

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada  
Forty-eighth Provincial Synod  
June 8-10, 2018  
Halifax, Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Minutes

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

**Present:**

The Most Rev. Ron W. Cutler (NS/PEI), Metropolitan; The Rev. Eli Evans (ENL), Prolocutor; Margaret Jenniex (CNL), Deputy Prolocutor; The Rev. Canon Gordon Redden, Clerical Secretary (NS/PEI); Judi Colp, Lay Secretary (NS/PEI); Peter Irish, Treasurer (FRED); Charles Ferris (FRED), Jack Walsworth, Misconduct Officer (FRED), Chancellor; James Travers, Assessor (NS&PEI), David Bell, Assessor (FRED; **Central Newfoundland:** The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Archdeacon Terry Caines, The Rev. James Spencer, Ms. Caitlin Moores (Y); **Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador:** The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Peddle, The Rev. Kenute Francis, Joanne Minnett (Y), Kyle Riggs, The Ven. Sam Rose; **Fredericton:** The Rt. Rev. David Edwards, Scott Colton (Y), The Rev. Christian Persaud, The Rev. Ted Quann, Robert Taylor; **Montreal:** The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, The Rev. Amy Hamilton, Valerie Bennett, The Rev. Josée Lemoine, Susan Winn; **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island:** Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury, The Rev. Trevor Lightfoot, Hilary Richardson (Y), Beverly Scammell; **Quebec:** The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, The Very Rev Christian Schreiner, Ruth Sheeran, The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton, Dale Keats; **Western Newfoundland:** The Most Rev. Percy Coffin, The Rev. Madonna Boone, Robert Mesher, Libby Reid, The Rev. Kay Short; **Guests:** The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz (Primate), Karl Biermann, Scott Brubacher, The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen, Shara Golden, Zack Ingles, Archdeacon Paul Jennings, The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, and The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully. **Local Arrangements Committee:** Don Brushett, Jan Connors, Stephen MacHardy, The Rev. Carl Fraser, Edith Marshall.

2:00 - Presentation by Jack Walsworth, Provincial Misconduct Officer, on Safe Church.

2:30 - Archbishop Ron Cutler welcomed everyone and acknowledged our presence on the Indigenous Lands of Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) territory.

The Archbishop asked the Chancellor if there was a quorum present. Chancellor Charles Ferris reported that a quorum was present and the Metropolitan declared the session open.

Opening service lead by Archbishop Ron Cutler with opening address to Synod in place of sermon, followed by Eucharist. (see attached bulletin)

Moved from King's Chapel to meeting space.

4:05 pm - Archbishop offered an opening Prayer

The lay Clerical Secretary Judi Colp was asked to read the list of regrets, from Connie English, Hedley Johnson, James McKenna, Victoria McLintock, and Dr. Richard Virr (Provincial Archivist).

Mr. Don Brushett, Chair of Local Arrangements, provided hospitality announcements.

4:15 - Sessional Committee - The Prolocutor, The Rev Eli Evans, introduced Treasurer Peter Irish and the Officers of Safe Church explained break table discussion groups (the people will remain in these group throughout synod).

### **Motion 1**

Moved by: Peter Irish

Seconded by: The Venerable Sam Rose

That the appointment of Christina Persaud and Josée Lemoine form the Courtesy Committee.

**Carried.**

### **Motion 2**

Moved by: The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson

Seconded by: The Right Reverend David Edwards

That Mr. David Bell and Mr. James Travers form the Resolution Committee.

**Carried.**

### **Motion 3**

Moved by: The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson

Seconded by: Archdeacon Terry Caines

That Edith Marshall, Don Brushett, and Jan Connor act as scrutineers.

**Carried**

The Metropolitan welcomed as Guests of Synod The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, The Rev. Canon Judy Rois (Anglican Foundation), The Rev. Paul Jennings, The Most Reverend Fred J. Hiltz, The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen, Shara Golden, Jack Walsworth, Archbishop Percy Coffin (Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Western Newfoundland) and extended to each the courtesies of the house.

