

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
Forty-fourth Provincial Synod

September 21-24, 2006

St. John's, Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

Minutes

Thursday, September 21

Following the Executive Meeting including a review of the Agenda, a total of 78 persons registered; 5 guests and 73 delegates.

Present: The Most Rev'd Bruce Stavert (Qc), Metropolitan; The Rev'd Alan T. Perry(Mtl), Prolocutor; Margaret Jenniex (CNF), Deputy Prolocutor; Charles Ferris(F'ton), Chancellor; Eric Dryden(Mtl), Treasurer; The Rev'd Berdina Ford(CNF), Clerical Secretary; John Moores (WNF), Lay Secretary; The Rev'd. Lorna Baird(Qc); The Rev'd Donald Hinton(Qc); The Ven. Rodney Clark(Qc); The Very Rev'd Walter Raymond(Qc); Joan Gibb(Qc); Anne Chapman(Qc); Cecily Hinton(Qc); Kerry Dickson(Qc) Royder Rutihinda(Qc); The Right Rev'd Barry Clarke (Mtl); The Rev'd Edward Simonton(Mtl); The Rev'd Kay Richardson(Mtl); The Rev;d Stephen Petrie(Mtl); The Ven. James Bennett(Mtl); Ernestina Oppong(Mtl); David Eramian(Mtl), Synod Assessor; Velma Jones Tudor(Mtl); Linden Rogers(Mtl); Amanda Stephenson(Mtl); The Right Rev'd David Torraville(CNF); The Rev'd Perry Cooper(CNF); The Rev'd John Watton(CNF); The Rev'd Michael Li(CNF); Ruby Lockhart(CNF); Winston Walters(CNF); Tom Lambert (CNF); Jeffrey Roberts(CNF); The Right Rev'd Percy Coffin(WNF); The Rev'd James Pratt (WNF); The Rev'd Roberta Woodman(WNF); The Rev'd Duncan Granter(WNF); The Rev'd Edmund Laldin(WNF); Robert Mesher(WNF); Matthias Osborne(WNF); Elsie Fudge(WNF); Erica Sheppard(WNF); The Right Rev'd Claude Miller(F'ton); The Rev'd Canon William MacMullin(F'ton); The Rev'd Canon Albert Snelgrove(F'ton); The Rev'd Capt. David Edwards (F'ton); The Very Rev'd Keith Joyce(F'ton); Jean Hamilton(F'ton); David Watts(F'ton); Shara Golden(F'ton); Christopher Ketch(F'ton); Cecil VanBuskirk(F'ton); The Right Rev'd Cyrus Pitman(ENL); The Rev'd John Courage(ENL); The Rev'd Shawn Samson(ENL); The Rev'd Roger Whelan(ENL); The Rev'd James Eveleigh(ENL); Kay Woodward(ENL); Rick Olsen (ENL); Wilson Peddle(ENL); Herb Dowden(ENL); Jeffrey Petten(ENL); The Right Rev'd Fred Hiltz(NSPEI); The Ven. John Clarke(NSPEI); The Rev'd Cathy Lee Cunningham(NSPEI); The Rev'd Dianne Parker(NSPEI); The Rev'd Matthew Sponagle(NSPEI); Judy Carpenter(NSPEI); Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI); Roy Newcombe(NSPEI); Mark Nicolle(NSPEI); Jennifer Schwartz (NSPEI); Mr. Rhodie Mercer(ENL), Synod Assessor; The Right Rev'd Victoria Matthews (Chair), Primates Theological Commission; The Ven. Michael Pollesel(General Secretary); The Rev'd Canon Linda Nicholls(National Church); Captain Robert Marsh(Church Army); The Ven. Dennis Drainville, (Qc).

Following dinner all were transported to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist where the Metropolitan gave the Presidential Address.

Friday, September 22

Morning Devotions were led by the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

Synod convened at 8:42 am. The Metropolitan, Archbishop Bruce Stavert, welcomed all and introduced the Chancellor, Charles Ferris and Shara Golden both of the Diocese of Fredericton. The Chancellor and Ms. Golden gave an overview of two documents: Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedure and Privacy Policy. Consent forms were distributed and all members of Synod were invited to sign these documents which were then returned to the Prolocutor who is responsible for their safe-keeping. A general discussion followed.

Greetings and best wishes came via VHS from the Primate, The Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison.

