

# The Proceedings of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land with the Election of the 16<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan for the Province of Rupert's Land

June 18 – 21, 2015  
Manitou Springs, Watrous, Saskatchewan

## In your daily life and work, do you strive to...

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

If so, you have been **“Marked by Mission”**

WHEN YOU... *listen with all your heart* • *honour your elders* • *encourage young people to take over the church often and loudly* • *choose good over evil* • *welcome the stranger* • *write the government about the issues that matter* • *invite a coworker to church* • *help your dad do housework* • *get messy with your Sunday School kids* • *say “Thank the Lord!” and mean it* • *tweet your blessings one by one* • *introduce your grandchildren to nature* • *read and share God's word*  
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Clergy and Lay Members of the 48th Session of Synod  
June 18 - 21, 2015

*\* indicates delegate attended Synod*

**Athabasca**

*The Right Rev. Fraser W. Lawton	*The Rev. Rose Howell	*Mr. Compton Vigilance
	*The Rev. Terry Leer	*Ms. Jean Carter
	*The Very Rev. Iain Luke	*Mrs. Kim Marceau
	*The Rev. Lesley Wheeler Dame	*Mr. Robert Lawton

**Arctic**

*The Right Rev. Darren McCartney	*The Rev. Lucy Netser	*Mrs. Marlene Angnakak
*The Right Rev. David Parsons	The Rev. Deacon Leah Quaqqasig	*Mrs. Lucy Kumarluk
	*The Rev. Joseph Royal	*Mr. Nick Takkiruaq
	*The Rev. Canon Paul Williams	Mr. Esau Tatatoapik

**Brandon**

*The Right Rev. James D. Njegovan	*The Rev. Shane Bengry	*Mrs. Shelley Andres
	*The Ven. Michael Chartrand	*Mr. Joshua Knight
	*The Rev. Raymond Knight	*Mr. Remi Rheault
	*The Rev. Mark Tiefenbach	*Mrs. Flora Young

**Calgary**

*The Right Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson	*The Rev. Helen Dunn	*Kame Staples
	*The Rev. Brian Way	*Mrs. Carol Hayes
	*The Ven. Kenneth Wells	*Mr. Brian Hayes
	*The Rev. Noel Wygiera	*Mrs. Karen Larsen

**Edmonton**

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jane Alexander	*The Rev. Christian Gordon	*Ms. Sarah Skinner
	*The Rev. Neil Gordon	*Mr. Graham Ward
	*The Rev. Steven London	*Ms. Margaret Marschall
	*The Rev. Scott Sharman	*Ms. Bethanne O'Neil

**Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh**

*The Right Rev. Mark MacDonald	*The Rev. Richard Bruyere	*Mr. Rodney Anderson
*The Right Rev. Lydia Mamakwa	*The Rev. Morris Fiddler	*Ms. Edith McKay
	*The Rev. Martha Spence	*Miss Sheba McKay
	*The Rev. Amos Winter	*Mrs. Mary J. McKay

**Qu'Appelle**

*The Right Rev. Robert Hardwick	*The Ven. Dell Bornowsky	*Ms. Ev Southwood
	*The Ven. Malcolm French	*Mr. Jason Antonio
	*The Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy	
	*The Rev. Brian Woods	

### **Rupert's Land**

\*The Rt. Rev. Donald D. Phillips

\*The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson

\*Mr. Dan Thagard

\*The Rev. Helen Kennedy

\*Ian Silk

\*The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje

\*Connor Blaikie

\*The Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft

\*Elaine James

### **Saskatchewan**

\*The Right Rev. Adam Halkett

\*The Very Rev. Kenneth Davis

\*Mr. Tony Michel

\*The Right Rev. Michael Hawkins

\*The Rev. Patricia Langlois

\*Mrs. Carol Spencer

\*The Rev. Patricia Martin

Mrs. Caron Hallen

\*The Rev. Wilfred Sanderson

### **Saskatoon**

\*The Rt. Rev. David M. Irving

\*The Ven. Daniel Hughes

\*Mrs. Barbara Forsyth

\*The Rev. Alex Parsons

\*Ms. Karen Walter

\*The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse

Mr. Jim Komar

\*The Rev. Nancy Yee

Mr. Ted Engel

### **Officers of Synod**

\*The Rev. Travis Enright

\*Mr. Garth Dymond

\*The Ven. Richard Spencer

\*Mrs. Marion Jenkins

\*Mrs. Susan Suppes

\*Noreen Hareuther

### **Ex Officio Member**

\*Mrs. Elizabeth Sims

\*Mr. Murray Tait

Mr. Tom Irvine

The Hon. Hugh Harradence

Mr. Glenn Tait

The Hon. G. William Paul

The Hon. Kenneth Holmstrom

Mr. Richard Cummine

Mr. E. Arthur Braid, C.M., Q.C.

Dr. Beth Bilson

**Opening Service and 1<sup>st</sup> Sitting of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session  
of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land  
Thursday evening, June 18, 2015**

The Opening Service of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land commenced at 7:00 pm in Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Watrous, Saskatchewan. Retired Metropolitan, The Most Rev. Tom Morgan, preached and Acting Metropolitan, The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, presided.

Following the service, announcements were made:

Bishop Duncan Wallace is in hospital, waiting to be moved to a palliative care ward. Retired Metropolitan, Bishop David Ashdown sent his regrets at not being able to attend the Synod as he is receiving medical treatments. He sent his prayers for the Synod and requested the Synod's prayers for him.

#### Call to Order

The Chairman, Acting Metropolitan, Bishop Donald Phillips, called the Synod to order at 8:25 pm. Delegates were welcomed and Synod opened with prayer.

#### Opening Procedures

The Officers of the Province were introduced:

Prolocutor:	Mrs. Marion Jenkins
Deputy Prolocutor:	The Rev. Canon Travis Enright
Chancellor:	Mr. Garth Dymond
Provincial Secretary:	Mrs. Susan Suppes
Provincial Treasurer:	The Ven. Richard Spencer
Registrar:	Mrs. Noreen Hareuther

#### Appointment of Secretaries

The Prolocutor appointed The Rev. Brian Way, Mrs. Lorea Eufemia and Mrs. Cathy Mondor as recording secretaries for the Synod Session.

#### Appointment of Assessors

The Acting Metropolitan named the assessors for the Synod:

Chancellor Elizabeth Sims (Brandon) and Vice Chancellor Murray Tait (Calgary)

#### Appointment of Credentials Committee

Chancellor Elizabeth Sims (Brandon); Vice Chancellor Murray Tait (Calgary);  
Mrs. Susan Suppes (Provincial Secretary); Mrs. Noreen Hareuther (Appointee of the  
Prolocutor and Chair)

#### Calling and Convening of Synod

The Provincial Secretary reported on the calling and convening of the Synod. In accordance with Section 5.06 of the Constitution of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, a warning

notice dated November 17, 2014 was sent to the Bishops of the Province giving notice that the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land would convene on June 18, 2015 in Watrous, SK. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the Constitution, by letter dated January 29, 2015, Bishops, clergy and lay delegates of the Synod were given notice of the time and place of Synod. And, in accordance with Section 5.09 of the Constitution, on May 13, 2015 the Convening Circular was distributed to delegates of the Synod.