**Motion 4**

Moved by: The Rev. Ted Quann  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Terry Caines

That the minutes of the 2015 Synod of the Ecclesiastical Synod of the Province of Canada be received.

**Carried.**

**Motion 5**

Moved by: Robert Taylor  
Seconded by: Susan Winn

That the reports circulated be received.

**Carried.**

The Prolocutor outlined the procedure for the election of the Council of the Provincial Synod in accord with the Constitution, Section 6. At this election, one clerical member and one substitute will be elected from among the members of the Diocese of E NL & Lab, W. NL, Fredericton, and Quebec, while one lay member and one substitute will be elected by the Diocese of Central NL, NS/PEI, and Montreal.

Elections will follow in the order of electing first the Prolocutor, then the Deputy Prolocutor, then the Clerical Secretary, the Lay Secretary, and the Treasurer. Nominees for Treasurer do not need to be a member of the Provincial Synod.

Archbishop Cutler stated that two notices of motion had been received and that the deadline for receipt of notices of motion was 4:30 pm on June 9, 2018. Notices must be submitted in writing.

**Motion 6 (Notice of Motion 1) – The Appointment of Auditors**

Moved by: Peter Irish (F.)

Seconded by: Canon Charles Ferris (F.)

That Buckley Professional Corporation, Chartered Professional Accountants from Sussex, NB, be appointed as the auditors of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada for the next triennium.

**Carried.**

The Metropolitan noted that Notice of Motion 2, which proposed to amend Canon 2 (The Election, Office and Work of the Metropolitan Bishop), would need to come before the next two sessions of the Provincial Synod.

**Motion 7 (Notice of Motion 2) – The Election, Office and Work of the Metropolitan Bishop**

Moved by: Canon Charles Ferris (F.)

Seconded by: Canon Gordon Redden (NS & PEI)

That Canon 2 be amended by

1. a) changing the name of the Canon by adding the word “Installation,” after the word “Election,”; and
- b) adding the following new section 7:

7. The Provincial Council may, with the approval of the Provincial House of Bishops, adopt by regulation forms relating to the election, installation, office and work of the Metropolitan Bishop.

**Carried.**

ACPO Report

- Archbishop Ron reported that Leo Martin had reported on ACPO. Bishop John Watton commented on his role as a national “Provincial and National ACPO Bishop”. He stated that the current system was put in place in 1969 and we need to look at discernment in new ways to do this.

Archbishop Cutler invited Archbishop Hiltz to speak about General Synod (July 10-16, 2019) to be held in Victoria, BC. The themes will be “I Called you by Name”. There will be a second reading of the resolution to amend the Marriage Canon. Dioceses across the country are responding very differently to the issue. Some dioceses may choose to send memorials or reports to the General Synod. Much thought is being given to the process to be followed at General Synod including giving attention to pastoral sensitivity in the committee of the whole during the Synod and pastoral sensitivity following the Synod. Another major topic will be Selfdetermination for Indigenous People within the Anglican Church of Canada and amendments

to Canon 22. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Anglican Church of Canada's apology to the Indigenous Peoples and next year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Covenant with Indigenous People. Another issue to be discussed is that of human trafficking. The next General Synod will also be an electoral synod for the election of a new Primate. The new Primate will be installed at the conclusion of the Synod.

The question was asked whether all Bishops needed to accept nomination. Primate Fred Hiltz said he understood that Bishops had a right to decline nomination.  
Break for supper.

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[Friday Evening]

6:45 pm - Evening Devotions – Bishop David Edwards and prayers by Shara Golding and Bishop Edwards.

7:00 pm Table discussion on Presidential Address

8:00 pm Marriage Canon – Presented by Members of the Commission on the Marriage Canon (Archdeacon Paul Jennings & The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen). Introduction by Archbishop Cutler. Archdeacon Paul Jennings and The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen are both clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The Report is called “This Holy Estate”. Each Diocese and each Provincial Synod is asked to consider the report. Archbishop Cutler asked each group to consider these two questions: ‘What in the proposed change gives you hope (yourself, your parish, your diocese)?’ and ‘What in the proposed change gives you cause for concern (yourself, your parish, your diocese)?’