The Metropolitan extended a warm welcome to all, to the new members of Synod; to our guests, The Venerable Michael Pollesel, General Secretary and the Rev. Canon Linda Nicholls, National Church, Coordinator for Dialogue; Captain Robert Marsh, Church Army; The Venerable Dennis Drainville(Diocese of Quebec); Mr. Rhodie Mercer, Synod Assessor and the Rev. Douglas Barrett (Visitor).

Regrets were received from the Right Rev. Susan Moxley,(NSPEI).

The Metropolitan invited directions and housekeeping from the Rev. Shawn Samson, Chair, Local Arrangements Committee.

Motion 1:

With the Prolocutor, the Rev. Alan T. Perry, Chair, it was moved by Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI) and seconded by David Watts(F'ton) that the sessional committees be named as follows:

Agenda: Provincial Executive

Nominating: Duncan Granter(WNF); Anne Chapman(Qc); Shawn Samson(ENL); James Bennett(Mtl) Michael Li(CNF); David Edwards(F'ton); Judy Carpenter(NSPEI)

Courtesies: Winston Walters(CNF); Albert Snelgrove(F'ton); Roberta Woodman(WNF); Joan Gibb(Qc).

Resolutions: Provincial Executive and Synod Assessors: Rhodie Mercer; David Eramian.

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Scrutineers: Dennis Drainville; Dianna Stavert; Wendy Dryden

Motion Carried.

Motion 2:

With one spelling correction, "Morell", it was moved by the Venerable Keith Joyce(F'ton) and seconded by the Rev. James Pratt(WNF) that the 2003 Synod Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 3:

Moved by Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI) and seconded by Amanda Stephenson(Mtl) that Council Minutes of 2004 be adopted as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

Motion 4:

Moved by David Eramian(Mtl) and seconded by Joan Gibb(Qc) that Council Minutes of 2005 be adopted as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

Motion 5:

Moved by Dianne Parker(NSPEI) and seconded by Judy Carpenter(NSPEI) to accept the Reports as circulated. **Motion Carried.**

The Prolocutor called attention to the Notices of Motion circulated prior to Synod and invited others.

The Chancellor provided clarification regarding the proposed Rules of Order and gave notice of a change to the proposed Rules in the Notice of Motion, that Section 3(b) would read: *“Such committees shall consist of at least two clerical and two lay delegates representing at least four dioceses.”*

The Prolocutor invited the Venerable Michael Pollesel, General Secretary, to speak.

The role of the General Secretary was accented and his willingness to listen and share since this was a recent appointment for him. Key issues facing the Church at all levels this time are: resources, viability and vision. With the Residential Schools Settlement and the commitment the churches have already made comes a deeper commitment to Healing and Reconciliation as part of the process. He spoke also of the necessity sometimes of moving out of comfort zones and that which is familiar to us. The issue of the blessing of same sex unions is one among many issues which will come before General Synod in Winnipeg in 2007.

The National Church has undertaken staff reductions and has planned a shorter General Synod in an effort to reduce the National Church deficit. The Governance Task Force is in place and is expected to report to COGS prior to General Synod. The General Secretary offered these questions for group discussion.

1. What are some of the issues the church needs to address at this time in history?
2. Do these issues call you out of your personal comfort zone and why?
3. How can General Synod help you through your discomfort?
4. What questions or comments do you have for the staff at General Synod?

Motion 6:

Moved by: Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

That Canon V Discipline and the Court of Appeal be amended as follows:

- 1) Section 3(1), change "section 6" to "section 5";
- 2) Section 3(2), change "section 4" to "section 3";
- 3) Section 4(1), change "section 8" to "section 7";
- 4) Section 4(5)(a), change "section 3" to "section 2".

Motion Carried.

Motion 7:

Moved by: Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

That Canon IV The Licensing of clergy be amended changing section 3(3)(c) to read:

“(i)(to be declared by priests, deacons and suffragan, coadjutor and assistant bishops) I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of _____ and to his/her successors in all legal and honest demands;”

“(ii)(to be declared by diocesan bishops) I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Metropolitan of Canada and to his/her successors in all legal and honest demands.”

Motion Carried.

Motion 8:

Moved by: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

Seconded by: Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

That the Constitution of the Synod of the Province of Canada be amended, replacing the Rules of Order as presented to this Synod.

Motion Carried.

Mid Day Prayer was led by the Diocese of Quebec. In the afternoon members of Synod, spouses and guests enjoyed a visit to “The Rooms” and Government House followed by a Dinner Cruise on St. John’s Harbour.

