

**Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
Council of Provincial Synod Meeting
Held at St. Thomas University Conference Centre
June 27, 2015, 8:00 p.m.**

Present: Judi Colp, Joanne Mercer, Rachel Barrett, Bailey Bowden, Michael Johnson, Elodie Lambert, Ruth Sheeran, Cathy Lee Cunningham, Dave Chafe, Peter Reccord, Bishop Ron Cutler, Eli Evans, Marg Jenniex, Archbishop Percy Coffin, Charles Ferris, and Gordon Redden

Archbishop Percy Coffin welcomed the members of Council and thanked them for being willing to serve on the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be on October 29th, at 7:30 pm (NL time) by Go to Meeting. Jim Sweeny will forward to the new Clerical Secretary the account information. Meetings by conference call have been held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Approval of the Expense Budgets for 2015-2017:

Moved by Gordon Redden; Seconded Charles Ferris,
"That the proposed expense budget for 2015-2017 be accepted as presented." Carried

Approval of the 2016 Synod Assessments:

Moved by Gordon Redden; Seconded by Charles Ferris,
"That the 2016 Synod Assessments be accepted as presented." Carried

Margaret Jenniex suggested re-defining the fiscal year for the Provincial Synod. The fiscal year is now September 1 to August 31. Changing it to June 1 to May 31 might allow more time for the full fiscal year to be audited in time for a June Synod. Charles Ferris agreed to look into this.

The Metropolitan commented that Sam Rose has offered to serve as Communications Person. Sam will be able use various media.

Moved by Charles Ferris; Seconded by Eli Evans (Prolocutor)
"That we appointed Sam Rose to be the Communication Person." Carried

Online conferencing will be used instead of in-person meetings.

The Executive will meet using Go to Meeting on October 29th. Highlights of meetings will be prepared and sent out to the Council.

The Chancellor said communication should become easier with the Council having been reduced in numbers and with groups such as the Executive Officers of the Dioceses staying in contact more frequently.

Adjournment was moved by Michael Johnson at 8:15 pm.

Provincial Council Minutes – February 23, 2017

Present: Archbishop Percy Coffin, Eli Evans, Peter Irish, Judi Colp, Gordon Redden, Bishop David Edwards, Ruth Sheeran, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Joanne, Dave Chafe, Bailey Bowden, Rachel Barrett, Margaret Jenniex, Peter Record

Regrets: Charles Ferris, Bishop Ron Cutler, Bruce Myers, Geoff Peddle, John Watton, Cathy-Lee Cunningham

Eli declared a quorum present on the conference with 12 present.

Welcome: Rev Eli Evans

Opening Prayer: Archbishop Percy Coffin

Minutes from the June 27, 2015 Meeting of Provincial Council

Moved by Ruth Sheeran; seconded by Bishop David Edwards, "That the minutes be adopted as circulated." Carried.

Report from the Executive – by Eli Evans

- a. A credit card was acquired to help make small purchases
- b. Ask and Imagine has been supported and reporting will be done.
- c. New Provincial website was set up. Jan Connors has been administering the website.
- d. Adobe Meeting is the software we have been using for web conferences.

Financial Report by Peter Irish - Peter commented on his written report

- a. Introduction: The Council will be asked to consider measures to address the projected deficits in 2017 and 2018
- b. Balance Sheet – Total assets of \$97,43.41. Total liabilities of \$26,715.22 and net equity of 70,724.19
- c. 2016 Budget Results (Attachment #3) was a good year generally and the Treasurer noted that all dioceses paid their assessments in full.
- d. Triennium Budget 2016-2018 (Attachment #4). The net income for 2016 was \$15,566 though there are projected deficit budgets for both 2017 and 2018 unless changes are made to reduce expenses. For example, there would be savings by having a web conference rather than meeting in person and by finding a central meeting location for the next Synod.
- e. Triennium Cash Flow Analysis (Attachment #5). This shows how two actions would balance our triennium budget and provide a remaining cash balance of approximately \$55,000 to fund ministry in the next triennium.
- f. 2017 Revised Budget (Attachment #6) – This revision for consideration outlines ways of saving money vis a vis the following: eliminating the face to face 2017 Provincial Council meeting, having an electronic election of a new Archbishop,

Moved by Peter Irish and seconded by Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson "That the revised 2017 Budget be adopted." Carried

Motion for adjournment moved by Bishop Edwards at 8:25 pm

Closed with the reading of the Grace