#### Report of the Credentials Committee

The chair of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Noreen Hareuther, reported to the Chair of Synod that the following members registered attendance:

- 13 of 13 eligible bishops present.
- 41 of 42 eligible clergy present.
- 39 of 51 eligible laity present.

The Chair of the Credentials Committee declared a quorum of the Synod was present.

The Acting Metropolitan gave the declaration of the Synod:

Notice of this Session of Synod having been given in accordance with the Constitution, and quorum of Synod being present, I hereby declare this 48<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod duly called and ready to proceed.

At 8:30 pm the Acting Metropolitan turned the chair of the Synod over to the Prolocutor for the election of a new Metropolitan.

The Provincial Secretary gave announcements about balloting procedures.

The Prolocutor announced the names of the Scrutineers:

The Ven Godfrey Mawejje, The Rev. Lucy Netser, Mr. Remi Rheault, and Ms. Sheba McKay.

The Prolocutor explained that prior to balloting commencing bishops who so desired could withdraw from the election. In accordance with the Canon, after the first ballot no names can be removed from the ballot and balloting continues until an election has occurred. However, section 3.22 allows for an alternative procedure. With Synod's approval bishops could be allowed to withdraw their names between subsequent ballots. The Prolocutor asked for Synod's approval of this alternative procedure. Synod concurred.

All ten Diocesan Bishops are eligible for election as Metropolitan. The Prolocutor asked if any bishops wished to withdraw their names from consideration: The following Bishops withdrew their names: James Njegovan (Brandon), David Irving (Saskatoon), Lydia Mamakwa (Mishamikoweesh)

After receiving their ballots, the Chaplain, retired Archbishop Tom Morgan, offered a prayer, after which the first ballot was cast. Results of the first ballot were as follows:

Diocesan Bishops	Ballot 1	
	Bishops	Clergy/Lay
Alexander, Jane	3	15
Hardwick, Robert	1	7
Hawkins, Michael	1	13
Kerr-Wilson, Greg	5	25
Lawton, Fraser	2	5
Parsons, David	0	3
Phillips, Don	1	11
Total	13	79

After the announcement of the results of balloting, Bishops Phillips, Hawkins and Parsons withdrew. After a prayer, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot was cast as noted below.

Diocesan Bishops	Ballot 2	
	Bishops	Clergy/Lay
Alexander, Jane	3	22
Hardwick, Robert	1	9
Kerr-Wilson, Greg	8	41
Lawton, Fraser	1	7
Total	13	79

Prolocutor Marion Jenkins reported that The Rt. Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson had been elected to be the 17<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. The Chaplain offered a prayer. Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson was asked if he would accept the will of the Synod and he concurred. The Most Reverend Greg Kerr-Wilson was welcomed with applause.

Prolocutor, Marion Jenkins, instructed the Scrutineers to destroy the ballots. It was announced that courtesies of the floor would be given at the 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting of Synod on Friday, June 19, 2015. Following announcements, the new Metropolitan gave a blessing, and the 1<sup>st</sup> sitting was adjourned. A reception followed at 9:40 pm courtesy of the Diocese of Saskatoon and members of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church and the Greater Watrous Parish.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sitting Friday morning, June 19, 2015**

7:00 am early morning worship was led by The Most Rev. Tom Morgan. At 8:30 am a gathering song, Bring Forth the Kingdom, was sung.

#### Welcome and Announcements

The Metropolitan gave a general welcome to all members of Synod, and introduced the head table: Prolocutor – Marion Jenkins; Chancellor – Garth Dymond; Provincial Secretary – Susan Suppes.

#### Appointment of Sessional Committees

Agenda Committee: Mrs. Marion Jenkins  
The Rev. Canon Travis Enright  
Mrs. Susan Suppes  
Mrs. Noreen Hareuther  
Mr. Garth Dymond  
Former Metropolitan/ Acting Metropolitan  
The Ven. Richard Spencer

Nominations Committee: The Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame  
The Rt. Rev. Rob Hardwick  
Mrs. Noreen Hareuther

Resolutions Committee: The Rev. Canon Travis Enright  
Mr. Garth Dymond, Chancellor  
Mrs. Kim Marceau  
The Ven. Malcolm French

#### Courtesies of Synod

Moved and seconded by: Marion Jenkins/Travis Enright

RESOLVED THAT courtesies of the House be extended to:

- The Rt. Rev. Sid Haugen, ELCIC, Saskatchewan Synod
- The Ven. Paul Feheley, Principal Secretary to the Primate
- The Most Rev. Tom Morgan, Chaplain for Synod
- The Rev. Catherine Harper, (former) Provincial ACPO Secretary and member of the Ministry Committee
- The Rev. Deacon Susan Page (Diocese of Qu'Appelle)
- The Rev. Emily Carr (National Youth Secretariat )
- The Rev. Mark Ireland (Diocese of Litchfield, UK)

**CARRIED.**

#### Deadline for Resolutions

Moved and seconded by: Marion Jenkins/Travis Enright

RESOLVED THAT the deadline for new resolutions for consideration by Synod be Saturday, June 20 at 10:40 am.

**CARRIED.**

Metropolitan advised that the call for nominations for Prolocutor will be at 1:25 pm on Friday, June 19, 2015.

#### Motion of thanks to David Ashdown

Moved and seconded by: Susan Suppes/Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

RESOLVED THAT this Synod express its thanks and appreciation to Bishop David Ashdown for his six year term as Metropolitan; his determined leadership as Archbishop of Keewatin; and in particular for his vision, perseverance and attention to all canonical and legal requirements

which helped to bring to fruition the creation of the new Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh; We wish him God's blessings in his retirement.

**CARRIED with applause.**

Motion of thanks to Bishop Jim Njegovan

Moved and seconded by: Susan Suppes/Marion Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT this Synod express its thanks to Bishop James Njegovan on learning of his intention to retire as Bishop of Brandon, and extend best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement.

**CARRIED with applause.**

Motion of thanks to the Acting Metropolitan

Moved and seconded by: Marion Jenkins/Garth Dymond

RESOLVED THAT this Synod recognize and express its thanks to Bishop Donald Phillips for serving as Acting Metropolitan from Jan 1/15 until the election of the new Metropolitan.

**CARRIED with applause.**

Motion of thanks to retiring Treasurer Richard Spencer

Moved and seconded by: Marion Jenkins/Garth Dymond

RESOLVED THAT this Synod recognize and express its thanks to the Ven. Richard Spencer who has carefully and accurately managed the financial affairs of the Province of Rupert' Land for the past ten years.

