

**The Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada**  
**September 22-25, 2005**  
**Rocky Harbour, Diocese of Western Newfoundland**  
**Minutes**

**Present:**

The Most Rev'd Bruce Stavert,(Qc), Metropolitan; The Rev'd Alan T. Perry(Mtl), Prolocutor; Charles Ferris(F'ton), Chancellor; Margaret Jenniex(CNF), Deputy Prolocutor; Eric Dryden (Mtl), Treasurer; The Rev'd Berdina Ford(CNF), Clerical Secretary; John Moores(WNF), Lay Secretary; The Right Rev'd Claude Miller(F'ton); The Right Rev'd Cyrus Pitman(ENL); The Right Rev'd Fred Hiltz(NSPEI); The Right Rev'd Susan Moxley(NSPEI); The Right Rev'd Percy Coffin(WNF);The Right Rev'd Barry Clarke(Mtl); The Rev David Torraville(CNF), Bishop Elect; The Venerable John Sharpe(F'ton); James McKenna(F'ton); Wayne Hamlin (NSPEI); Elizabeth Hutchinson(Mtl); The Rev. Canon Yves Joseph(Mtl); The Rev'd Michael Li (CNF); Winston Walters(CNF); The Rev'd Lorna Baird(Qc); Amanda Stephenson(Mtl); Joan Gibb(Qc); Rod Baker(ENL); The Rev'd William Strong(ENL); The Venerable Edward King (WNF); Douglas Beattie(WNF)

**Regrets:**

The Right Rev'd Edward Marsh(CNF); The Rev'd Katherine Bourbonniere(NSPEI); Dr. Richard Virr(Mtl), Archivist.

**Guests:**

Dr. Ellie Johnson, Acting General Secretary; The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Jackson; Captain Rob Marsh, Church Army Atlantic Director.

**Thursday, September 22**

The Opening Eucharist was held at St. Matthew's Church, Rocky Harbour. Council members were warmly welcomed by the Rector, The Rev'd John Olsson III.

The Provincial Council convened at Fisherman's Landing at 9:05 pm with a welcome by the Metropolitan, The Most Rev'd Bruce Stavert. A special welcome was extended to new members: The Rev'd David Torraville(CNF), Bishop Elect; The Rev'd Sue Moxley(NSPEI); Elizabeth Hutchinson(Mtl) who replaces Katherine Childs(Mtl); The Rev'd Lorna Baird(Qc) who replaces The Rev'd Douglas Painter(Qc); The Right Rev'd Barry Clarke(Mtl). Archbishop Stavert also welcomed Captain Rob Marsh of the Church Army.

The Clerical Secretary brought regrets from the Venerable Edward King who would arrive later due to commitments to transport a late arriving Council member from Deer Lake Airport, Joan Gibb(Qc).

Housekeeping: The Treasurer, Eric Dryden advised Council members of the process regarding payment for spouses who are in attendance.

**Motion 1:**

Moved: The Right Rev'd Barry Clarke(Mtl)  
Seconded: The Right Rev'd Claude Miller

That the Courtesy Committee for this Council meeting consist of The Rev'd David Torrville (CNF); Elizabeth Hutchinson(Mtl) and the Venerable John Sharpe(F'ton). Carried.

**Motion 2:**

Moved: Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI)  
Seconded: The Venerable John Sharpe(F'ton)

That the minutes of the last Council meeting, September 23-26, 2004(Gander) be adopted as circulated. Carried.

**Motion 3:**

Moved: The Right Rev'd Sue Moxley(NSPEI)  
Seconded: James McKenna(F'ton)

That the Reports be received as circulated. Carried.  
The Metropolitan advised that time has been allocated tomorrow for questions or comments on the reports.

The Metropolitan gave notice of the closing of Notices of Motion for Saturday at 10:45 am following the break.

Two Notices of motion were received.

The Metropolitan made reference to the ACPO Report and advised Council members to make corrections on page 1; Fredericton: Candidates Recommended - 2; Not recommended - 1; Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: Candidates Recommended - 2; Not Recommended - 1. The total Candidates Recommended - 12; Not recommended - 3.

