sitting; Saturday, June 9th, 2012, 8:30 a.m.

7:00 Early morning worship and Breakfast in the dining hall

8:30 Gathering Song

Resolution PS47.06

Diocese of the Arctic

Moved by: Marion Jenkins

Seconded by Michael Stonhouse

THAT this synod send congratulations and best wishes to the bishops and the peoples of the Diocese of the Arctic on the recent dedication of their new Cathedral, recently rebuilt.

Approved by applause. **Carried**

Resolution PS47.07

Moved by: Marion Jenkins

Seconded by: Michael Stonhouse

THAT this synod congratulates the Bible Society and the Diocese of the Arctic on the recent completion of the Bible translation into Inuktitut.

Approved by applause. **Carried**

8:45 Bible Study and song

Nominations Committee Report

Provincial Court nominations require 2 bishops, 2 clerical of synod of 10 years, 2 lay members at least one is or has been a member of the Bar of Civil Jurisdiction for 10 years.

Nominations will cease at noon for all committees. Voting is at 1:00 pm.

9:15 Guest Speaker, Todd Atkinson ***“Our hearts burned within us”***

Todd Atkinson, thanked Synod for its generosity and open heartedness. He said he didn’t expect to come as keynote. He started off this talk with these words: “Grow a community, not a crowd.” He said that the downfall of being an independent community which his is, is being independent, who can he turn to for support? The early church fathers in the Anglican tradition will be fathers to you, not just theological instruction. He spoke of the serious way baptism was done in the early church, faith was practiced. His community on working on preparing the Lord’s table, the Eucharist and there are some members who do not want to connect with the historic church. The young people love and they are learning as they go. Bishop Kerr Wilson has been a good support and teacher. In 1992 he told us he went to Oxford as an evangelist although he did not grow up in a Christian family until his mother came home from a bible study and his father found Christ in St. Augustine’s church as a recovering alcoholic. He considers his family first generation Christians who burned

with faith. He was told that if he went to Oxford, he would lose his fire, his passion. He said he went to Oxford to study his heroes and there God gave him grace to hear his voice and direct him. He said he overrode the warnings. Oxford was a journey where he was tested to learn that the only certainty is Jesus. He said you don't know what you need until that is all you've got. "Their eyes were opened and they recognized him" – Jesus. Todd suggested that their eyes opened to Jesus not to a thing but to someone, they had walked with him for some time and they now came to see him in a greater way than before. It appeared as if it was a revelation which escalated. The lead up to revelation of Jesus was blindness, sometimes, he suggested things get muddier before they get clearer – mud on blind eyes analogy. Todd said he grew more confident in the person of Jesus. 1 Cor 15:22-28 – hierarchy of truth in our faith.

Todd spoke of the second thing he grew more confident in and that was the worthiness of the New Testament documents and that we must do the same if we want the world to have burning hearts. The third thing in which he grew confidence was in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Peoples' eyes, he said, are still open to the person of Jesus, not just through the Resurrection of the body but the sanctification through the Spirit; the Lord is here, the Spirit is with us. Todd told us that he is small charismatic, led by the Spirit, full blown Trinitarian. He referred to Coloss 2 and Romans 6 – mystical union with Christ through baptism. He spoke of enjoying his baptismal covenant which he learned through our traditional Anglican practices. He ended by quoting Paul, "...your faith to rest in the power of God, not the wisdom of men..."

Song and break

10:30 a.m. Workshop "C"

12 noon Lunch; **Committee nominations close**

During an open session in the Riel Room, Todd Townshend and Eric Beresford discussed the proposed Competencies for Theological Education

The 3rd sitting of the synod reconvened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Gathering Song

Debate on The Keewatin Resolution. The Mover of the resolution, Stanley Sainnawap spoke to the motion, and The Rev Wayne McIntosh, Seconder spoke to the resolution.

The Ven Adam Halkett thanked God for the leadership of Northern Ontario and this invitation to Synod to be part of their journey.

Bishop Don reminded us of a question asked of the congregation after the baptismal promises. He said we are not giving permission, rather, we are being asked for affirmation of their discernment what God is calling Northern Ontario to do. We owe it to Northern Ontario to walk with them or protest them from making an error. If we confirm this, then we are walking with them, he said.

