

**The Provincial Council
of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada**

September 26-29, 2002, Montreal

Minutes

Present:

John Arnold (NSPEI) Chancellor, Dennis Budgell (Cnf), The Revd Cathy Lee Cunningham (NSPEI), Eric Dryden (Mtl) Treasurer, Mrs Shara Golden (F'ton), The Rt Revd Donald Harvey (ENL), The Rt Revd Fred Hiltz (NSPEI), The Rt Revd William Hockin (F'ton), The Most Revd Andrew S Hutchison (Mtl) Metropolitan, Peter Irish (F'ton) Prolocutor, The Revd Canon Yves Joseph (Mtl), The Revd Karen Laldin (Wnf), Angelina Leggo (Qc), Gerry Nelson (NSPEI), The Revd Josiah Noel (ENL) Deputy Prolocutor, Amanda Park (Wnf), Daphne Parsons (ENL), The Revd Alan T Perry (Mtl) Clerical Secretary, The Ven John Sharpe (F'ton), The Rt Revd Bruce Stavert (Qc), James Sweeny (Qc) Lay Secretary, The Revd Gail Thoms (ENL), The Revd David Torrville (Cnf), Justin Tucker (ENL), The Revd Canon Pierre Voyer (Qc), The Rt Revd Leonard Whitten (Wnf), Susan Winn (Mtl), Katie Woodside (NSPEI), The Rt Revd Donald Young (Cnf)

Regrets:

Harold Wells (Wnf), Bishop Russell Hatton.(Mtl)

Guests:

Archdeacon Jim Boyles (General Synod), Vianney "Sam" Carriere (*Anglican Journal*), The Revd Canon Joan Shanks (*Anglican Montreal Anglican*), Rob Marsh (Church Army)

Thursday, September 26

Council gathered for a service of celebration and installation of the newly-elected Metropolitan in Christ Church Cathedral. The presidential address (attached) was presented at the service.

Friday, September 27

Council gathered for Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

The session began at 10:00.

Archbishop Hutchison welcomed Council to the Diocese of Montreal

Privileges of the floor were given to Archdeacon Jim Boyles, Vianney "Sam" Carriere (*Anglican*

Journal), The Revd Canon Joan Shanks (*Anglican Montreal Anglican*) and Rob Marsh (Church Army). (Sweeny / Perry)

The Prolocutor listed the committees of the house.

Agenda Committee:

The Metropolitan, Prolocutor, the Deputy Prolocutor and the Treasurer

Resolutions Committee:

The Chancellor, Angelina Leggo and the Rev. Karen Laldin

Courtesies Committee:

Dennis Budgell, Katie Woodside, the Rev. Gail Thoms and the Rev. Canon Pierre Voyer

Moved by the Revd Josiah Noel, seconded by Daphne Parsons, that the following message be sent to the Governor General of Canada:

“Your Excellency:

“The Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada requests that the following message be sent to Her Majesty:

“Your Majesty:

“The members of the Provincial Council of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the Anglican Church in the civil provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec, assembled on the twenty-sixth day of September, 2002 in Montreal, Quebec, send to Your Majesty felicitations on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee marking a significant milestone in your life and that of the Commonwealth. Please accept our gratitude for your continued leadership of the peoples of the Commonwealth, and our loyalty.

“With every good wish and peace in Christ, we pray that God will bless you and keep you, grant you wisdom, health and strength, and enrich you with heavenly grace and happiness.

“To this expression of loyalty to our Queen, this Council adds its sincere greetings to the Queen Mother, to Prince Philip and to all the Royal Family.

“May we take this opportunity to express our condolences on the death of the Queen Mother, who in our lifetime touched many of us, and on the death of your Majesty’s sister, Princess Margaret. May God surround your Majesty with his love and mercy as you grieve through this loss and grant rest eternal to them both.”

Carried.

Moved by James Sweeny, seconded by John Arnold, that the minutes of the meeting of Provincial

Council in Fredericton 2001 be accepted.