The Metropolitan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

**Friday, September 23**

Council reconvened at 8:50 am with Morning Prayer led by the Diocese of Quebec.  
The Diocese of Central Newfoundland helped us focus our day with Bible Study.

The Metropolitan delivered his first Presidential Address.

The Prolocutor, The Rev'd Alan T. Perry, assumed the Chair and asked the Chancellor, Charles Ferris to speak to the Privacy Policy documents as circulated.

stated that the Diocese of Fredericton and the Diocese of Toronto have Privacy Policies and also noted there is no provincial legislation to protect personal information east of Quebec. Discussion ensued regarding the retention and storing of ACPO records. The intent was, also to create a model for dioceses.

**Motion 4:**

Moved: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

Seconded: The Rev'd Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

That this Council adopt the draft Privacy Policy as circulated, omitting section 5.1(c) and re-lettering 5.1(d),(e),(f) to (c),(d),(e) and that this Council direct the Executive to prepare guidelines for the Policy's implementation, noting particularly concerns about secure storage of information and the particular sensitivity of ACPO information. Carried.

The Metropolitan extended a welcome to Dr. Ellie Johnson and Geoff Jackson of the National Church.

The Metropolitan invited discussion and response to the Reports.

\*There was an acknowledgment of a general underlying theme in reports: decline in church attendance.

\*Bishop Fred Hiltz referenced the NSEI Report emphasizing their Leap for Faith Campaign and their hosting of the symposium on "Letting Down the Nets".

\*Bishop Barry Clarke offered an addition to the Montreal Diocesan Report. The Montreal Ministry Challenge geared towards young people who may discern a vocation to ordained ministry involved 8 people who were placed in supervised parishes for a process of theological reflection.

\* Concern raised on behalf of the Francophone community regarding the change of the Canadian church's name..... L'Eglise Anglicane du Canada.

\* The question was asked: Are there French and or aboriginal language materials and resources available on church documents including same-sex issues?

\* The Metropolitan extended thanks to the Diocese of Western Newfoundland which is responsible for the Provincial Prayer Care Cycle.

\*Archbishop Stavert advised that the Rev'd Randy Lockyer of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland has been appointed ACPO Secretary. It is expected that there will be two conferences again this year. Confirmation of location and dates will follow.

\* Bishop Cy Pitman, being the National ACPO Secretary, asked if the Province had any recommendations or concerns it would like addressed at the National meeting. The Council provided three items: (1) Stress the importance of pre- ACPO preparation / Postulant's Committees. (2) The retention and storing of information/records. What happens to them after the ACPO Weekend? (3) Consideration and/or discussion re: spouse attendance at ACPO weekend.

The Council adjourned after Mid-Day Prayer(F'ton) for the Bonne Bay Boat Tour.

Council gathered for Morning Prayer(NSPEI) and after Bible Study resumed the order of business.

The Metropolitan reminded Council members of the closure of Notices of Motion immediately following the mid-morning break.

**Presentations:**

Archbishop Stavert invited Geoff Jackson of the National Church to present an overview of “**Letting Down the Nets**”.

Context: In 1995, Ottawa, General Synod approved a new plan as to how to move ahead in the upcoming six years.”Preparing the Way” was adopted for use throughout the Canadian church. Litigation costs regarding the residential schools has escalated and effectually has drawn on the general funds of the church.

Three consultations were held in Spring 2001 with the focus being: “How do we address the financial situation we now face?”

Four Major Areas:

(1)It was agreed that General Synod needs to get back into **stewardship education and congregational development**.

A framework, “Letting Down the Nets,” was developed and adopted by General Synod 2004.

Steering Committee developed resource booklets for each parish:

(a) Serving God’s World/ Strengthening the Church and (b) Letting Down the Nets.

Through this program General Synod is committed to offering stewardship education and assistance to four dioceses. Thirteen dioceses have applied and fit in the criteria. The Committee is presently visiting the dioceses and will select three for the pilot project. The goal is to work in partnership with the dioceses to meet their goal.