Saturday, September 23

Synod reconvened on Saturday morning at 8:30 am following Morning Prayer led by the Diocese of Fredericton.

The Metropolitan introduced the Rev. Dr Canon John Mellis, Provost of Queen’s College who led us through a Bible Study based on the Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

Themes emphasized were: Transformation through Invitation; Discipleship; Inclusion/Exclusion.

Archbishop Stavert welcomed The Right Reverend Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Edmonton and Chair of the Primate’s Theological Commission and the Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer, member of the

Commission, who gave a presentation and overview of the St. Michael Report. Table Group Exercises and Group Sharing ensued.

Following is a composite report from all groups.

Exercise # 1: Discussion: Core doctrine and Adiaphora doctrine. Eight groups reported.

DOCTRINE	Core	Adiaphora	Split/Undecided
Incarnation	8		
Holy Spirit	8		
Holy Eucharist	4	2	2
Baptism	5	1	2
Ordination		5	3
Full Communion with Lutherans		8	
Atonement	8		
Absolution	6	1	1
Virgin Birth of Jesus	7		1
Salvation	8		
Anointing for Healing		8	
Confirmation		8	
Private Confession		8	
Holy Matrimony	1	7	
Blessing of a Home		8	
Consecration of a Church		8	
Holy Trinity	8		
God the Father	8		
Doctrine of Creation	8		
Intercession of the Saints	1	7	
Mary, her role		1	7
Blessing of people		8	

Exercise # 2:

Groups were asked to consider what is necessary to salvation and how that is supported in Christian living. The group responses focused on the doctrines of incarnation and the Holy Trinity as well as confession. Jesus makes atonement for our sins and by our repentance and God's grace we receive forgiveness and salvation. By the death and resurrection of Christ we are saved through his redeeming blood. This is all the work of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the greatest gift of love is ours. Then, saved by grace, we are encouraged to live out our baptismal covenant in the following ways: stewardship; justice; servant ministry; unity; outreach; worship; love; study and reading of scriptures; prayer; fellowship; evangelism. Our personal faith response

will reflect how we live in today's world.

Exercise # 3: Where do you individually or as a group place the blessing of same sex unions? How does Scripture, tradition and reason support your decision?

Do you agree with the St. Michael Report (ie) that the blessing of same sex unions is doctrinal?

These are the various group responses:

- * The blessing of same sex unions is adiaphora doctrine, but not a matter of salvation.
- Doctrine, but not core and not necessary to salvation.
- Doctrine of Salvation - red herring to discussion.
- God's love is inclusive.
- Blessing involves something of the nature of God so it is not different
- Don't want to call it marriage too quickly.
- Issue of marriage very dependent on culture.
- Holy Matrimony is 'core' and expressive of the affirmations of scripture which includes our sexuality.
- All sexual intimacy/intercourse outside the boundaries of Holy Matrimony is sin(sinful) according to scripture. Therefore, the blessing of same sex unions is not in accordance with God's order given to us in Holy Scripture.
- When General Synod decides that this is Core doctrine or NOT we suggest that this house memorialize General Synod recommending that the discussion deserve two thirds majority at two consecutive synods to pass.
- We need NOT discuss whom we should marry but which marriages we should bless.
- We should cease being unpaid civil ministers and STOP providing for the state. We should instead be a church that blesses those who have been civilly married
- Matrimony or unity with another is never a requirement for salvation.
- Need more teaching/dialogue around issues of human sexuality and doctrine.
- What do we mean by blessing? Church approval/God's approval/ bestowal of grace???
- The Church is not a static tradition but one that is always working out the details.....
- soldiering on!

Following this session the Prolocutor assumed the Chair.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by the Venerable James Bennett.

Motion 9:

Moved by: Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI)

Seconded by: Barry Clarke(Mtl)

That the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as follows:

Provincial Executive: Prolocutor: The Rev. Alan T. Perry(Mtl); Prolocutor: Margaret Jenniex (CNF), Deputy Prolocutor; The Rev. Berdina Ford (CNF) Clerical Secretary; John Moores (WNF), Lay Secretary; Eric Dryden(Mtl), Treasurer.