Bishop Harvey asked whether the protocol for an electronic election was adopted specifically for a single use or for general use in future. The chancellor clarified that the document is general and may be used again in future if Council so chooses.

The Revd Josiah Noel requested that the text of the motion of thanks be included in the minutes.

Bishop Whitten requested that the list of attendees be included in the minutes.

Carried as amended.

Moved by Eric Dryden, seconded by Gerry Nelson that the reports be accepted as distributed.

The Prolocutor mentioned that there would be time in the agenda to discuss the reports.

Motion Carried.

Notice of Motion was given by Bishop Harvey regarding a motion on the protocol for an electronic metropolitan election, that the protocol be rescinded.

Mr Rod Roberts, Comptroller of the Diocese of Montreal, joined Council to report on a recent national meeting of the diocesan financial officers.

Moved by Jim Sweeny, seconded by David Torraville, that Mr Rod Roberts be granted privileges of the floor.

Mr Roberts reported that the meeting started with an in-depth discussion on pensions. The financial officers expressed their support and appreciation to the General Synod staff who are doing a good job in a stressful time. It was requested that forms and manuals be made available on-line and kept up to date. There is a concern about the LTD benefit. We are paying \$100,000 per month in LTD benefits, and collecting \$1,000,000 in premiums, which is a cause for concern. One option would be to raise the premium rate from 1.75% to 2%. There was some discussion about the separate incorporation of the PWRDF and *Anglican Journal*, and about the future of the archives. A proposal was received to self-insure for property liability. Some 24 dioceses are currently covered by the two largest insurance companies, Marsh MacLennan and Aon. Self-insuring could save costs, but the problem is establishing an initial pool of funds to pay any early claims. The situation in New Westminster, with parishes not sending money to the diocese, was discussed. In spite of the temptation at General Synod to use monies sent directly by those parishes, the cheques are not being cashed, but returned, in order not to support fractionalism. The *Marigold Report* was also discussed by the financial officers, who felt it needs to be reworked. There was further discussion about planned giving. Edmonton has produced a treasurer's handbook, which is of interest. Mr Roberts raised the question of the level of fatigue evident.

The Metropolitan welcomed the Ven Jim Boyles to Council.

Archdeacon Boyles reported on several issues in the national church.

Iraq: a letter has been sent to the Prime Minister by several churches, including the Anglican Church of Canada, calling for peace-making, negotiation and dialogue, renewed arms inspections and to pay attention to the suffering of the Iraqi people.

Anglican Consultative Council: meeting recently in Hong Kong, the ACC has discussed the question of unity in light of recent developments in New Westminster. The Archbishop of Canterbury introduced a motion to ask diocese to take care concerning the effect of local actions on others. An information session organized by Bishop Ingham was well attended. There are two issues involved, one concerning the blessing of same-sex unions, and the other dealing with the question of authority and unity.

A *survey* has been done with the assistance of Environics, and is being continued in a more quantitative manner. Results will be presented to the Council of General Synod in November, to assist in working on a new strategic plan beyond 2004.

General Synod 2004 will be held in Niagara, probably at Brock University. Plans are under way. Each diocese and province has been consulted with respect to current proposals to change the marriage canon, and regarding the possibility of changes to the licensing canon.

Residential Schools: There have been 13 meetings since January with the government, with a view to put the litigation behind us and move on. This means that claims must be dealt with, justice be done and appropriate settlements paid. Justice, Healing and Reconciliation are our priorities. There is a draft agreement in place, which is being refined for presentation to the Cabinet. The government is trying to expedite the claims process through an alternative dispute resolution process. They are dealing with some 13,000 claims. It is in the government's interest to reach an agreement with the churches to be able to then work together on ADR processes and healing and reconciliation. About 1% of the \$5,000,000 spent to date on residential schools has gone to victims. But victims should be the priority rather than heavy legal bills. Claims of physical and sexual abuse are being dealt with first, but claims of cultural abuse must be tested in court, probably up to the Supreme Court. The expectation is that if these claims are upheld, it is probable that the response ordered by the court would be programmatic and that the bulk of any cash awards would be the responsibility of the government on the ground that the policy of assimilation was government policy.