Archdeacon Paul Jennings’ Presentation:

The question before the church is the question of marriage. More specifically, the question before the church is, ‘Based on the theological meaning of Christian marriage in our tradition, is holy matrimony the appropriate means of celebrating and supporting same-sex couples or should we look for another way of doing that?’

The Commission was asked to provide a biblical and theological rationale for Christian marriage. The Commission identified two distinct clusters of meaning and presented three possible approaches to the issue.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen’s Presentation:

Spoke of his experience of serving on the Commission of the Marriage Commission and what he had learned from it. Paul found Commission members to be respectful of one another, principled, and open-minded. He experienced difficulty with the language of the motion and particularly with the phrase in the motion of General Synod, “in the same way”.

What he has learned: An Anglican approach is to take a core idea or doctrine and re-interpret and re-apply for the future. It is important for the Church to return to core ideas and to be ready to re-interpret and re-apply them to new and wider contexts. There is a need to think more about how we write marriage liturgies.

Table Discussion Groups met to discuss the Marriage Canon Presentation. Notes from all Groups were compiled and made available to the Synod on the Provincial Synod website.

9:20 pm Late Evening Devotions – Led by Bishop Geoffrey Peddle

9:30 pm – Hospitality Suite

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JUNE 9 - Saturday

8:30 am Morning Devotions – The Reverend Christian Persaud

8:45 am – The Anglican Foundation – The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois

Peter Irish introduced the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director, The Anglican Foundation. Judy introduced her colleague Scott Brubacher who was also present with her at this the Synod. Judy commented on how well represented our Ecclesiastical Province is on the Anglican Foundation Board of Directors.

She offered the members some background on the Anglican Foundation. It was established in 1956 to assist Anglican parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada who were struggling financially. Every diocese and parish was asked to contribute \$50.00 annually to invest in the fund. The fund's investment income would be used to assist parishes. Sixty years after its establishment, the Foundation now disburses financial assistance of approximately \$750,000 per year to Canadian parishes to support, enable, and inspire ministry in parishes across the country. Judi presented pictures of parishes and groups who received grants from the Foundation, including support of projects and programs of parishes within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

The Foundation is a donation-based organization that depends on and is sustainable by donations and that is why parish and diocesan are so important.

Judy expressed her gratitude for having the privilege of serving for eight years as Director of the Foundation.

The Lay Secretary of Synod, Judi Colp, presented an Anglican Foundation bear to Archbishop Cutler. It was a gift from the Executive of the Provincial Synod.

One member of Synod expressed his thanks on behalf of the Choir School of Fredericton for Anglican Foundation's support of the Choir School over the past 60 years.

9:00 am The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz – Primate, The Anglican Church of Canada

Archbishop Cutler introduced the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz noting that Archbishop Hiltz was from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and was a Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada when he became the Primate. He has announced his resignation as of next year's General Synod in July, 2019. We have much to be thankful for in Archbishop Hiltz's ministry as Primate, including his vision for the Church at every level and for his passionate heart.