**CARRIED with applause.**

The Metropolitan welcomed the following special guests and asked them to bring greetings:

Greetings from Bishop Sid Haugen on behalf of the ELCIC

Greetings from Archdeacon Paul Feheley on behalf of the Primate

Approval of Agenda

The Secretary advised of a correction to the agenda.

Moved and seconded by: Susan Suppes/Marion Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

Approval of the Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod

Moved and seconded by: Susan Suppes/Travis Enright

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

Moved and seconded by: Susan Suppes/Travis Enright

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the Convening Circular be received.

**CARRIED.**

Announcements:

Delegates were asked to make their way swiftly and orderly to their Bible Study Table Groups and to please introduce themselves. Archbishop Tom Morgan led the delegates in a version of Gospel-based discipleship for 40 minutes.

Words from the new Metropolitan

- The Metropolitan advised that, pending confirmation by the Provincial Executive Council, he has re-appointed Susan Suppes as Provincial Secretary and Garth Dymond as Provincial Chancellor, in accordance with the Constitution.
- He spoke about the purpose and value of Provincial Synods – to gather and encourage one another, tell stories, challenge one another about mission and ministry (more or less); being accountable to one another for mission in Christ.
- The Theme “Marked BY Mission” (rather than marked FOR) helps us understand who we are and where we have come from. We are here because others were gripped by the gospel and inspired us. Some have been hurt by mission; healing and reconciliation is still needed. We are also marked by our lack of mission – what holds us back? Why? Are we marked by reluctance? We have discomfort with the “e” word...Evangelism. Context of Canadians (discomfort). Marked by Mission is a hopeful theme. Our prayer and intention, by being open to the Holy Spirit, is to be marked and drawn into mission. Aware we are marked, aware of our reticence, aware of our hope. We pray for openness to mission and love.

9:35 am Report of the Nominating Committee

The Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame advised of the process for nominations, and announced nominations received to date. Members were encouraged to give prayerful consideration to standing for election or nominating someone else.

Presentation on the Marks of Mission – Bishop Mark MacDonald

The Gospel needs to be proclaimed and preached in the language and culture of all peoples. The word “Mission” is overused and with this, the Marks of Mission have become a “To Do” list.

- Christian Century magazine was developed from a call to spread the Gospel, but in the context of WWI and WWII that mission was so “others would become like us”. A mission of human beings; not about proclamation, not about God’s mission. The term “Missional” – responsive to God’s word, living and active, the Holy Spirit was renewing the face of the earth – mission is responding to what God is doing.
- Mid 1980’s Anglican Church of Canada’s beginning focus on 4 marks of mission (now 5).
- What does God want to do in the world? God wants the word to become flesh. The word of God in you.
- Athabaskan Hand Teaching – God wrote everything we need to know in our hands. God is the 5 fingered one. True humanity. 5 wounds of Christ make us whole.... physical, emotional, spiritual.

- Thumb – renewal of creation, the context in which we live. The thumb touches all others.
- Index finger is to Point – to peace and reconciliation, unjust systems.
- The third finger is longest and the tallest to respond to human need by loving service – the third finger stretches the farthest.
- Fourth – The ring finger is the pastoral finger and holds everything together; teach, baptize new believers, the ring finger, sacramentally bringing people into our community.
- The fifth finger looks insignificant, but, it is the most important. Spiritual activity, proclaim the good news, it animates the others, when you move the little finger it moves all the others. Even if you use it wrongly, God can use it.

Humans may have a plan for the Gospel, but God has another plan (we may make them slaves, but God will liberate them). The more you translate the Gospel, the closer you get to the original message. “When I hear the Gospel in my life, language and culture, I know the Gospel. The more I hear this the more I will hear the proclamation of God animated in my preaching.” Doing proclamation, all the others will follow.

During the Coffee break delegates returned to their diocesan table groups.

Report of the Ministry Committee (Catherine Harper and members of the committee)

- Noted Canon 7 provides the mandate and authority for this committee.
- Establishing the mission priorities, youth gathering, and resource network as assigned by the Executive Council.
  - Mission priorities: From survey information received:
    - Engage in continuing education of lay persons and clergy.
    - Network and share resources
    - Rural ministry
    - Training standards for clergy and lay readers.
    - Post ordination training

The Ministry Committee is recommending minimum standards for education, training and formation of locally ordained priests, and will be putting forward a motion for the Province adopt minimum standards for those trained at the diocesan level.

- Different styles of training of clergy developing over the past few decades.
- Predominantly rural dioceses face huge challenges: depopulation, lack of resources, aging. See these as opportunities.
- Some dioceses doing local training, specific training for specific ministry in a local area. Various lengths of training some affiliated with colleges.
- What happens when someone moves from/ to a different part of the Province with different training standards?
- Recommending a minimum standard be accepted for the Province, with core academic courses (Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Foundational Theology, Anglicanism, Ethics) and practical core elements of ministry (liturgy, homiletics, pastoral

care, evangelism, discipleship, mission, parish administration, boundaries) and each candidate undergo an internship or placement to help in formation through observation, analysis, practical experience, critical reflection. Variety of formats of training in each diocese. Goal to have clergy with spiritual discipline, relationship with others, skills of interpretation to discern God's activity in the world.

- Rationale: cement diocesan bonds, encourage conversation, allow for transferability. Vicar (vicarious theologian in residence, substitute for the bishop in a local place). Confidant and competent clergy.

Post ordination training.

- Education for ministry is life long, maybe a 7 year period of preparation: a period of formation prior to ordination and an equally important period which happens after ordination.
- Curacies are a thing of the past.
- Adaptability to the local context. New clergy develop best practices under the mentorship of an experienced clergy – moving from theory to practice. Observing ministry in progress and reflection with the newly ordained. Assessment (engagement, reflection, guidance) as one engages in ministry. Learning to work cooperatively with others.
- Some dioceses have begun this process.
- Dealing with conflict, hearing confessions, understanding budgets and accounting.

Vocational or distinctive diaconate

- Minimal standards for training for/of vocational deacons.

The Rev. Deacon Susan Page engaged the Synod in a teaching session on the Diaconate today. Susan Page, a permanent deacon at St. Luke's, Regina, continues in her professional work of nursing, joined the Association of Anglican Deacons in Canada (2009), and was elected as its president in 2014.

