

**The Ecclesiastical Province of
Canada**

Forty-sixth Provincial Synod

September 20-23, 2012

Montreal, Diocese of Montreal

Minutes

Thursday, September 20

Following the Executive Meeting including a review of the Agenda, a total of 92 persons registered; 72 delegates and 20 guests.

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Claude Miller (Fred), Metropolitan; Margaret Jenniex (CNL), Prolocutor; The Ven. Bruce Myers (Que), Deputy Prolocutor; The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl), Clerical Secretary; James Sweeny (Que), Lay Secretary; Eric Dryden (Mtl) Treasurer; Charles Ferris (Fred), Chancellor; **Central Newfoundland:** The Rt. Rev. David Torraville, The Rev. Terry Caines, The Rev. Perry Cooper, The Rev. Roy Simms, The Rev. Larry Chatman, Margaret Jenniex, Hedley Johnson, Winston Walters, Ruby Lockhart, Rueben Bonnell (Y); **Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador:** The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman, The Rev. Greg Mercer, The Rev. Eli Evans, The Rev. Wayne Short, The Rev. Byron Barter, Kay Woodward, Joan Dawe, Winstron Bishop, Victoria Westcott (Y); **Fredericton:** The Ven. Patricia Ann Margaret Drummond, The Ven. Vicars Hodge, The Rev. Cathy H.A. Laskey, The Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, Mr. Rick Haddad, Mr. James McKenna, Ms. Falen McNulty, Mr. Ted Quann; **Montreal:** The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke, The Ven. Janet Griffith, The Ven. Michael Johnson, The Rev. Patrick Wheeler, The Rev. Paul Tidman, Jane Bell, Lynn Shepherd, Valerie Bennett, Linden Rogers, Antoinette Lynch-Joseph (Y); **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island:** The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley, The Rt. Rev. Ron Cutler, The Ven. John Clarke, The Ven. Mark Kingsbury, The Rev. Trevor Lightfoot, The Rev. Randy Townsend, Penny Lockhart, Reid Moore, Carolyn Colbourne, Jean Smith, Jennifer Campbell (Y); **Quebec:** The Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville, The Ven. David Oliver, le rév. Yves Samson, le vén. Pierre Voyer, The Ven. Edward Murray, Gracie Annett, Marie-Hélène Bourdages, Joan Gibb; **Western Newfoundland:** The Rt. Rev. Percy Coffin, The Rev. Tanya White, The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden, The Rev. Canon Roberta Woodman, The Rev. Canon John Moores, Colleen Harris, John Moores, Lloyd Piercey, Ann Marie Turpin, Jennifer Renouf (Y); **Guests:** The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz (Primate), The Ven. Paul Feheley (Principal Secretary to the Primate), David Jones (General Synod Governance Working Group), The Rev. Shawn Samson (Governance Task Group), Cynthia Haines-Turner (Governance Task Group), Sam Carriere (Resources for Ministry), The Rev. Canon Eric Beresford (Theological Education Commission), Tom Townsend (Theological Education Commission), The Ven. Sandra Tillery (ENL), Me David Eramian (Chancellor, Mtl), Michael Patry (Vice-Chancellor, Mtl), the Rev. Nick Brotherwood (Fresh Expressions Canada), Janet Marshall (Mtl); **Consultation on Youth:** The Rev. George Porter (Fred), The Rev. Neal Buffett (CNL),

Beverly Buffett (CNL), Susan Naylor (NSPEI), Mark Dunwoody (Mtl), Debora Kantor (Fred), Jennifer Bennett (WNL).

Following dinner Synod convened in Christ Church Cathedral. After words of welcome from the Very Rev. Paul Kennington, Dean of Montreal, the Chancellor affirmed that a quorum was present, and the Metropolitan declared the Synod open. The Primate celebrated the Holy Eucharist, and the Metropolitan delivered the Presidential Address.

Following the Eucharist, Synod reconvened in Fulford Hall. Greetings were given by the Rev. James Pratt for the Local Arrangements Committee.