- Archbishop Hiltz notes the significance of St. Columba, 6<sup>th</sup> century Abbot and Missionary, whose memorial is observed in the Church calendar on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It is fitting that today when this Synod gathers to reflect on missional leadership that the Church remembers and gives thanks for St. Columba. At the age of 42 he felt called by God to become a Pilgrim for Christ among the Scots. He was based in Iona, Scotland, and from there he set off on numerous missionary journeys. He was so steadfast and so fruitful in his labours that he is known today as the Apostle of Scotland.
- He reminded the Synod of the mission statement of the Anglican Church of Canada contained in Vision 2019. Vision 2019 was adopted by General Synod in 2010. In that mission statement, Canadian Anglicans began to describe themselves as a people, "seeking to know, love and follow Jesus in serving God's mission." - Archbishop Hiltz asked, "What does missional leadership look like?"
- Missional leaders have humility, a radical openness to God's guidance and grace. Leading with humility allows God's guidance and grace to flow through us. Prayer and discernment become a foundation of our leadership.
- Other marks of missional leadership include knowing and loving the story of the people of God and of helping others to see their place within that story.
- He reminded the Synod of the former Primate of the Canadian Howard Clark, "Thy Kingdom Come" who was a missional leader.
- Archbishop Hiltz spoke of resources on missional leadership that are available: "Thy Kingdom Come" resources may be found on the Anglican Communion website.
- The theme of the 2020 Lambeth Conference will be "God's Church for God's World".
- Multiple resources may also be found on the website of the General Church on church development, discipleship and mission. These are located under the heading for Faith, Worship and Ministry and cover catechesis, baptismal living, mutual ministry, congregational life and leadership, and vital and healthy parishes. This is quality material that is easily accessible.
- Anglicans have a broad and holistic view of discipleship that is reflected in the Marks of Mission.
- Missional leaders are joyous people. Pope Francis calls for evangelism marked with joy.

- Archbishop Hiltz said he regarded the most effective form of evangelism to be a parish community living out the fullness of the Gospel.
- Missional leaders are imaginative and they are holder of the Church's vision.
- Missional leaders will at time disturb and shake up the church in the service of this vision.
- Missional leaders express thanks to others for their ministry.
- The General Synod was formed for partnership in mission and we are approaching its 125th anniversary. Archbishop Fred is calling for the church to gather and remember, reflect, and give thanks for the General Synod.
- Table Groups were provided the two questions: 1. Describe a time when your church made your heart glad and 2. Describe a time when you saw your church and it made their heart ache, and 3. Describe a time when your saw your church being eventful.

9:30 am Table discussion on Missional Church Leadership

10:45 am Sharing in plenary of table discussion groups.

Group 1 – spoke about things that bring members joy in the church; aware of things that bring one person joy may bring sorrow to others; ways people stay connected in the church, including internet; realization that dreaming in the church is restricted by the demands of being an institution with major challenges (Safe Church, dwindling resources);

Group 2 – joy with the ordination of women, residential school settlement, heartache regarding discussions of the marriage canon; things that give joy; are we friends or servants of Jesus and if so do we know what Jesus is doing? To have true mission we need to feel like family.

Group 3 – What makes us glad – helping people after a catastrophe; play parks on church property; churches involved in school graduations and ecumenical services; inter-religious dialogue; denominations sharing the same church buildings

What makes us sad – people saying something won't work; decisions not making children and youth top priorities; closing churches, especially in small communities;

Group 4 – Hope - Churches providing support to at risk youth to sex trade workers; hope to be more outward looking as a church; Sadness in facing perpetual need for financial resources and building needs.

Group 5 – Joy in being responsive to the community (e.g. breakfasts); knowing the heart of Jesus; fix problems; work together

Group 6 – Joy in churches being more places of welcome; Hurt and pain with the loss of the church's prominence in society; Prayer for the church to reach out to people in need and for the church to be more a place of sanctuary than a fortress.

Archbishop Cutler asked the Primate for additional information about the questions for the time of reflection that will be called for in advance of the next General Synod. Archbishop Hiltz explained that it would be launched on Holy Cross Day in September and would run to mid-May 2019, which will be the active period for this conversation across the Anglican Church of Canada. Then Anglican Video will help to pull the conversations together in a video resource.

Don Brushett, Chair of Local Arrangements, made some announcements concerning travel plans.

11:05 am – Mid-Morning Devotions – Archbishop Percy Coffin (Diocese of WNL).

11:30 am – Financial Report and Budget presented by Peter Irish

The Treasurer presented audited financial reports, which included financial statements and a balance sheet of income and expenses for the past three years. (All are available on the Provincial Synod website.)

Peter Irish mentioned there being a Trust Fund for deacons of the Ecclesiastical Province. The current balance is approximately \$13,000. Deacons may apply for grants for a variety of ministry purposes using an application form that is available on the website.

**Motion #8:**

Moved by: Peter Irish  
Seconded by: Canon Charles Ferris

That the Financial Reports as presented, as well as the 2015, 2016, and 2017 audits, be approved.