- Diaconate from scripture. Oldest order of ministry, meaning serving at tables and negotiating – to be sent and to serve. Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves". Development in the Book of Acts, community selected persons of good standing, to be agents of social justice – just distribution of food, laying on of hands, the story of St. Stephen, belongs to all members of the church through baptism.
- First 3 centuries the golden age of deacons. Distributions to the poor, social services, making concerns known to the bishop, calling people to prayer, reading the gospel, distribution of communion, preparing persons for baptism. Examples: Lawrence, Ephraim, Athanasius.
- After Constantine, the church changed, modeled on hierarchy of Rome, diaconal ministry declined. Other ministries: door keeper, reader, sub-deacon, exorcist. St. Francis remained a deacon. Transitional deacons became the most common. Other examples: Nicholas Ferrar, Lewis Carol.
- Resurgence of deacons: ecumenism, liturgical change. 1962, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council; 1968, Lambeth Conference – restoration of the permanent diaconate. Most dioceses in Canada had vocational deacons by 2014.

- Most are parish based, some institution based (chaplains), some diocesan deacons work with bishops. Called and sent to serve and to mobilize the baptized for service.
- Susan's covenant at St. Luke's is based on the ordinal.
- Misconceptions still hover around the role of the diaconate; difficulty distinguishing the role of deacon and priest; transitional diaconate can confuse the role of the vocational diaconate. Current diaconate, based on its origins, focuses on work with the poor and the sick, standing at the edge of the community. They are a sign that we are all sent and called to serve in the world. There is a lack of national standards for education and experience. There is an ongoing need for education and training and discernment. A robust diaconate is vital to a revived church.
- Resolutions 3 and 4 on the diaconate to be presented later to the synod.

#### Provincial Resource Network

The Rev. Helen Kennedy of the Ministry Committee spoke about sharing our resources as a Province. A new Provincial Resource Network is available on the Provincial Website. Dioceses are encouraged to keep adding to this and keep it current.

- Vital Church (Evangelism)
- Healing (Stephen Ministry, Order of St. Luke)
- Indigenous Training Centres
- Education (Lay Training, EFM, Post Ordination)
- Stewardship
- Youth (Strongly Together)
- Children's Ministry

National Youth Secretariat - presentation by The Rev. Emily Carr  
Ministry with and among young people and families.

- Declining numbers in parishes.
- Establishing and Supporting a Sunday School important for youth ministry. Is the church welcoming of children and families? Children's talks in worship. Getting to know the families in the community. Recruiting volunteers.
- Free National Curriculum
  - Virtual Church School (by Fiona Brownlee) – lectionary based, craft ideas, [www.anglican.ca/churchschool.info](http://www.anglican.ca/churchschool.info)
  - The Compendium of the Church Mice – lectionary based, every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, intergenerational worship. (Website is complicated).
- Children's ministries require ongoing support. Teaching, encouraging, thank-you, faith development, take a break.
- The Elusive Teenager ... wanting to be included, loved, let them wear their hats, meaningfully engaged.
- National Resources for Youth Ministry ... Stronger Together
  - Diocesan Youth Ministers or leaders training happens each fall and young people can be sent.
  - Trailblazing – online training for youth ministers. Also good for children's ministry leaders.

- Just Generation – youth wing of the PWRDF. [www.justgeneration.ca](http://www.justgeneration.ca) Resources for confirmation. Social justice resources.
- ACC for Indigenous Ministries. Gospel based discipleship readings. Works in an intergenerational context.
- CLAY Gathering. Anglican/Lutheran event every 2 years.
- Each One Teach One – a literacy program out of the USA. Teach a child how to ... Discipling one another. All children are our kids.
- ACC/Resources.

Announcements were made regarding the call for nominations for Prolocutor following lunch. Grace was led by Archbishop Morgan and the Synod recessed for lunch.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sitting Friday Afternoon – June 19, 2015**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> sitting reconvened at 1:25 pm with a gathering song. Following further announcements, the call for nominees for Prolocutor and the report of the Nominations Committee was given.

Nominations for Prolocutor & Report of Nominations Committee

- The Rev. Dr. Iain Luke (Athabasca) and The Rev. Canon Travis Enright (Edmonton) have been nominated.

Moved and seconded by: Lesley Wheeler-Dame /Noreen Hareuther  
RESOLVED THAT that nominations close.

**CARRIED.**

The first ballot was taken and the scrutineers retired to tally the results.

4 Minutes for Mission – (Diocesan presentations)

Travis Enright exemplified how to tell a mission story in 4 minutes.

- Arctic (Bishop David Parsons) – video presentation “Good Luck in the Mission Field. Thank you for visiting ours”
- Athabasca (Bishop Fraser Lawton & the Ven. Canon Terry Leer, Archdeacon for Mission Development) – God’s Mission, Our Ministry...refocusing from being recipients of ministry to being doers of mission.
- Edmonton (Bishop Jane Alexander) Pentecost 2014 – at the end of the TRC, filled the Cathedral with chokecherry trees as a sign of new beginnings; partners from the Diocese of Burundi; ordination, received a priest of the South Sudan to lead the Dinka community.
- Calgary (Rev. Noel Wygiera) – Mend Your Nets Annual Clergy Conference and following conference for the laity with Bill Miller, teaching about mission in relation to traditional Hawaiian fishing practice – beginning with “mending of nets”. Unsynods (informal gatherings). 1<sup>st</sup> was open forum; 2<sup>nd</sup> based on outcomes of the first, formed working groups in areas of priority. Children’s Youth and Family ministry established regional events in the Diocese.

- Brandon (Mr. Remi Rheault) – The Devon Mission, started in the 1840's, restoration and preservation of four Cree panels at Christ Church in the Devon Mission, established by Henry Budd.
- Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh (ISSM) (Bishop Lydia Mamakwa and Bishop Mark McDonald) First Indigenous Diocese in Canada. Upholding indigenous traditions, ways, and language. Translation of the bible into Oji-Cree. Important as English becomes more predominant. Important to do theology in our own culture and language. The Word of God becomes real in the lives of young people.
- Saskatoon (Mrs. Joan Irving, Diocesan Outreach Committee) – Baja Mission Home Building to respond to human need by loving service, internal and external projects (building homes in Mexico).
- Qu'Appelle (The Ven. Malcolm French) – Together in Mission – Mission Action Plan 2013-2015 (handout). The story of the Mission at Pense.
- Rupert's Land (The Very Rev. Paul Johnson) - St. Matthew's Church converted from 700 seat sanctuary to The WestEnd Commons with 26 affordable housing suites, a chapel for 100, new kitchen, and atrium. Cost: \$8,000,000. With partnerships it is possible. See [www.thewestendcommons.ca](http://www.thewestendcommons.ca).
- Saskatchewan (The Very Rev. Kenneth Davis) – Anglican Healing Fund/Translating Cree language and culture. People can trace their Christian history back six generations. We have had all our children baptized, but we feel like we are betraying our baptism, can you help us. With funds from the Healing Fund – weekly community meal, learning the Cree language and culture and social educational workshops.

Following the ten diocesan presentations, a facilitated conversation invited diocesan delegates to share among themselves what story or word affected you. What can you see would be possible after hearing these mission moments? ***What story or word affected you most? What would you most like to do?*** Find some pollen. Listen to each other in a short period of time briefly tell a story about how you have been affected in mission. Listen as each other speak; listen to how God has encountered each of you in your mission. In front of you are the people you need to change the world.