Provincial Council: The Rev'd Michael Li(CNF); The Rev'd John Watton(CNF); Winston

Walters(CNF); Tom Lambert(CNF); The Rev'd Roger Whalen(ENL); The Rev'd James Eveliegh(ENL); Rick Olsen(ENL); Kay Woodward(ENL); The Rev'd James Pratt(WNF); The Rev'd Roberta Woodman(WNF); Robert Mesher(WNF); Matthias Osborne(WNF); The Very Rev'd Keith Joyce(F'ton); The Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove(F'ton); Cecil VanBuskirk(F'ton); Jean Hamilton(F'ton); The Rev'd Lorna Baird(Qc); The Ve. Rodney Clark(Qc); Joan Gibb(Qc); Cecily Hinton(Qc); The Ven. James Bennett(Mtl); The Rev'd Stephen Petrie(Mtl); Amanda Stephenson(Mtl); David Eramian(Mtl); The Ven. John Clarke(NSPEI); The Rev'd Dianne Parker(NSPEI); Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI); Judy Carpenter(NSPEI). **Motion Carried.**

Ballots were distributed for Election of youth to Provincial Council.

The Metropolitan brought attention to the ACPO Report. Two ACPO conferences were held, one in Central Newfoundland and the other in Halifax. Recommendations are forthcoming and are included in the reports. General concern addressed in the area of ACPO records and privacy.

The Metropolitan announced the result of the election of youth members of Provincial Council: Jeffrey Petten(ENL); Jennifer Schwartz(NSPEI) and Tina Oppong(Mtl).

The Rev. Canon Linda Nicholls then addressed the Synod. She is the Coordinator for Dialogue on Ethics, Interfaith Relations and Congregational Development at the National Church level. She gave an overview of her work and the work of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee.

Multi-cultural challenges and interfaith issues belong to all of us. Relationship/Theology of Religion/Diocesan Interfaith Officers/Congregational Development are of importance to all of us. With a focus on Congregational Development, a National Symposium "Nurturing Healthy Parishes" will be held in March 2007. Bishops will be asked to appoint two persons from each diocese to participate. Encouragement, sharing of good news and increased spiritual development are all key to growth and healthy parishes.

Motion 10:

Moved by: James Bennett(Mtl)

Seconded by: Joan Gibb(Qc)

That the ballots be destroyed.

Motion Carried.

Motion 11:

Moved by: Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris(F'ton)

That this Synod memorialize the General Synod with respect to the legislation awaiting second reading as follows:

"The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada concurs with the amendment to Canon XVII given first reading at General Synod 2004, and awaiting second reading in 2007, as printed in the

Handbook of the General Synod, 14th Edition, in Appendix L, page 157.” **Motion Carried.**

Rationale for Motion # 11: The Synods of the Dioceses of Montreal and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island sent memorials to the general Synod meeting of 2001, following changes to the Canon and Licensing of Clergy (Canon XVII) in 1998, to raise a series of concerns regarding the imbalance of power and potential risks to the fair treatment of clergy under the Canon. A follow up motion was taken to the General Synod meeting of 2001, resulting in amendments given first reading in 2004. These amendments must be presented for second reading in 2007 following consultation with the dioceses and provinces. This motion and memorial are the mechanism for consultation with the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The amendments presented in 2004 accomplish three things:

- 1) They specify (though without limitation) circumstances in which the revocation of a license might be used.
- 2) They prohibit the use of this provision as an expedient way of bypassing the protections of the accused in a disciplinary matter, which must instead be pursued under Canon XVIII;
- 3) They flesh out procedures for arbitration regarding severance pay.

Motion 12:

Moved by: Alan T. Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (F’ton)

That this Synod memorialize the General Synod with respect to legislation awaiting second reading as follows:

“The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada concurs with the amendment to the Declaration of Principles given first reading at General Synod 2004, and awaiting second reading in 2007, as printed in the Handbook of the General Synod, 14th Edition, in Appendix L, page 158.” **Motion Carried.**

Rationale for Motion # 12: Following the adoption of the Waterloo Declaration of Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, amendments to the Constitutions and Canons of the General Synod were drafted, to give effect to the provisions for licensing Lutheran clergy in Anglican parishes or other ministries. Two of these amendments affected the Declaration of Principles, and thus require two readings to come into effect. These amendments must be presented for second reading in 2007 following consultation with the dioceses and provinces. This motion and memorial are the mechanism for consultation with the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The Metropolitan invited the Rev. Canon Edmund Laldin to speak on the work and ministry of the Anglican Foundation. After the sudden death last July of the Rev. Canon John Erb, John Wright was appointed as Executive Director. The speaker reviewed the work of the Foundation and its focus in areas such as theological education, rebuilding and restoration of church properties.