**Carried.**

The Treasurer presented suggestions for the Synod to consider concerning future budgets, including the suggestion to increase the total annual assessment for the coming three years by \$1,000 per year and for Synod to reflect upon ways to use a surplus of approximately \$78,000 for program purposes.

**Motion #9**

Moved by: Bishop David Edwards  
Seconded by: Bishop John Watton

That the discussion of the budget be tabled until the evening.

**Carried.**

## **Notices of Motion**

### **Motion #10**

Moved by: The Venerable Sam Rose;  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury,

That nominations for election be closed.

### **Carried**

### **Report of the Nominating Committee:**

The Reverend Eli Evans, Prolocutor, presented the report of the Nominating Committee and provided instructions of election procedures.

Nominations for Election were presented as follows:

#### **Prolocutor/Deputy (lay or clergy)**

The Reverend Trevor Lightfoot (NS & PEI)  
Margaret Jenniex (C.NL)

There will be an election to choose between these two nominees.

#### **Clerical Secretary**

Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury (NS & PEI)

#### **Lay Secretary**

Susan Winn (MONT)

#### **Treasurer**

Peter Irish (FRED)

#### **Clerical Council Members**

The Reverend Kenute Francis (E. NL & LAB)  
The Reverend Kay Short (W.NL)  
The Reverend Ted Quann (FRED)  
The Venerable Dr. Edward Simonton (QC)

#### **Lay Council Members**

Hilary Richardson (Diocese of NS & PEI)

Caitlin Moores (Diocese of C. NL)

Valerie Bennett (Diocese of MONT)

Joanne Minnett (Youth Representative (Diocese of E. NL & LAB)

The Prolocutor invited additional nominations for each of the above positions. No additional nominations were made.

The Election for the position of Prolocutor was conducted. Before the ballots were distributed, each nominee was asked to stand and state their involvement in their diocese. The nominee not elected as Prolocutor would automatically become the Deputy Prolocutor.

## **Notices of Motion**

### **Motion #11**

Moved by: Archdeacon Terry Caines;

Seconded by: The Venerable Sam Rose

I move that in section 4.1 of the Constitution the words “in every third year or” be removed so that section 4.1 would now read:

The Synod shall meet at the request of any two bishops, or the Bishop and one-half of each of the clerical and lay members from a diocese, or the Provincial Council.”

The Archbishop noted that this motion, if carried, would need to be approved by the next Provincial Synod. Considerable discussion of the motions followed before the vote was taken.

**Carried.**

Bishop John Watton wished Archbishop Cutler a Happy Anniversary.

## **Election Results**

The Scrutineers announced the results of the election as follows:

### **Prolocutor:**

The Reverend Trevor Lightfoot (NS & PEI)

### **Deputy Prolocutor:**

Margaret Jenniex (C.NL)

**The following were declared elected by acclamation:**

### **Clerical Secretary:**

Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury (NS & PEI)

**Lay Secretary:**

Susan Winn (MONT)

**Treasurer:**

Peter Irish (FRED)

**Clerical Council Members:**

The Reverend Kenute Francis (E. NL & LAB)

The Reverend Kay Short (W.NL)

The Reverend Ted Quann (FRED)

The Venerable Dr. Edward Simonton (QC)

**Lay Council Members:**

Hilary Richardson (NS & PEI)

Caitlin Moores (C. NL)

Valerie Bennett (MONT)

Joanne Minnett (Youth Representative (E. NL & LAB))

**Destruction of the Ballots:**

**Motion #12**

Moved by: The Reverend Eli Evans;

Seconded by: Canon Charles Ferris

That the ballots be destroyed.

**Carried.**

Synod was adjourned at 12:30 pm for Lunch

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1:20 pm Zach Ingles opened opening prayer by leading the singing of “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”. Mid-Day devotions lead by Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson and the Diocese of Montreal.

1:45 pm Presentation – The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully – The Director of Faith, Worship, and Ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada.

