

**ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA  
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 23-26, 2010  
Cavendish, Prince Edward Island**

**DAILY DIGEST FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**EUCCHARIST** – The day’s proceedings began with a celebration of the eucharist, presided over by the metropolitan, the Most Rev’d Claude Miller.

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Ellie Johnson, the retired director of Partnerships for the Anglican Church of Canada, led the first of her discussions on the Provincial Council’s theme, “Marked by Mission.” Highlighting the Anglican Communion’s Five Marks of Mission, she stressed the need for those in the church to be agents of change, to discern the signs of the Holy Spirit’s activity, and to participate in God’s mission in the world and locally.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS** – Several of the executive officers of the province’s dioceses gathered for a separate meeting immediately prior to the meeting of Provincial Council, and reported back to council. This was the first-ever such meeting of the province’s executive officers, and was deemed worthwhile. After becoming acquainted, they compared their roles in their respective dioceses. Among the issues specifically discussed were Safe Churches policies and questions concerning insurance. The executive officers may meet again.

**MEMORIAL** – Provincial Council received the following memorial from the diocesan synod of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland:

*That this Synod send a memorial to Provincial Synod and Provincial Council to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our church by re-evaluating the provincial structure and consider any changes that would accomplish this, including the transferring of part of the provincial power and authority and/or part of provincial legislative authority to General Synod.*

**NOTICES OF MOTION** – Three notices of motion were received:

1. *That Provincial Council not meet in 2011; that a provincial “event” that will further God’s mission be funded to a maximum of \$40,000 from the Province of Canada September 2010-August 2011 budget; that Provincial Synod 2012 consider a resolution to make this a regular pattern (i.e. Synod, Provincial Council, Provincial Event). (Mover: Bishop Sue Moxley; Seconder: Bishop Ron Cutler)*
2. *That the Governance Working Group of the Province of Canada bring a proposal to reduce the number of members of the Provincial Council and Synod, in all orders, by half. (Mover: Bishop Sue Moxley; Seconder: Bishop David Torraville)*

3. *That this Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada ask the Metropolitan of Canada to appoint three individuals to examine possible changes to the constitution and/or canons of the Ecclesiastical Province regarding the membership and structure of Provincial Synod and Provincial Council. (Mover: Bishop Dennis Drainville; Seconder: Bishop Sue Moxley)*

**SAFE CHURCHES** – The provincial chancellor, Charles Ferris, and Mike Thornhill, a representative of Ecclesiastical Insurance, outlined ongoing work toward creating a common protocol for the protection of children and vulnerable adults in the churches of the ecclesiastical province, known as “Safe Churches.”

**DIOCESAN REPORTS** – Bishops Sue Moxley and Ron Cutler presented a report on the life and work of the [Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island](#) to Provincial Council.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Following midday prayers, proceedings adjourned until Saturday morning.