The Metropolitan invited the Right Rev. Fred Hiltz to speak to us regarding present issues in

theological education. Concerns have been raised at the House of Bishops' level. Competency of ordained persons, the roles of priests, how they may best serve, the need for appropriate training and theological education are ongoing concerns. Conversation continues regarding the need to develop a national core curriculum. Group sharing focused on questions such as

- 1) "What competencies and skills are important and necessary for a priest in the Church?"
- 2) "What qualities or gifts of the spirit do you see as essential in the life of a priest?"

Ordination of a Priest; "The Examination", p. 646, Book of Alternative Services was used as the basis of our discussion. Members of Synod were divided in groups by order: bishops/clergy/laity. Ordinal Reflection Feedback as follows:

- Clergy need to be trained to share gifts of ministry and use all resources to the best of their ability.
- Youth don't care about boundaries.....be aware of this!
- Share duties with others- empower people and delegate.
- Relax and have a good sense of humour.
- Have a thick skin.
- Admit to weakness- know your limits.
- Learn what is going on around you.
- Develop good leadership and communication skills.
- Be a good listener.
- Be approachable and flexible.
- Be energetic
- Know and practice empathy.
- Develop a sound theology and be passionate about spirituality.
- Be confident in your faith.
- Be a person of prayer.
- Be open to diverse aspects of Anglicanism(Low-High)
- Be a teacher of continued education.
- Invest in personal relationships.
- Develop pastoral skills.
- Know the scriptures.
- Humility.
- Honesty and transparency.
- Discerning leadership.
- Self-care, understand the concert of Sabbath.
- Need a servant heart.
- Understand that you are accountable.
- Trustworthy in confidentiality.
- Be authentic in loving people.
- Compassionate/patient.
- Make time for life outside the church.
- Openness and engagement of continuing education.

- Vocation needs to be affirmed.
- Know your ministry is not a job but a calling.
- Relate to and use modern media.
- Joy/vitality/ academic qualifications.
- Seminary formation important.
- Self-value.
- Relate theology to praxis.
- Collegiality with other clergy and laity.
- Balance teaching skill and charisma.
- Scholarship and professionalism.
- Be a wholesome example.
- Identify specific skill sets.
- Experiment.
- Spiritual/social and personal maturity.

Archbishop Stavert invited reflections from the Rev. Canon Eric Beresford, President of the Atlantic School of Theology. He stated that Theological Education is a task and ministry of the whole church. He commented further that as the challenges of ministry become greater it is important not to take short cuts though different pathways may be taken. The Church and theological schools are called to be in partnership with one another.

Motion 13:

Moved by: Fred Hiltz(NSPEI)

Seconded by: Dianne Parker(NSPEI)

That this Provincial Synod endorse the establishment of a Commission on Theological Education for the Province of Canada, the membership to be determined through the office of the Metropolitan; and further that the said Commission make a report of its initial work to the 2007 meeting of the Provincial Council.

Motion Carried.

The Metropolitan invited reflections from guests of Provincial Synod: Captain Rob Marsh, Bishop Victoria Matthews, The Venerable Michael Pollesel, The Venerable Dennis Drainville, The Rev. Canon Linda Nicholls.

Motion 14:

Moved by: Barry Clarke(Mtl)

Seconded by: Dianne Parker(NSPEI)

That this Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada send a memorial to General Synod to encourage changing CANON 1, re the name of the Church in French from “L’Eglise Anglicane du Canada” to “L’Eglise Episcopale du Canada.” **Motion Defeated.**

Motion 15:

Moved by: Velma Jones Tudor(Mtl)

Seconded by: Anne Chapman(Qc)

That this Synod request the secretaries to provide a list of delegates by Diocese to the members of Synod at the registration of the next meeting of Synod.. **Motion Carried.**

Motion 16:

Moved by: Edmund Laldin(WNF)

Seconded by: Alan T. Perry(Mtl)

This Provincial Synod resolves:

To encourage the dioceses of the Province of Canada to engage in Interfaith Dialogue.

To form and mandate a committee to assist the dioceses through the dissemination of information and resources.

To send a memorial to General Synod to emphasize the importance of Interfaith Dialogue.