At 3:15 the results of the first ballot for Prolocutor was announced. The Very Rev. Dr. Iain Luke was elected Prolocutor. The Synod responded with applause.

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee gave notice of the following motions that had been received:

- Greetings to Queen Elizabeth II
- Acknowledgement and study of Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) recommendations
- Provincial Synod work in conjunction with Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) resources for TRC recommendations.

Synod recessed at 3:20 pm to reconvene following supper at 7:15pm.

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Sitting - Friday Evening – June 19, 2015**

The 4<sup>th</sup> sitting began with a gathering song at 7:15 pm.

Presentation of Gifts to:

- Retiring Metropolitan, David Ashdown (presented by Bishop Michael Hawkins in absentia)
- Retiring Treasurer, Archdeacon Richard Spencer (presented by Marion Jenkins)
- Retiring Prolocutor, Marion Jenkins (presented by Noreen Hareuther)
- Retiring Deputy Prolocutor, The Rev. Canon Travis Enright (presented by Susan Suppes)

Presentation on Mission (The Rev. Mark Ireland, Diocese of Litchfield)

Proclaiming the kingdom and baptizing and making disciples. Mark 10:17-31 (Christ and the rich young ruler – painting by Heinrich Hofmann). There is something more important than an early win or another name on the register. The fruit of an encounter often comes long after that encounter.

What one thing do we lack in discipleship today?

- The young man's faith that things can be different?
- Secularism, individualism, and consumerism seem unstoppable.
- The young man's youth and energy?
  - European values study shows even committed Anglicans are not good at passing on the faith to their children – only 36% saw this as priority, compared to good manners (94%) and tolerance (83%).
  - Willow Creek research shows that the most mature church members are the ones who are stalled in their growth and dissatisfied – the least fed members were those who are doing the most.
- The young man's focus on what really matters?
  - In church life the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing
  - The great commission is a commission not to go, but to disciple – matheteusate (Matthew 28.19)
  - The way to grow the church is to grow people
- Where we've come from?
  - Billy Graham (1950s-1980s)
  - Alpha course (1990s-2000s)
  - Movie clip (Ben and Jason from Vancouver on Alpha)
- Today people need ever longer to get their heads around the faith and will commit ever shorter amounts of time (shorter spans, longer bridges)
  - We need the courses, but we also need the companions. Are we offering companionship on the journey, or simply an invitation to the course? Train parishioners to be the inviters. Do we endorse products we don't use ourselves? We have to be walking the talk. Turning up whether the other does or not.
- In a culture that distrusts the church, 5 thresholds on the journey to faith,
  - 1<sup>st</sup> step was stepping from distrust to trust. Knowing a Christian who lives with integrity.

- From complacent to curious.
- From being closed to change in their life to being open to change
- From meandering to seeking.
- Crossing the threshold of the kingdom itself.
- Are we training for ministry or for whole-life discipleship?
  - Lay training is poorly funded in relation to clergy training
  - What training there is tends to focus on training lay people to minister in church.
- Did Jesus really say...? “Go and make church goers ...?”
  - Making disciples who make disciples. So who am I discipling at the moment? (one to one)
  - Making disciples through fresh expressions of church
  - What we really, really want is ...
  - A fresh expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established for those who are not yet members of any church (Messy Church movement in England).
- Keeping the main thing the main thing:
  - Cycle: review, discern, plan, act (Prayer and passion at the centre)
  - Drawing a MAP clarifies the vision
    - A vision statement is different from a mission statement: it answers the question Where is God leading us over the next 5 years?
- A good vision statement serves as a magnet and compass for mission.
- Mission action planning
  - Doesn't work if it is just another diocesan initiative
  - Or a paper exercise to please the bishop
- Faith that things can be different
  - Faith grows through prayer
  - Let's not be like celebrities who endorse products...
  - No renewal in the church that doesn't begin with prayer
- Postscript on the rich young ruler. 250 years later in lower Egypt ... Anthony heard this gospel, he sold all he had, gave it to the poor and went into the desert to pray (and lived to the age of 105) praying and teaching others to pray. The father of the desert monastic tradition. Inspired Benedict, the rule of life that sustained the church for 1000 years in Europe. Are you in a context showing little fruit? Hang in there. The prayers you are praying may not be answered for decades to come.
- Questions/comments
  - Hope in the midst of a church that has decided to close.
  - Jesus didn't chase after the young rich man, he let him go away.
  - Hard for people to keep showing up when others don't.

- Secularization being light and salt in the world. There are chinks in the armour of the secular western world. We may need to give up the things that we hold dear in order for the church to grow.
- Most people in England go to a Christian funeral every year, but few can remember a reference about Jesus and the resurrection. Offer a booklet at the end of a funeral. We assume people aren't searching, when in reality they are.

Announcements were made and the Nominations Committee advised where nominations were still required.

- Canons and constitution – need a bishop
- Provincial panel – 2 more clergy and 3 more laity
- Ministry Committee – need a bishop
- Provincial court – need 1 clergy and 1 laity

Prayer was offered that those who could serve would offer themselves or others for this ministry.

At 8:30 pm sitting formally ended. Evening Worship and Gospel Jamboree commenced.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> sitting - Saturday morning, June 20, 2015**

8:30 am Gathering song (delegates reconvene at assigned Bible Study groups) Announcements were made, including that nominations for committees would close at 12:00 noon. The Report of Nomination Committee was presented.

8:45 am Bible Study facilitated by The Most Rev. Tom Morgan

9:25 am Nominations for Deputy Prolocutor

The final call for nominations for Deputy Prolocutor was put. Two persons were nominated: Paul Williams (Arctic), Shelley Andres (Brandon).

Motion to close nominations

Moved and seconded by: The Rev. Lesley Wheeler Dame/ Bishop Rob Hardwick

RESOLVED THAT nominations for Deputy Prolocutor close.

**CARRIED.**

Ballots were distributed to the lay and clergy delegates and the first ballot for Deputy Prolocutor was cast.

9:30 am Facilitated Conversations

The Rev. Steven London summarized where we have been to this point in Synod. Asking three questions: From these presentations and conversations:

- What has spoken to you personally?
- What is it that we are going to take back from this to our diocese?
- What is going to change in the way I do mission?

At 10:40 am the deadline for notices of motions for Synod was reached. The Metropolitan read the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ballot for Deputy Prolocutor advising that Shelley Andres had been elected.

Delegates reconvened in their diocesan groups for a final facilitated conversation led by Steven London. What is the roll of the Province in the mission of the Church? What roll can the Province have in the mission of the greater church that it is not doing now? Ideas that were shared were to be recorded and given to Steve London. (*See Appendix 1*) At the appointed time, Steven asked for and received some input from the group discussion.