A resource catalogue - Financial Development has been circulated to all parishes. Another recommended resource: “From Scarcity to Abundance” - David M. Ponting.

(2) **Proportionate Giving:** “Letting Down the Nets” will bring into focus increased coordination and implementation of stewardship programs at the diocesan level.

(3) The **Annual Appeals** of the National Church have been and continue to be very successful. An independent consultant, Lorna Summers, has been hired to provide an assessment on Annual and Planned Giving. At present there are four basic appeals: Anglican Appeal; PWRDF; Anglican Journal; and Anglican Foundation. A report is expected by late October or early November 2005.

(4) There exists a network of Gift Planning Consultants throughout the country. **Planned Giving** and **Major Gifts** is the other area of focus and it is hoped that in the long term every diocese would have its own Consultant. The role of the Consultant is to articulate, with a sense of vision, the responsibility of the parish as well as the diocese. There are two Planned Giving Consultants in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada; Kevin Smith and Charles O’Neil.

The Metropolitan announced the Closing of Notices of Motion.

The Prolocutor, the Rev'd Alan Perry, invited a presentation from the Right Rev'd Sue Moxley on the **Anglican Consultative Council**. The highlights of her presentation were:

- (a) Ecumenical dialogue continues between world faiths and Christian churches. Inclusiveness is important.
- (b) The point was made that we, in the church, need to dialogue with ourselves. Besides talking outside the communion we need to 'talk' and listen within.
- (c) Issues of justice were discussed. We are asked to review our support of companies and investments where equipment is used for the destruction of homes. (eg. Caterpillar)
- (d) Support of refugees continues to be a major concern where persons and communities have been displaced.
- (e) Learn to listen..... within and outside. Not a resolution-debate mentality but rather a clean communication with a willingness to be converted.
- (f) Human Sexuality involves concerns which are not necessarily limited to same sex issues. The acknowledgment of cultural differences with respect to the placement of women in society and their roles.
- (g) Intentional Evangelism is needed to impact the struggle against Aids in Africa, in particular.
- (h) How we live the partnership in relation to Companion Dioceses is very important. Not hand-outs but rather 'walking with.'
- (i) Obvious visibility of a present and organized force working to destroy the Anglican Communion for three reasons: (1) money,(2) power struggles,(3) conservatism - a desire to 'go back'.

Bishop Sue Moxley urged that the term 'Global South' not be used.

She corrected information in the September's issue of the Anglican Journal and stated that there was never a resolution to censure Canada from the ACC. In fact the Canadian delegation received a vote of thanks for their presence and for their presentation.

### **St. Michael Report:**

The Rev'd Alan Perry, Prolocutor provided an update. The Report of the Primate's Theological Commission has been prepared and published one year in advance of its requested deadline. The Primate has requested that dioceses and provinces read, study and reflect on the document. The St. Michael Report has been published in book form and on the website.

The Prolocutor made two very specific points:

(1) A variety of areas will need further study, amongst them, 'theological anthropology'..... what is it that makes us human? In other words there arises real questions about our human sexuality not just same sex issues.

(2) The Commission has stated that the blessing of same sex unions is a matter of doctrine though not 'creedal' or 'core' doctrine. The St. Michael Report leaves the reader with other constitutional questions which will need to be addressed later.

This item will be placed on the Agenda for the 2006 Provincial Synod. Copies of the Report will be sent to all delegates prior to Synod.

(1) Self-Determination for indigenous members of our church. In 1994 the Council proposed a vision: a National Indigenous Bishop. In August 2005 at the Sacred Circle meeting the Primate accepted the proposal and the implementation will begin with the aid of General Synod by way of bridge funding and support.