Motion 1:

Moved by: Colleen Harris (WNL)

Seconded by: Lloyd Piercy (WNL)

That the Courtesies Committee be John Clarke, Jennifer Renouf and Joan Gibb.

Carried.

Motion 2:

Moved by: The Rev. Byron Barter (ENL)

Seconded by: The Rev. Greg Mercer (ENL)

That the Nominating Committee be composed of Albert Snelgrove, Yves Samson, John Moores, Jennifer Campbell, Winston Walters, Wayne Short and Lynn Shepherd.

Carried.

Motion 3:

Moved by: The Rev. Patrick Wheeler (Mtl)

Seconded by: James McKenna (Fred)

That the Resolutions Committee be composed of Charles Ferris, Vicars Hodge, Perry Cooper, Linden Rogers and Kay Woodward.

Carried.

Motion 4

Moved by: The Rev. Perry Cooper (CNL)

Seconded by: Winston Walter (CNL)

That the Scrutineers be Paul Tidman, Gracie Annett, Sandra Tilley

Carried.

Motion 5

Moved by: Jean Smith (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Joan Dawe (ENL)

That the privileges of the House be extended to guests, namely, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Archdeacon Paul Feheley, Archdeacon Sandra Tilley, The Rev. Shawn Samson, David Jones, Cynthia Haines-Turner, Sam Carriere, Eric Beresford, John Chapman, Tom Townsend, The Rev. George Porter, The Rev. Neal Buffett, Beverly Buffett, Susan Naylor, Greg Shone, Debra Kantor, and The Rev. Nick Brotherwood and Jennifer Bennett.

Carried

Motion 6

Moved by: The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl)

Seconded by: James Sweeny (Que)

That the minutes of the 2009 meeting of Provincial Synod be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Motion 7

Moved by: James Sweeny (Que)

Seconded by: The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl)

That the minutes of the 2009 and 2010 meetings of Provincial Council be adopted as presented.

One correction was noted, on page 4 of the 2010 minutes, that the Rothesay-Netherwood School is in Rothesay, New Brunswick.

Carried.

Motion 8

Moved by: le vén. Pierre Voyer (Que)

Seconded by: le rév. Yves Samson (Que)

That the reports be received as presented.

Carried.

Metropolitan relinquished the chair to the Prolocutor.

Motion 9

Moved by: The Most Rev. Claude Miller

Seconded by: Margaret Jenniex

That Section 3(1) of the Constitution is repealed and replaced with the following:

3(1) The Provincial Synod consists of:

- (a) The Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada holding Sees in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada which comprises the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Fredericton, Montreal, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, and Western Newfoundland;
- (b) A Coadjutor, Suffragan or Assistant Bishop may attend, participate fully and vote as of right in the absence of a Diocesan Bishop;
- (c) Two clerical and two lay members from each diocese elected by the diocesan synods according to such rules as they adopt;
- (d) One lay member, appointed by each Diocesan Synod according to such rules as they adopt, such person being between the age of sixteen and twenty-five years; and
- (e) the officers of Synod.

Amendment

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke (Mtl)

Seconded by: The Ven. Janet Griffith (Mtl)

To strike words “in the absence of a Diocesan Bishop” in paragraph (b).

Amendment Carried in vote by orders.

Motion as amended Carried in vote by orders.

Motion 10

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman (ENL)

Seconded by: James Sweeny (Que)

That section 6(3) of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the following:

6(3) The Provincial Council consists of:

- (a) the Bishops, as set out in section 3;
- (b) the Prolocutor,
- (c) the Deputy Prolocutor,
- (d) the Secretaries,

- (e) the Treasurer,
- (f) the Chancellor or, in the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor,
- (g) one member elected by the Synod from among the clergy and lay members of each Diocese, provided that there be not fewer than three clergy and not fewer than three lay persons elected; and
- (h) two lay members elected at the Synod from among and by those members being between the age of sixteen and twenty-five years.

Carried in vote by orders.