### Resolutions from the Ministry Committee

#### **Resolution C-1 - Minimum Standards for Local/Diocesan trained Priests**

Moved and seconded by: The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Rt. Rev. David Irving

RESOLVED THAT the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land adopt a minimum standard for Local/Diocesan trained Priests as outlined in the report "Minimum Standards for Local/Diocesan Trained Priests" (appended to the Report of the Ministry Committee); and THAT Provincial Synod commend this standard for use in the Dioceses of the Province of Rupert's Land.

*The mover and seconder advised that the intention is to enable not to legislate. After a thorough discussion, which raised consciousness on this issue, including the challenge of diversity in contexts of training, and movement of clergy, it was suggested that this matter needs more work, and perhaps the term "competencies" rather than "standards" would be more appropriate.*

#### **Motion to Refer:**

Moved and seconded by: Bishop Donald Phillips/Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

RESOLVED THAT, in order to accomplish the desired outcome for local and diocesan trained priests which will utilize competencies that are inclusive of the cultural and contextual diversity of our Province, this resolution (C-1) be referred back to the Provincial Ministry Committee for further work and to be brought back to the 2018 meeting of Provincial Synod.

**CARRIED.**

#### **Resolution C-2 – Post Ordination Training**

Moved and Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. David Irving /The Rev. Helen Kennedy

RESOLVED THAT each diocese make provision for some form of post ordination training and mentoring of newly ordained clergy for a period of at least three years.

**CARRIED.**

#### **Resolution C-3 – Affirmation of vocational deacons**

Moved and seconded by: The Rev. Helen Kennedy/The Ven. Godfrey Maweje.

RESOLVED THAT Provincial Synod affirm the role of vocational deacons: affirm the diocese as the appropriate body for the assessment of those wishing to serve as vocational deacons; and

encourage dioceses to support those training for diaconal ministry, as they do for those training for priestly ministry.

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution C-4** – re. Minimum Standards for training of vocational deacons. (*Wording slightly revised from text in Convening Circular, with agreement by mover and seconder*)

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Helen Kennedy/The Rt. Rev. David Irving

RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Ministry Committee [2015 -2018] be directed to consult with each Diocese and to prepare and to submit to the Provincial Synod 2018 for consideration proposed appropriate minimum competencies for vocation deacons.

**CARRIED.**

At 11:50 am the Nominations Committee gave its final report.

Bishop Michael Hawkins led a time of silence and then offered prayer for missing and murdered aboriginal women and those persons who have had their lives affected by this ongoing tragedy.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Sitting, Saturday afternoon, June 20, 2015**

Delegates reconvened at 1:30 pm with gathering song at their Diocesan Tables.

Resolutions from Constitution & Canons Committee

Members present by houses:

- Lay: 38 Members present
- Clergy: 40 members present
- Bishops: 11 members present

#### **PS48 – C-5 Repeal of Canon 8**

Background: Canon 8 relating to the Corporation of the Anglican Province of Rupert's Land. This Corporation never became operational and was struck from the Corporate Registry September 18, 1997. The repeal of Canon 8 is now a "housekeeping" matter to remove same from the Canons.

Moved and seconded by: Mr. Garth Diamond/Mrs. Susan Suppes.

RESOLVED THAT that Canon 8 be repealed.

**CARRIED IN ALL THREE ORDERS.**

#### **PS48 – C-6 New section in Constitution 8.11A**

The result of this addition would mean the Primate is a bishop of the Province. Submission for 1st reading - Addition to the Constitution of a new section in 8.11A.

The motion moved by Garth Diamond and seconded by Susan Suppes, was presented and then, after some discussion and clarification, the motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

#### **PS48 – C-7 was also WITHDRAWN.**

Neither of the proposed amendments (**PS48 - C-8 and PS48 - C-9**) were being brought forward at this time because they had not been considered by the Committee on Constitution & Canons in accordance with section 8.04(a) and (b) of the Constitution.

**PS48 – C-10** Amendment to Section 4.06 (Youth Member on Provincial Executive) Submission for 1st reading – Amendment to Constitution for a Youth member on Provincial Executive Council **ADDING A YOUTH MEMBER TO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Resolution 10 is presented for first reading pursuant to Section 8.05(b) of the Constitution. The 2009 Provincial Synod passed Resolution PS46.14 requesting the Constitution and Canons Committee to prepare a draft amendment to add a youth member to the Provincial Executive Council. The following is proposed language for this:

Moved and seconded by: Mr. Garth Diamond/Mrs. Susan Suppes.

RESOLVED THAT Section 4.06 of the Constitution be amended to add paragraph (d.1) as follows: (d.1) one person from the youth members of Provincial Synod as defined in Section 2.02.

**Motion to Refer:**

Moved and seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton/The Ven. Terry Leer

RESOLVED THAT this resolution be referred back to the Constitution and Canons Committee.

**CARRIED.**

**PS48 – C-11** Membership on Executive Council.

A request originating from the House of Bishops for an amendment to the Constitution to allow for an elected member from each diocese to be on the Provincial Executive Council is deemed to be already provided for in the Constitution. No resolution will be put in this regard.

**PS48 – CC-12** Amendment to allow changes to the Constitution to be made at one session of Synod. Submission for 1st reading – Amendment to Constitution to allow a change to be made at one session of Synod.

**Background - RESOLUTION 12 – CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

In 2014 the House of Bishops requested an amendment to the Constitution that would enable an amendment to the Constitution be made at one session of Synod. It is noted that Section 8.06 enables an amendment to a Canon to come into force at one session subject to a voting majority of at least 75% of the members present. By passing the amendments as proposed, this would make the amendments to both the Constitution and Canons consistent.

Moved and seconded by: Mr. Garth Diamond/Mrs. Susan Suppes

RESOLVED THAT Section 8.05(a) by deleting the word “and” and deleting Section 8.05(b) and add the words as proposed for 8.06. “Notwithstanding Section 8.05 (a) (b) a proposed amendment to the Constitution, a proposed Canon or an amendment to a Canon may be enacted and come into force and effect at one session if the said amendment to the

Constitution or the said Canon or amendment to a Canon has been passed with or without amendment by at least 75% of the members of each Order present and voting separately.”

After some discussion, and with the consent of the mover and seconder, this **Resolution was WITHDRAWN.**

**PS48 – C-13**

Moved and seconded by: The Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy/The Rev. Helen Kennedy  
RESOLVED THAT this Provincial Synod direct the Executive Council to form a committee to consult with the Anglican Council of Indigenous People to determine what practical actions can work to address areas of education, spirituality and building relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous people, and commend these actions to the Dioceses of the Province, and back to Synod in 2018.

**CARRIED.**

**PS48 – C - 14**

Moved and seconded by: Mr. Jason Antonio/The Rev. Shane Bengry  
RESOLVED THAT this 48<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land send to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II greetings and blessings as she prepares to become the longest reigning Sovereign in Canadian history this September.