(2) Residential Schools: Dr. Johnson extended thanks to the dioceses who have been so faithful in their commitment to the Settlement Fund. The target was 25 million and 16 million has been raised thus far. Six and a half million has been paid out: Five and a half million has been paid to claims settled out of court. She provided a summary of claimants: 200 - Out of court claimants; 63- Alternative Dispute Resolution; 39 - Compensation process awaiting adjudication and 22- hearings are scheduled. The Government has hired an Advisor, Dr. Iacobucci, to negotiate an overall just settlement of the whole issue of residential schools with particular reference to systemic damages in the areas of language and culture. Retired General Secretary, The Venerable Jim Boyles has responsibilities in the area of litigation.

(3) Anglican Communion: In addition to the report of the ACC as given by Bishop Sue Moxley, Dr. Johnson stated the concern for unity was expressed at the Francophone meeting in July, 2005. Called by the Church of Nigeria there will be a gathering at Cairo in October, 2005. This is being dubbed a "South to South" Gathering and is not supported by the ACC.

(4) Governance: Arising out of General Synod in 2004, a working group was established with Archbishop David Crawley, Chair. It's mandate was to assess the work and purpose of General Synod. It has, however, determined that it would assess the whole church including diocesan as well as national structures. Episcopal oversight would be reviewed and alternatives might be included.

(5) In addition to the Long Term Financial Development which was earlier proposed by Geoff Jackson, Dr. Johnson quoted immediate financial issues and the repercussions for the National Church. A half million has been cut from the General Synod budget; staff have been laid off and overseas grants and grants to the Council of the North have ceased.

(6) Translation: General Synod Planning Committee has expressed concerns regarding translation of documents and reports. Dr. Johnson will present these concerns further to the House of Bishops asking for translators and a translation of material. This would ensure full participation for all regardless of language.

After Mid-day Prayer(ENL) Council members, following lunch, reconvened for a Question and Answer session on the presentations.

**Motion 5:**

Moved: The Rev'd Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

Seconded: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

That the Sexual Harassment Policy be amended:

1) changing the name of the policy to Sexual Misconduct Policy(Sexual Harassment and Assault replaced by Misconduct)

2) adding the term ‘sexual assault’ to the definition of ‘sexual misconduct’ by inserting it after the term ‘sexual harassment’ in paragraph 3.4.

3) changing the term ‘independent fact-finders’ to ‘investigators’ in Paragraph 6.2.5

4) changing section 9.0 to read “Updating and Reporting Process”

5) changing Paragraph 9.1 to Paragraph 9.2

6) inserting a new Paragraph 9.1 as follows:

9.1 The Prolocutor shall report on the use of this policy at each regular meeting of the Synod. The report shall include statistics on the number of complainants made pursuant to this policy since the last report, the number of complaints resolved and in what manner they were resolved. The report may include recommendations from the officers of the Synod regarding any proposals to modify this policy.

7) inserting a new Paragraph 9.3 as follows:

9.3 This policy may be amended by either the Provincial Synod or the Provincial Council.

#### *Rationale*

*Changes 1-3 will update our policy to keep it in line with the General Synod policy on which it is based. Changes 4-7 will create a reporting mechanism which will help to develop and maintain the institutional memory with respect to the existence and use of the policy, and will ensure that the Prolocutor, Executive and Council will review from time to time in the future.*

Carried.

The Metropolitan invited the Prolocutor, the Rev’d Alan Perry, to introduce the document re: ‘Frequency and Format of Council Meetings’.

This report was prepared as a result of the request from Provincial Council, 2004. In addition the Treasurer, Eric Dryden presented a cost analysis of Council/Synod meetings since the year 2000.

The group was divided into four groups to discuss these questions and to offer suggestions on the frequency and format of meetings:

- (1) What is the proper balance between work and fellowship, goal and relationship orientation?
- (2) What is the purpose of Provincial Synod/Council and is it being fulfilled?
- (3) How much money would be saved from holding shorter meetings, eg., two days?

The following is a summation of Group Reports:

Group sharing resulted in a wealth of commendations, suggestions and still more questions. How old is the purpose? Does Provincial Synod/Council need to do some visioning?