Resolution PS47.8

Diocese of Keewatin

Moved by: Stanley Sainnawap

Seconded by: Wayne McIntosh

THAT this synod, in response to the unanimous request of the Diocese of Keewatin and in accordance with Section 7:02(a) of the Constitution of the Province of Rupert's Land:

- 1) Approves the division of the Diocese of Keewatin so that the area defined as Northern Ontario Region by the Constitution of the Diocese of Keewatin may become a separate diocese;
- 2) 2) authorize the Provincial Executive Council to adopt and implement a plan for the future of the remainder of the Diocese of Keewatin when the current diocesan bishop retires;
- 3) Authorizes the Provincial Executive Council, in co-operation with the Diocese of Keewatin, and other involved dioceses to take the necessary steps to implement these decisions;
- 4) Requests the concurrence of the General Synod as required by section 1:07 of the Constitution of the Province of Rupert's Land.

Approved by a show of hands.

Carried Unanimously.

Followed by a spontaneous round of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Archbishop noted that Executive Council has the authority to implement this resolution.

1:45 p.m. Workshop "D"

3:15 p.m. **Voting for Provincial Executive and Committees by ballot**

Nominees:

Provincial Executive

Bishop (1) David Pearson Arctic Raymond Knight, Bob Mummery.

Clergy (2) Annie Ittoshat Arctic

Bill Blackburn, Rupert's Land

Raymond Knight, Brandon

Godfrey Mawejji, Ruper's Land

Wayne McIntosh, Keewatin

John Seib, Saskatoon

Lesley Wheeler-Dave, Athabasca

Laity (2) Cyrus Blanchett, Arctic

Nancy Brunt, Qu'Appelle

Noreen Hareuther, Saskatchewan

Freida Lepine, Brandon

Robert Mummery, Calgary

Matthew Terlinski, Rupert's Land

Provincial Court

Bishops (2) Lydia Mamakwa, Keewatin

Jim Njegovan, Brandon

Clergy (2) Ken Davis, Saskatchewan

Rob Hardwick, Qu'Appelle

Michael Rolf, Edmonton

Laity (2) member of Bar – 10 years min)

Heather Dixon, Keewatin

Roselyn Fortier, Rupert's Land

Ian MacDonald, Edmonton

Esau Tatatoapik, Arctic

Constitutions & Canons Committee

Bishops (1) Greg Kerr-Wilson, Qu'Appelle
Clergy(1) Stephen London, Edmonton
Laity (3) (2 of which must be Diocesan Chancellors)
Heather Dixon, Chancellor of Keewatin
Ian MacDonald, Edmonton

Provincial Panel

Clergy (4) Norman Collier, Rupert's Land
Lesley Hand, Athabasca
Mark Loyal, Keewatin
Susan Page, Qu'Appelle
Michael Rolph, Edmonton
Murray Still, Rupert's Land
Ken Wells, Calgary
Shane Bengry, Brandon
Laity (4) Roselyn Fortier, Rupert's Land
Barb Larson, Keewatin
Matthew Terlinski, Rupert's Land
Claudine Thagard, Rupert's Land

Ministry Committee

Bishops (2)
Clergy (2) David Bornowsky, Qu'Appelle
Godfrey Mawejji, Rupert's Land
Wayne McIntosh, Keewatin
Laity (2) Freida Lepine, Brandon

3:30 p.m. Various tours and events, free time

5:30 p.m. Reception and banquet in Westman Auditorium

6:30 p.m. Banquet with Guest Speaker, Todd Atkinson "***Known in the breaking of Bread***"

9:15 p.m. Social Time in the Louis Riel Room and Games Room

Fourth Sitting of the synod, 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012.

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 Gathering Song

9:00 Bible Study and Song

9:15 a.m. **Results of voting for Provincial Executive and Committees by ballot:**

Provincial Executive: Bishop: David Parsons (acclaimed)
Clergy: Annie Ittoshat, Raymond Knight (elected)
Laity: Noreen Hareuther, Robert Mummery (elected)

Provincial Court: Bishops: Lydia Mamakwa, James Njegovan (both acclaimed)
Clergy: Ken Davis, Michael Rolph (elected)
Laity: Heather Dixon (acclaimed), Ian MacDonald (elected)

Constitutions and Canons Committee: Bishops: Gregg Kerr-Wilson (acclaimed)
Clergy: Stephen London (acclaimed)
Laity: Heather Dixon, Ian MacDonald (both acclaimed)

Provincial Panel: Clergy: Lesley Hand, Michael Rolph, Mark Loyal, Murray Still (all elected)
Laity: Roselynn Fortier, Barbara Larson, Matthew Terlinski, Claudine Thagard (all acclaimed)