- Studied books and articles on leadership skills and realized she was dealing with anxiety and an anxious institution;
- “Sabbath makes the space to allow your loves to lead”. Eileen took a sabbatical and found she gained more clarity about what to focus on;

- Talking with this Synod about Missional Leadership (She has provided a copy of her talk for posting to the Provincial website.)
- She spoke of the challenge of offering theological training for ordained ministry in a church whose future is uncertain.
- Edward H. Friedman’s book, A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick He writes about chronic anxiety in systems.
- Suggested there is a need for the church to reflect on the diaconate.
- Questions for small group discussions: Where do you see diaconia leading? What would our Synod conversations look like if we

Small Group Discussions 3:15 pm

[Don Brushett, Chair of Local Arrangements Committee, made some courtesy announcements.]

Archbishop Cutler introduced Mr. Zach Ingles from Fresh Expressions Canada who would make a presentation on the theme of leadership.

3:15 pm – Mr. Zach Ingles – Content & Media Animator, Fresh Expressions Canada

- Goal of supporting and training people to create new Christina communities; - See [www.freshexpressions.ca](http://www.freshexpressions.ca) for more information.
- “The goal of our gatherings is not perfection but inclusion.”
- Questions for small group discussion: 1. “What would if we gave the person who comes to church for the first time this Sunday the ability to shape what the services next week looks like? What would change? What would stay the same? How would it impact the community? And what message would it communicate to this new person about who Jesus is and who His church is? 2. What is holding you back from putting those whom you minister to in the driver’s seat?”

Table Discussions to discuss the Fresh Expressions Presentation.

4:45 pm Actions/Motions arising out of Table Discussions and Motions.

The Archbishop commented notes from the Table Discussions, presentations and Diocesan reports were all being made available on the website. Also, the Synod Evaluation would be made for completion online.

### **Motion #13**

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton

Seconded by: The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson

Whereas modern technology makes virtual meetings viable; be it moved that:

The Provincial Synod cease to meet physically but rather virtually, unless requested in writing by one third of the Synod within three months of the Synod being called.

Mr. Jim Travers, one of the Assessors, provided clarification that this would be a statement of intent by this Synod which, if passed, would have some moral effect on future Provincial Councils and future Synod bodies but it is not a constitutional amendment.

Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson commented that those persons with weak internet connections might be asked to connect to the internet at a central site provided by their Diocesan Synod Office.

Archbishop Cutler commented that the outcome of the motion, if passed, would make a significant difference in the kinds of meetings the Provincial Synod has had in the past. Meeting electronically does not generally help to build or improve relationships.

The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton was invited to close debate. In his comments, he said the motion was proposing a structural change in recognition that the dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province and the General Synod are better equipped than the Provincial Synod. There are huge resources at the General Synod that are unused. Many resources are available online and General Synod staff coordinates programs throughout the Anglican Church in all regions across our country that are not used as much as they might be. There are initiatives coming out of our theological colleges. There is ample opportunity for people to connect digitally and physically for conferences, talks, and gatherings around various issues. The Provincial Synod does not seem to have a clear idea of why it meets. Is it worth \$60,000 every three years for Provincial Synod to meet when “it can happen at the diocesan level with modern technology and at the General Synod level”? In his opinion, the Provincial Synod no longer has a clear missional purpose as shown by the fact that this Synod and the previous one have both dealt with the question of why we are here and what we are doing.

The Archbishop called for the vote on the motion. Voting was signified by standing.

22 votes in favour; 14 opposed.

**Carried.**

#### **Motion #14**

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton

Seconded by: The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson

In the event there is no physical meeting of the Provincial Synod in or before 2021, the undisbursed portion of the budget allocation for the 2021 meeting of Synod shall be returned to the dioceses in proportion to their contributions.

Archbishop Cutler invited the Ven. Dr. Simonton to close the debate.

The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton commented that his hope was that the earlier motion on the constitutional amendment on future Provincial Synods would be passed at the second reading at the next Synod. This would make it unnecessary to do this in future meetings because the Synods would be done differently. There could be long gaps between Synods and then the emphasis would shift to the Metropolitan Bishop, the Executive, and the Council of Provincial Synod to plan efficiently for meetings of the Provincial Synod and to raise the money in a timely fashion.