**CARRIED.**

Following a coffee break The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft and The Rev. Alex Parsons gave a brief presentation on Stewardship. They spoke of a regional consultancy program of networking about stewardship – SEND (Stewardship Education Network for Disciples). They are trying to building a western network (on line) with the Province of British Columbia of representatives of each diocese in the two provinces. This is not primarily about fund raising, but about walking with people in a 'stewardship lifestyle'. A meeting is to be held in September, funded through Resources for Mission (S.E.N.D. - Stewardship Education Network for Disciples.)

Bishop David Parsons (Arctic) reported that \$3.4M was owing last year on their Cathedral; now it is \$835,000. (applause).

Wrap up conversations were led by the Rev. Canon Travis Enright. He encouraged members of Synod, using the daily Bible Study resource, to make decisions, and to walk in those decisions. He invited members of synod to “write your prayer for the Province” on the back page of the bible study resource.

How can I covenant myself? “As long as your feet are centered in Me, you can walk in many shoes.” What do you personally want to give back to the province? The presentation concluded with Susan Suppes reading her prayer and what she wanted to give back to the Province. A standing ovation ensued.

Just prior to balloting announcements were made that ballot boxes would be open until 4:30 pm and the Synod would be in recess until Sunday morning. The evening banquet at Danceland followed at 6 pm.

**Nominations:**

*For Executive Council*

Bishops: David Parsons (Arc); Donald Phillips, (RL)  
 Clergy: Malcolm French (Qu'A); Raymond Knight (BRDN); Patricia Martin (SKCHWN);  
 Lesley Wheeler-Dame (Ath); Godfrey Mawejje (RL); Paul Williams (Arc)  
 Laity: Jason Antonio (Qu'A); Noreen Hareuther (Officer of Synod), Carol Hayes, (Cal);  
 Remi Rheault (Brdn); Ian Silk (RL)

*For Provincial Panel*

Bishops: all are on the panel  
 Clergy: Raymond Knight (Brdn); Malcolm French (Qu'A) Terry Leer (Ath);  
 Scott Sharman (ED)  
 Laity: Karen Larsen (Cal); Remi Rheault (Brdn); Kame Staples (Cal);  
 Barbara Forsythe (SKTN)

*For Provincial Court*

Bishops: Robert Hardwick (Qu'A); David Irving (SKTN)  
 Clergy: Shane Bengry (Brdn); Steven London (ED); Ken Wells (Cal)  
 Laity: Elizabeth Sims (Brdn); Elaine James (RL)

*For Constitution & Canons Committee*

Bishops: no one standing for election  
 Clergy: Shane Bengry (Brdn); Malcolm French (Qu'A)  
 Laity: Noreen Hareuther (Officer of Synod); Elizabeth Sims (Brdn) Murray Tait (Cal)

*For Ministry Committee*

Bishops: Robert Hardwick (Qu'A); Lydia Mamakwa (ISSM); Darren McCartney (Arc)  
 Clergy: Del Bornowsky (Qu'A); Helen Dunn (Cal); Godfrey Mawejje (RL); Trish McCarthy  
 (Qu'A); Noel Wygeria (Cal); Joseph Royal (Arc)  
 Laity: Jason Antonio (Qu'A); Bethanne O'Neil (Ed); Remi Rheault (Brdn); Karen Walter  
 (SKTN)

**7<sup>th</sup> Sitting, Sunday morning, June 20, 2015**

At 8:30 am members of Synod reconvene at Diocesan Tables encouraged by a gathering song. Announcements were made.

**Results of the balloting for committees.**

Provincial Executive Council

Bishops: Donald Phillips, (RL)  
 Clergy: Godfrey Mawejje (RL); Paul Williams (Arc)  
 Laity: Noreen Hareuther (Officer of Synod) Carol Hayes, (Cal)

Provincial Panel

Bishops: all are on the panel  
 Clergy: Raymond Knight (Brdn); Malcolm French (Qu'A) Terry Leer (Ath); Scott Sharman (ED)  
 Laity: Karen Larsen (Cal); Remi Rheault (Brdn); Kame Staples (Cal); Barbara Forsythe (SKTN)

For Provincial Court

Bishops: Robert Hardwick (Qu'A); David Irving (SKTN)  
 Clergy: Shane Bengry (Brdn); Steven London (ED)  
 Laity: Elizabeth Sims (Brdn); Elaine James (RL)

For Constitution & Canons Committee

Bishops: to be appointed (none stood for election)  
 Clergy: Malcolm French (Qu'A)  
 Laity: Noreen Hareuther (Officer of Synod); Elizabeth Sims (Brdn) Murray Tait (Cal)

For Ministry Committee

Bishops: Lydia Mamakwa (ISSM); Darren McCartney (Arc)  
 Clergy: Del Bornowsky (Qu'A); Joseph Royal (Arc)  
 Laity: Jason Antonio (Qu'A); Remi Rheault (Brdn);

The following were chosen by their dioceses to serve on the Provincial Executive Council to fulfill the Constitutional requirement:

- Edmonton Mr. Graham Ward
- Saskatchewan Tony Michel\*
- Brandon The Ven. Michael Chartrand
- Qu'Appelle The Ven. Malcolm French
- ISMM The Rev. Amos Winter
- Saskatoon The Rev. Nancy Yee
- Athabasca The Rev. Lesley Wheeler Dame

Moved and seconded by: Mr. Dan Thagard/ Mr. Remi Rheault

RESOLVED THAT the above persons be appointed to the Provincial Executive Council.

**CARRIED.**

At 8:55 am the closing procedures commenced.

*\*An error was made in determining which Dioceses were required to appoint members to the Executive Council. Mrs. Noreen Hareuther was elected as a member from Saskatchewan Diocese during the balloting process, but her name on the membership list was erroneously noted as being there by virtue of her position as Registrar of Synod. Therefore Mrs. Hareuther, not Mr. Michel, is the member representing the Diocese of Saskatchewan.*

Vote of Thanks

Moved and seconded by: Noreen Hareuther/Bishop David Parsons

RESOLVED THAT this Synod express its thanks to the following:

- The Diocese of Saskatoon for hosting the Synod, including the reception following the opening Service.
- The Bishop of Saskatoon, The Rt. Rev. David Irving for his hospitality;
- The Rev. Nancy Yee, Incumbent Priest of All Saints Watrous, and Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church for coordinating arrangement for the Opening service;
- The members of the parishes of All Saints Watrous and Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church for the for catering the reception for the opening service, and providing for a warm welcome to the Synod;
- The Acting Metropolitan, The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, for his attentive guidance over the past six months, and for his contribution in planning of the Synod with particular attention to the Opening and Closing services of the Synod;
- Lorea Eufemia, Chair of Local Arrangements Committee, and Mrs. Joan Irving.
- The Incumbent and members of the Cathedral of St. John in Saskatoon for hospitality to the delegates who arrived by air;
- The Recording Secretaries: Lorea Eufemia, Brian Way, and Cathy Mondor for their careful attention and recording of the proceedings of the Synod.
- Cathy Mondor, office support staff, who assisted with the registration, and provided office support prior to and during the synod.
- The Rev. Paul Sotdke who operated the video projector during the Synod.
- To the Very Rev. Dr. Iain Luke for sharing his musical gifts on the piano at the opening service and throughout the Synod and during the sittings.
- The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft for selecting and leading the gathering songs, and his God-centred and heartfelt musical offerings this Synod.
- Mrs. Karen Walter and The Ven. Terry Leer, the Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, musical assistants, who gave the music depth and variety, as well as the others who shared in providing music ministry.
- To those who participated in the '4 minutes for mission' presentations from their respective dioceses in sharing their 'mission moments'.
- The Rev. Canon Travis Enright and the Rev. Steven London who facilitated our conversations with wit and encouragement and drive.
- Bishop Mark McDonald in his presentation on the 5 Marks of Mission, and his gracious teaching and co-leadership, with Morris Fiddler, for our Gospel Jamboree.
- The Rev. Mark Ireland for his motivational and encouraging presentation on Mission and Discipleship.
- The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft and The Rev. Alex Parsons for sharing a fresh and enthusiastic approach to Stewardship and giving leadership in the Province in this important mission.
- The Staff of Manitou Springs Retreat & Conference Centre for their careful attention to details and arrangements for our Synod gathering, particularly Carrie, Linda, James and all the front desk, kitchen and serving staff.
- To the staff and owners of Danceland for arrangements for our Banquet.
- Archbishop Tom Morgan for his humble, inspiring, and humorous message delivered at the opening service of Synod; as well for his leadership of morning worship, daily Bible Study, and for his pastoral care of the all members throughout synod.

- The Ven. Paul Feheley, Principal Secretary to the Primate, for attending and engaging with our Synod as a representative of the General Synod Anglican Church of Canada, in his capacity of Principal Secretary to the Primate.
- The Rev. Deacon Susan Page for her informative and engaging presentation on the Diaconate;
- The Rev. Canon Catherine Harper, ex officio member of the Ministry Committee, for presenting the report on the Ministry Committee.
- The Rev. Emily Carr for her presentation on the National Youth Secretariat.
- The Prolocutor - Marion Jenkins, for her leadership and dedication over the last three years as Prolocutor.
- The Deputy Prolocutor - The Rev. Canon Travis Enright, for his inspiration and the way he challenged us to be creative in our thinking and responses.
- The Treasurer – The Ven. Richard Spencer for his careful watch over the provincial finances.
- Our Chancellor - Mr. Garth Dymond, for his faithful service, gentle leadership, wise counsel and his wonderful sense of humour.
- Our sessional committees:
  - The Nominations Committee, The Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, chair, and committee members, Bishop Rob Hardwick and Mrs. Noreen Hareuther, for their prayerful encouragement of delegates to heed God's call to offer themselves in service.
  - The Resolutions Committee, The Rev. Canon Travis Enright, chair, and committee members who carefully and conscientiously crafted resolutions that arose for presentation to Synod.
  - The Scrutineers: Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, Mr. Remi Rheault, Ms Sheba McKay, The Rev. Lucy Netser for their carefully counting of the ballots.
  - The Synod Planning Committee for their work in planning for this Synod.
- Provincial Secretary – Susan Suppes, for all the arrangement for the synod; for her resourcefulness and careful attention to detail to ensure a well-organized and successful Synod.
- And finally, to Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson, for accepting the will of the Synod and the Holy Spirit as our new Metropolitan; for his genuine and considerate leadership in chairing of Synod, and for his conviction to serve God and God's people in the Province of Rupert's Land with dedication, humour and grace.

**CARRIED with APPLAUSE.**

Tabling of Acts of the Synod.

The Provincial Secretary, Susan Suppes, read the Acts of this Synod.

Moved and seconded by: Mrs. Susan Suppes/Mrs. Marion Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Synod be printed and circulated to delegates, and that the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED.**

Moved and seconded by: Mrs. Susan Suppes/Mrs. Marion Jenkins

RESOLVED THAT following the closing service and Installation of the Metropolitan this 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Synod by prorogued.

**CARRIED.**

- Songs were offered by the Ven. Michael Chartrand.
- Archbishop Greg noted that the Bishops had agreed that an offering be taken at the closing service and that it will be designated for the translation of the Bible into Oji Cree.
- The Committees gathered to select convenors and set their first meeting dates
  - Ministry Committee
  - Executive Council

#### Closing Worship of Synod and Installation of New Metropolitan

At 10:00 am the Closing Worship of Synod with the Installation of Metropolitan commenced, commemorating National Indigenous Day. Worship began on the Terrace, and moved inside due to a rain shower.

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*Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod*

**Suggestions made about the role of the Province in the mission of the Church**

These are suggestions made about the role of the Province in the mission of the church that were made at various Diocesan tables during the 2015 Provincial Synod in Watrous, SK.

- A continuation of standardization of training and education protocols as reported by the Rev. Canon Catherine Harper.
  - There is the expectation that this will be the continuing work of the ministry committee rather than starting all over again.
- A venue of communication after each Synod so that resources developed or discovered by individual diocese can be communicated to the rest of the dioceses more than once every three years at the synod gathering.
- Recommend responses and resources for TRC responses.
- Promote and facilitate provincial connections between groups, such as ACW, Youth, and Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. Perhaps even hosting simultaneous events.
- “70” competent volunteers to form a Provincial Panel” – not just for helping episcopal elections – but for all manner of missional endeavors, pastoral care, etc. Sent to spend time in parishes.
- More resources on the provincial website.
- A network for enabling hospitality as people travel from one Diocese to another. Example, if someone has to come to the hospital in Edmonton, there can be an outreach ministry for them and their family as they receive treatment.
- A ‘trade show’ format where different resources and information can be shared.
- A mechanism for co-ordinating the work of reconciliation and inter-culturation between indigenous and non-indigenous communities around the province.
- More effective way of using the Rupert’s Land webpage.
- Could there be a provincial communication tool such as a newsletter.
- A way to make dioceses aware of the needs of other dioceses.
- Setting up a fund to get remote communities ‘wired’
- Create a provincial communications officer.
- Creating a Lay Readers Association in the Province of Rupert’s Land
- Province could facilitate a ‘marketplace’ for mission resources, personnel, practices and ideas.
  - we do...
  - we have...
  - our personnel can...
  - our experience has been...
  - we can offer...
  - our story is...
  - mission formation for clergy is...
  - mission formation for laypeople is...
- Facilitate regional groupings, networks, gatherings with intentional invitations.