Ministry Committee: Bishops: none nominated
Clergy: Godfrey Mawejji, Wayne MacIntosh (elected)
Laity: Freda Lapine (acclaimed)

PS47.9

Ballots

Moved by: Kenn Wells

Seconded by: Matt Terlinski

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

By a show of hands approved. **CARRIED**

PS47.10

Second Reading Amendment to Constitution

Moved by Michael Rolph

Seconded by Gregg Kerr-Wilson

Second Reading THAT the Constitution be amended to add the following section 8.08A:
“Notwithstanding any other provision of the Constitution, the Constitution and Canons Committee may make such corrections and alterations to the Constitution and Canons as it considers necessary provided that such corrections and changes relate only to matters of form and not matters of substance and provided further that any such corrections or alterations shall be reported to the next following meeting of synod and may be set aside by a majority of those members present and voting.”

Some discussion took place in regard to what was meant by “matters of form” which were resolved by the conclusion that they were changes which did not affect the intent.

Voted by a show of hands by House; and passed in Clergy, Laity and Bishops unanimously.

CARRIED

PS47.11

Second Reading Section 4.09A

Moved by: Michael Rolph

Seconded by: Greg Kerr-Wilson

Second Reading THAT Section 4.09A be added to the Constitution as follows: “Meetings of Executive Council need not be in person: some or all of the members of Executive Council may participate in meetings by telephone, video or other electronic means.”

Archbishop David Ashdown noted that this was in effect the process which was already being followed and thus only regularizes existing practice.

Voted by a show of hands by House; and passed in Clergy, Laity and Bishops unanimously.
CARRIED

PS47.12

Appendix "L" Proposed Legislation

In terms of Appendix "L", Archbishop David Ashdown requested that those present consider the draft legislation and recommend that General Synod be advised that they accept the proposed legislation and that "the population of a diocese be calculated on the basis of the average attendance of four or more Sundays (perhaps Easter Sunday, Christmas, Pentecost and the second Sunday of September)"

Moved by a show of hands. **Carried**

PS47.13

Moved by: Matt Terlinski

Seconded by: Michael Stonhouse

THAT it be resolved that the Constitution and Canons Committee add to 4.06(d) changes that will allow the election of a "Youth Member" from the two members of the Laity elected to the Provincial Executive.

After some discussion related to concerns about how this could change the make up of the Laity but not the Clergy as it would require that one Laity be a Youth Member the following amending motion to refer was made:

Motion to Refer:

Moved by: Fraser Lawton

Seconded by: Michael Rolf

THAT the proposed change to the constitution of the Provincial Executive requiring that one of the Laity be a Youth Member be referred to the Constitution and Canons Committee for review and recommendations at the next session of synod.

Vote: 40 in favor, 33 opposed.

CARRIED

PS47.14

Web Tender Appointment

Moved by: Matt Terlinski

Seconded by: Marion Jenkins

THAT the Metropolitan appoint a Web Minder/Web Tender to report to the Metropolitan for the Province.

After some discussion especially in regard to this motion being a surprise to members of the Resolutions Committee, Archbishop David Ashdown noted that this action was already on-going in his diocesan office and did not really need a motion.

By a show of hands it was approved.

CARRIED

PS47.15

Executive Council appointments

Moved by: Michael Stonhouse

Seconded by: Marion Jenkins

THAT the three diocese not having members on the Executive Council make nominations for these positions and having done so (Nancy Brunt, Qu'Appelle; Roselyn Fortier, Rupert's Land; and Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Athabasca) that these nominees be elected by the synod.

Approved by a show of hands.

CARRIED

9:40 a.m. Closing Business and Prorogation

PS47.16

Moved by: Penny Cummine

Seconded by: Michael Stonhouse

That the following people, agencies, corporations etc. who contributed to the making of this synod a success be acknowledged and thanked: (attached)

Approved by applause.

CARRIED

Archbishop David acknowledged the gifts and energy of Bishop Andrew who is retiring and who has been a strong support for David. Upon election as Metropolitan, David agreed only if Bishop Andrew would co lead with him. A vote of thanks with resounding applause.

Archbishop David summarized action taken by this Synod: endorsed amendments, approved creation of a new diocese in Northern Ontario, approved reports, referred a proposed amendment to the Constitution and Canons Committee, and appointed a web tender.

Acts are attached

Bishop David Ashdown announced that the 47th Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land was prorogued and that the 48th Session of Synod would be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 2015.

10:30 a.m. Closing Eucharist

12 noon Lunch and departure