The Archbishop called for the vote. Voting was signified by standing.

**Carried.**

### **Consideration of the Budget**

The Archbishop called for the lifting of the Budget.

Assessor James Travers was asked to comment on the amount included in the proposed budget of \$60,000. He stated that the allocation of \$60,000 in the budget for a meeting of the Provincial Synod 2021 would need to remain since there might be a request for an in-person meeting of the Synod in 2021.

### **Motion #15 (Amendment to the Motion to Approve the Budget)**

Moved by: The Ven Dr. Edward Simonton

Seconded by: Archdeacon Terry Caines

That the motion to approve the budget be amended to remove the amount of \$54,000 for ministry.”

**Carried**

The Ven. Dr. Edward Simmanton considered moving another amendment to the motion to approve the Budget by removing a budget line item for meeting expenses. Archbishop commented that the Executive had been meeting once per year and having one annual in-person meeting. There is a budget line item of \$4000 per year for in-person meetings. Dr. Simonton chose not to move this further amendment once he understood the budget line item for in-person meetings was for holding one meeting per year.

### **Motion #16 (Motion to Approve the Budget as Amended after removing the line item of \$54,000 for ministry purposes)**

The Archbishop called for the vote on the motion to approve the Budget as amended.

**Carried.**

Archbishop Ron announced that we would adjourn for dinner, which would be at 6 pm and asked members to return at 7:30 pm.

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**Saturday Evening**

Evening Devotions were led by The Reverend James Spencer and the Right Reverend John Watton (C.NL)

Presentation of the Budget as Approved:

The Treasurer presented the approved Budget for 2019-2021 for information purposes only. The assessments of each Diocese will be approved by the Council of Provincial Synod

**Report of the Courtesies Committee:**

**Motion #17**

Moved by: The Rev. Christian Persaud;  
Seconded by: Libby Reid

That the 48th Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada extend our thanks to The Diocese of NS & PEI and the Local arrangements committee, including all those enabling synod to run smoothly, for hosting this Synod and for the hospitality during Synod's stay; to our Primate the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz for his attendance including the Saturday reflection; to all those who led us in worship and offering reflections throughout this Synod; to King's College Chapel for hosting the opening worship; to All Saint's Cathedral for hosting the closing worship and offering hospitality and lunch on Sunday; to those who submitted reports; to observers, guests, presenters, and all those who provided informational displays for their attendance, participation and reflections; to the executive of the Province for Synod preparation and a well-executed agenda; and finally to Archbishop Ron Cutler for his leadership and his address to this Synod.

**Carried**

Approval of Reports:

**Motion #18**

The Metropolitan invited questions concerning the reports to Synod. All reports were posted the website. He offered an extension to Diocese who had not yet submitted their reports to do so.

Moved by: Canon Charles Ferris  
Seconded by: Kyle Riggs  
That the reports received be adopted.

**Carried.**

Synod Evaluations:

Evaluation may be completed online. A link to the site will be emailed to all members. Those who do not have access to the internet may request a paper copy of the evaluation.

The Archbishop thanked all members for their attention and their contribution to the work of the Church. He thanked the outgoing Prolocutor and the outgoing Lay Secretary and Clerical Secretary for their service to the Province.

The Chair of Local Arrangements gave instructions to the members. Breakfast on Sunday morning would be served between 7 and 9 am. Members would check out after breakfast and go to Alex Hall at 9:45 to be given rides to the Cathedral.

The Provincial Council will meet briefly at the end of this session of Synod.

**Motion #19**

Moved by: Archdeacon Mark Kingsbury;  
Seconded by: Joanne Minnett.

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

Archbishop offered a closing prayer.

On Sunday morning, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Synod joined the congregation of the Cathedral Church of All Saints for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz presided and Mr. Bill Black preached. Members of the Synod shared with the Cathedral community in a picnic luncheon following worship.

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