General Synod's finances continue to be at risk. We expect to meet the budgeted amount from dioceses this year. Some diocese are increasing their contributions toward the proportional gift level, though some are stretched by litigation.

In response to questions, Archdeacon Boyles said that we are into plan B and working on a plan C. Archbishop Hutchison informed Council of the work of the metropolitans on a contingency plan in

the event that an agreement with government is not forthcoming. He said that the process in such an event would be extremely complex, “a very bumpy ride”, but that there would be a way forward.

Sue Winn asked what the *Marigold Report* is. Archdeacon Boyles said that it is a proposal for a way to restore the financial health of the church, involving a comprehensive fundraising programme to raise funds to deal with the past and prepare for the future. There is still a lot of work to do on the report.

After lunch Council repaired to l’Orpailleur in Dunham for a vineyard tour and dinner, hosted by the Diocese of Montreal.

Saturday, September 28

With the Prolocutor in the chair, Council gathered for morning worship, Bible study and business.

The Prolocutor announced a change to the agenda to deal with the motion regarding the protocol for electronic elections at 11:00.

Diocesan reports were discussed.

Archdeacon Jim Boyles was available for questions and discussions regarding national matters.

The Healing Fund is funded through the General Synod budget at approximately \$300,000 annually, plus some direct contributions. There may need to be some structured fundraising at a later date. Direct contributions are welcome from parishes and individuals.

The Primate has been straightforward in his approach to the issue of Israel and Palestine. This has raised a lot of flack for him from some quarters. We stand for peace rather than war. How to do so is a very complicated question. We continue to call on all parties to work for peace.

The Metropolitan spoke briefly about the gathering of the House of Bishops. Regarding ACPO, Bishop Harvey reported that next year’s meeting will be in Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, 25-25 May, 2003, at the Lavrock Centre, near St John’s. The subsequent two years it will be the first weekend in May. The secretary is the Revd Josiah Noel.

The bishops discussed the advancement of the restoration of the diaconate, which has been proceeding well in several dioceses.

The Diocese of Quebec is requesting provincial assistance in applying for a programme grant from the Anglican Foundation for a community development conference. Notice of motion was given to that effect.

There was a healthy discussion concerning the New Westminster situation.

The Metropolitan reported that Wendy and Eric Dryden had organized the vineyard visit the evening before with Susan Winn organizing the music. Energetic applause ensued.

He also introduced Mrs Lois Hutchison to the meeting. She was greeted with more applause.

The Prolocutor asked for discussion on the recent metropolitan election. Much discussion ensued.

The Prolocutor called for the presentation of the motion regarding the protocol for electronic elections. Bishop Harvey moved, seconded by John Arnold, that the motion be tabled until its scheduled time in the agenda. On a point of clarification, it was stated that this would mean during the business section beginning at 19:30. Carried.

After lunch, with the Deputy Prolocutor in the chair, Council participated in a presentation and discussion on sexual harassment led by Shara Golden.

Notice of motion was received by Shara Golden, seconded by Peter Irish concerning the development of a sexual misconduct policy.

We then returned to diocesan reports.

Council then moved to Open Space / Members' Concerns.

Karen Laldin raised the question of how we include (or exclude) people with disabilities. Much discussion ensued.

After dinner, with the Prolocutor in the chair, Vianney "Sam" Carriere reported on the state of the *Anglican Journal*. He said that the current difficult times call for a certain degree of extra care and delicacy in the editorial practices of the newspaper. He seeks to find a pastoral voice. The newspaper, with its independent editorial policy is an instrument for the church, and a ministry of the church. He and his staff are always interested to receive information and ideas for stories. Sam also spoke about *Ministry Matters*, a small-circulation magazine published by the *Anglican Journal*.

Moved by the Revd Alan T Perry, seconded by the Revd Canon Yves-Eugène Joseph, that privileges of the floor be extended to Richard Virr, Provincial Archivist.