To allocate Provincial budget of \$500 for committee communication. **Motion Carried.**

Motion 17:

Moved by: Christopher Ketch(F'ton)

Seconded by: William MacMullin(F'ton)

That this Provincial Synod memorialize the General Synod;
that we encourage the adoption of the St. Michael Report by General Synod. **Motion Carried.**

Motion 18:

Moved by: David Watts(F'ton)

Seconded by: Margaret Jenniex(CNF)

That this Synod send a memorial regarding the future of the Anglican Journal and diocesan newspapers to the Council of General Synod, with copies to the National Financial Management Development Committee, the special task force on budgeting of the Council of General Synod, the Prioritized Operation Plan(POP) working group, and to Rob Towler, President of the Anglican Journal Board, Leanne Larmondin, Editor, Anglican Journal, and Vianney Carriere, Director of Communications, Anglican Church of Canada.:

.....we affirm the important contribution made by the Anglican Journal and diocesan papers to the life and unity of the Anglican Church of Canada.

.....we recognize and endorse the character of the Anglican Journal as defined in its charter as a newspaper with editorial independence.

.....noting that these publications provide an essential service in connecting Anglicans on the local,

provincial and national levels and beyond. We are concerned about their future viability. Special attention must be drawn to the unique nature of diocesan media vehicles when consideration of funding cuts to the national newspaper is undertaken, with every possible effort made to ensure the continuation of operations at or close to present levels in terms of the number of issues, size of issue, maintenance of the mailing grant and otherwise.

Motion Carried.

The Treasurer, Eric Dryden presented the Financial Report and Budget.

Motion 19:

Moved by: Eric Dryden(Mtl)

Seconded by: Wayne Hamlin(NSPEI)

That the Financial Statement and Budget be accepted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 20:

Moved by: Joan Gibb(Qc)

Seconded by: Roberta Woodman(WNF)

That this Vote of Thanks by the Courtesies Committee(Winston Walters, Albert Snelgrove, Joan Gibb, Roberta Woodman) be expressed to:

- our God who draws us together and calls us to ministry in His name.
- all members of Synod for their willingness to be her and participate.
- all non-members who were here to help or facilitate in any capacity.
- the Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, the Right Reverend Cyrus Pitman, the Local Arrangements Committee and its Chairperson, the Rev'd Shawn Samson, for their efforts to make every moment we spent in St. John's, Harbour and All, enjoyable.
- the CLB Band and the Atlantic Ocean Dinner Cruises for a memorable evening.
- the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's, Brendan O'Brien, for his reflection on and encouragement of ecumenism.
- the drivers, paid and unpaid, for their services.
- the Executive, for the time members put into the preparation of this gathering from the biggest issues to the smallest details.
- our Chancellor, Mr. Charles Ferris, for his advice to the President of this Synod.
- all who led worship, especially Jeffrey Petten, for using his musical gift.
- the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, the Dean, the Very Rev'd Josiah Noel, and all who contributed to an evening of worship and fellowship for our opening service.
- the Rev'd Dr. Canon John Mellis for his inspiring and challenging Bible Study.
- the Venerable Michael Pollesel, General Secretary of the General Synod, for his challenge to break free of our comfort zones.
- the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Edward Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, and Taffy, the

- dog, for their hospitality and reception at Government House.
- the Rev. Canon Linda Nicholls for her presence among us and for sharing on the work of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee and Church House.
- Mrs. Shara Golden and Chancellor Charles Ferris for their presentation on Sexual Misconduct and Privacy Policy.
- Captain Rob Marsh of the Church Army for his continuous presence among us and his report on Church Army.
- the Hotel staff(administration, kitchen, cleaning, etc) for their diligence in responding to our requests.
- all members of the committees of the House.
- the Most Rev'd Andrew Hutchison, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, for his words of greeting and encouragement via video, for preparation of General Synod 2007.
- the ACWS for looking after our bottoms with comfy pillows.
- the Diocesan Resource Centre of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador for availability of books and resources.
- the Right Rev'd Fred Hiltz and the Rev. Canon Beresford for their important sharing and reflection on theological education.
- the Rev'd Edmund Laldin for his informative report on the Anglican Foundation.
- the Rev'd John Watton for his technical support.
- the Right Rev'd Victoria Matthews and the Rev'd Dr. Joanne Mercer, for their wisdom, leadership and clarity in presenting an overview of the St. Michael Report and involving us in a process of discernment.
- the Most Rev'd Bruce Stavert, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, for his address and his leadership during this Synod.
- and those whom we have forgotten, do thou, O Lord, remember!

Motion Carried.

The Metropolitan expressed a sincere thank you to the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador for their hospitality.

Synod adjourned at 9:35 pm by Christopher Ketch(F'ton).