Sharing and unity were dominant themes: sharing of resources, eg. stewardship; sharing social and economic issues and common concerns; sharing information on health and insurance plans; for newcomers - taking time to share ones name and locale in the initial session(name tag is not enough); bible study - a wonderful way of sharing stories. The suggestion was made for provision of more time to identify commonalities in Diocesan Reports and thus lead to more interactive conversation. The Executive is striving towards uniformity of Certificates of Election and Ordination Certificates in the province.

Included in the purpose of Council/Synod was that of creating and encouraging a stronger sense of unity. Face to face meetings strengthen communication, facilitate discussion with ease and help build personal relationships. In this regard all groups noted the importance of meeting regularly once a year. The meeting of Council every 18 months between Synods may help financially..... BUT..... is it about monies? While other options were considered it was generally agreed that Council/Synod needs to meet once a year. The concern was expressed: If we reduce frequency we may lose time for sharing and fellowship. It was suggested that to change the time of year Council meets may be financially beneficial yet may not be practical or suitable.

It was stressed that a wise use of session time was important and most agreed there exists a good balance between work and fellowship. There were very positive comments regarding the opportunity for fellowship outside of business sessions. There was a recommendation for more opportunity to interact with the host community/diocese. There was a welcome comment regarding the high percentage of worship on the agenda. This helps us keep our focus.

Council/Synod also encourages the spreading of a network of information. Reports keep us in tune with issues in the Province. The question was asked: Is there a consistent means of Diocesan reporting? The Executive was commended for listening to concerns addressed at last year's Council meeting. To that effect, specific questions were addressed to each diocese to be included in reports. The point made was that all need to be on board; response and cooperation is needed.

The Province acts as a link between National Church and dioceses. The presence and reporting of General Synod staff was commended. It was also suggested that the House of Bishops might share items of particular interest to Council.

Focus on specific items would facilitate in depth discussion. Group discussions are most helpful when each consists of a 'mixed bag.' One group stated the need for more focus in relation to purpose while another suggested the benefits of a keynote speaker and a theme presentation. It was also stated that presentations are helpful especially if they pose a challenge.



Recommendations for further discussion: St. Michael Report; Change of Name for the Canadian Church; Program to monitor Financial Development around the Province.

Final comments from Groups:

‘We need to strengthen what we have rather than eliminate.’

‘What are we doing with our time?’

‘We need to look at our purpose, to make it clear as to why we have gathered.’

‘The Church at all levels is facing financial restraint..... think about it!’

‘Don’t take away from what we are already doing;

if anything we need to add to what we do; to be more helpful to the dioceses we serve.’

‘Ministry is relational.’

The Metropolitan invited Greetings from our guests and partners.

Captain Rob Marsh expressed thanks for the invitation to attend the Council meeting and the opportunity to report on the work and ministry of Church Army. He circulated a report. Of notable interest is the provision this Fall of two missions in our Province: a parish mission in Botwood, CNF and a youth mission in Blackville, F’ton. The Church Army National Conference will be held July 2006 in Saint John, NB in conjunction with the Church Army Annual International Conference.

Geoff Jackson brought reflections on his experience of this session of Provincial Council. He was pleased to be present and hear the dialogue and made some suggestions regarding Diocesan reporting. The Executive was commended for its flexibility in the agenda and the free time offered. He encouraged continued sharing for the benefit of strengthening the church and its mission.

Dr. Ellie Johnson expressed thanks for this new experience and commended the Council to be cognizant of re-visioning. She stated that the appointment of General Secretary is expected to take place in November.

**Motion 6:**

Moved: Charles Ferris(F’ton)

Seconded: The Rev’d Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

That the Council request the Executive to review the rules of order and present recommendations to Synod in 2006. Carried.

**Motion 7:**

Moved: The Right Rev’d Sue Moxley(NSPEI)

Seconded: The Right Rev’d Percy Coffin(WNF)

Given the importance of water in our dioceses; That the Province of Canada support the KAIROS Canada Water Campaign for 2005-2006, and encourage dioceses and parishes to use resource materials available from [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org). Carried.