Richard Virr spoke about the Anglican Archives Network, and the work of archives at the diocesan, provincial and national level.

Council moved to business.

Moved by Bishop Harvey, seconded by Josiah Noel that the motion be lifted from the table. Carried.

Be it resolved that the document "*Rules of Procedure For An Electoral College Summoned Pursuant*

to Canon II, Section 1 and Convened by Telecommunications” be rescinded and that the Officers be requested to propose changes to Canon II that would make such a procedure unnecessary in the future. (Harvey / Thoms)

Moved by Jim Sweeny, that “effective the commencement of Provincial Synod 2003” be added after “be rescinded” seconded by Yves-Eugene Joseph. Defeated.

Motion Carried 14-11-1.

Moved that the Provincial Council strike a committee to develop a sexual harassment policy for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. (Golden / Irish) Carried.

A committee was struck, including Shara Golden, Angelina Leggo, Gail Thoms, Katie Woodside and the Chancellor.

The treasurer spoke to the financial reports.

Moved that the financial statement for September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2002, be accepted. (Dryden / Sharpe) Carried.

Moved that the budget for 2003 to 2005, and the 2003 assessments be accepted. (Dryden / Sharpe) Carried.

Moved that the per kilometre rate of reimbursement for travel incurred on behalf of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada be the same as that established from time to time by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. (Dryden / Hockin) Carried.

Mr Dryden drew Council’s attention to the Constitution, Paragraph 3(18) regarding signing officers.

Bishop Stavert spoke about the upcoming in Quebec City, which will be held at Hotel Classique on Boul Laurier in Ste Foy, Sept 18-21, 2003.

The Prolocutor invited Rob Marsh to report on the work of the Church Army.

The Prolocutor invited Jim Sweeny to speak to a Member’s Concern regarding the scheduling of meetings and co-ordination with flight times. After much discussion, the matter was referred to the Officers.

Amanda Park, Justin Tucker and Katie Woodside spoke about the Youth perspective. They spoke of their appreciation for the youth role in Council and the support they felt from their dioceses. Angelina Leggo (not a youth delegate, though the youngest member present) thanked Council for the sensitivity in moving the meeting of Synod 2003 to accommodate the youth’s school schedules.

Moved that Council support an application for a programme grant from the Anglican Foundation for the diocese of Quebec to hold a community development project. (Stavert / Nelson) Carried.

The Courtesies Committee moved a vote of thanks:

- to the local arrangements committee;
- to the drivers who met us at the airport;
- to the Synod Office staff;
- to the organizers of the Winery Tour (Eric and Wendy Dryden);
- to Wendy Dryden and Sue Winn for their extra attention to detail;
- to the planners and participants in the service of installation on Thursday evening;
- to the dioceses for their reports;
- to the Dioceses of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and Labrador, Central Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, Fredericton and Western Newfoundland and Labrador for their leadership in daily worship;
- to the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and especially to the Revd Cathy Lee Cunningham for leadership in Bible Study;
- to Rod Roberts for his report;
- to Shara Golden for her presentation on Sexual Misconduct;
- to Ardyth Robinson and Wendy Dryden for their organization of snacks and of equipment;
- to the Holiday Inn staff for making us comfortable;
- to all members of Council for their gift of time;
- to the Bank of Montreal and the Diocesan Book Room for their contributions to the welcome packages;
- to Archdeacon Jim Boyles, Sam Carriere and Dr Richard Virr for their participation in our meeting;
- to Bishop Whitten for his vocal support;
- to the Diocese of Montreal for hosting Council;
- to the Officers of the Provincial Synod for facilitating the time here;
- to Archbishop Hutchison for his invitation to meet in Montreal, for his message on Thursday, and for his leadership.

(Thoms / Woodside)

Carried.

Archbishop Hutchison took the chair and noted that this is the last meeting of this Council, and expressed sincere thanks to all who have been part of the life of the Province. He announced that on January 24, 2003, 18:00 EST the Officers will meet for a teleconference. He asked that Council members complete evaluation forms.

Moved by Bishop Stavert, seconded unanimously that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.