**Motion 8:**

Moved: The Right Rev'd Fred Hiltz(NSPEI)  
Seconded: The Right Rev'd Percy Coffin(WNF)

That this Provincial Council commend the privacy Policy(adopted at its meeting of September 2005) for consideration and adoption by each of the dioceses within the Province. Carried.

**Motion 9:**

Moved: The Rev'd Canon Yves Joseph(Mtl)  
Seconded: Amanda Stephenson(Mtl)

Given the importance of the French name of our Church and for the effective ministry of our Church to Francophones; and given the situation in which the french name of our Church was changed almost 15 years ago;

Be it resolved that this Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, in support of French ministry in Canada and the Francophone network of the Anglican Communion, encourage all diocesan synods of our Ecclesiastical Province and Provincial Synod to send memorials to General Synod supporting the change of the French name of our Church from L'Eglise Anglicane du Canada to L'Eglise Episcopale du Canada. Carried. (*One absention*)

Concerning Motion # 9, Archbishop Stavert requested a background statement from Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal. This statement to be available at the Provincial Synod in 2006.

The Prolocutor presented a schedule of meetings as follows:

Synod	2006	Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
Council	2007	Fredericton
Council	2008	Quebec
Synod	2009	Central Newfoundland
Council	2010	Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
Council	2011	Montreal
Synod	2012	Western Newfoundland

Rationale: 2008 - 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quebec City  
2010 - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Halifax Cathedral/ 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anglican worship in Nova Scotia/ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diocesan Centre.  
2011 - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Provincial Synod \* (Joint Session with Ontario(?))

Financial Report: Eric Dryden, Treasurer presented the Financial Statements, the Budget and Assessment allocation for 2006.

**Motion 10:**

Moved: Eric Dryden(Mtl)  
Seconded: Douglas Beattie(WNF)

That the Financial Statements and budget including the proposed 2006 assessments be accepted. Carried.

**Motion 11:**

Moved: Elizabeth Hutchinson(Mtl)

Seconded: The Venerable John Sharpe(F'ton)

That this Vote of Thanks by the Courtesies Committee be accepted. Carried.

The Courtesies Committee being the Rev. David Torraville(CNF), Elizabeth Hutchinson(Mtl) and the Venerable John Sharpe(F'ton) offered a vote of thanks to:

- Archbishop Bruce Stavert and members of the Executive for their careful preparation of the meeting, provision of documents and helpful guidance in the discussions. Also to Eric Dryden's wife, Wendy, for her help in entering Provincial data in the computer - much appreciated.
- Bishop Percy Coffin and the Diocese of Western Newfoundland for their hearty welcome and especially the Venerable Ed King and all the members of the local arrangements committee - those who welcomed us and those who drove us from the airport as well as to church and to Norris Point for the boat trip; for their hospitality in the evenings and to all who contributed by music and dance.
- The Rev. Canon John Olsson III and the Parish of Bonne Bay North for the Opening Eucharist in the Church of St. Matthew, Rocky Harbour, the organist, choir members as well as the Rev'd James Pratt and choir from Cow Head.
- All the members of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Norris Point, for their welcome to the closing Eucharist and lunch there.
- All who led us in prayer and Bible Study - Morning Prayer - Quebec and Nova Scotia & PEI, Midday Prayer - Fredericton and Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, Compline-Montreal and Bible Study - Central Newfoundland.
- Presenters and Partners: The Rev'd Canon Geoff Jackson; The Right Rev'd Sue Moxley; Dr. Ellie Johnson; The Rev'd Alan T. Perry; and Captain Rob Marsh (Church Army) all of whom enlightened us on a variety of subjects and brought to our deliberations a fresh perspective from beyond our borders.
- All involved in the Bonne Bay Boat Tour - Captain Shane Hines, Dora Fudge and Bill Taylor, our most imaginative tour guide.
- The staff at Fisherman's Landing for their warm welcome, comfortable lodging, good food and their care for our well being.
- To all participants for your involvement in a successful meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm on a motion by Amanda Stephenson.(Mtl).

The Diocese of Montreal led us in Compline.

Holy Eucharist was held on Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Norris Point.