Motion 11

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman (ENL)

Seconded by: James Sweeny (Que)

That in 2012 the following Dioceses shall elect clerical members of Provincial Council: Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, Western Newfoundland, Fredericton and Quebec. The following Dioceses shall elect lay members to the Council: Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, and Montreal. At the next Synod of the Province the dioceses shall elect from the other house to the Council. In the interest of insuring that the members between the ages of 16 -25 years have representations, that age group shall caucus and elect two members.

Appendix A Schedule of Elections

Chart showing election for the next 4 synods

2012, 2018

Clerical Members

Dioceses of:
 Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
 Western Newfoundland
 Fredericton
 Quebec

Lay Members

Dioceses of:
 Central Newfoundland
 Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
 Montreal

2015, 2021

Clerical Members

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 Central Newfoundland
 Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
 Montreal

Lay Members

Dioceses of:
 Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
 Western Newfoundland
 Fredericton
 Quebec

**If the number of Dioceses change in the ecclesiastical province of Canada, the Governance Working Group or Chancellor in Council shall recommend changes of numbers of Synod and membership of council which shall be voted upon at the next Synod to insure that there is adequate representation.*

Carried.

Motion 12

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. David Torrville (CNL)

Seconded by: The Ven. Bruce Myers (Que)

1) That section 5(3) be repealed and replaced by the following:

5(3) A person who has been elected to the office of Prolocutor, Deputy Prolocutor or Secretary

a) shall not be re-elected to such office unless she or he has been re-elected to be a member of Synod by her or his Diocesan Synod;

b) shall not serve more than two successive terms in any such office; and

c) is not eligible for election to any other office unless that person has been re-elected to be a member of Synod by her or his Diocesan Synod.

2) That this amendment, if adopted, comes into force at the Provincial Synod held next after the adoption of this amendment.

Amendment

Moved by Roberta Woodman, to add “or re-appointed” after “re-elected” in 5(3)(a) (second instance) and 5(3)(c).

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder.

Carried as amended in a vote by orders.

Motion 13

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Percy Coffin (WNL)

Seconded by: Eric Dryden (Mtl)

That section 1(1) of Canon Two be repealed and replaced by the following

1(1) When the Office of Metropolitan becomes vacant or will become vacant on a fixed future date, the Prolocutor shall

(a) if the vacancy occurs or will occur more than six months before the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod, supervise the election of a Metropolitan by electronic means; or

(b) if the vacancy occurs or will occur less than six months before the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod or during a regular meeting, convene the election of a Metropolitan during such meeting.

That section 1(3) of Canon Two be amended by replacing the word "Council" with the word "Synod" after the word "Provincial".

Carried in a vote by orders.

Motion 14

Moved by: The Most Rev. Claude Miller (Fred)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

(1) That section 5(1)(f) of the Constitution be amended by adding the words “ or, in his or her absence, the Vice-Chancellor” after the word “Chancellor”.

(2) That section 5(10) and 5(11) be repealed and replaced with the following:

5(10) The Metropolitan, in consultation with the Prolocutor, shall appoint a Chancellor and a Vice-Chancellor, each of whom

- (a) shall be a communicant member of the Church;
- (b) shall be either a lawyer of at least ten years' standing, or a judge of a court of record;
- (c) need not be a member of the Synod before being appointed; and
- (d) shall hold office at the pleasure of the Metropolitan.

5(11) The Chancellor shall advise and assist the Metropolitan, the Synod and the Council, and shall assist the Assessors during the sessions of the Synod.

5(12) The Vice-Chancellor shall

- (a) assist the Chancellor, and shall act in case of the absence or incapacity of the Chancellor, or when the office of Chancellor is vacant; and
- (b) attend and vote as of right at a meeting of the Synod, the Council or the Executive only in the absence of the Chancellor.

(3) That Sections 5(12) to 5(19) shall be renumbered as sections 5(13) to section 5(20) respectively.

Carried in vote by orders.

Motion 15

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke (Mtl)

Seconded by: The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl)

That the Province of Canada Sexual Misconduct Policy be repealed and replaced by the Provincial Misconduct Policy.

Amendment

Moved by Vicars Hodge, that in sections 12(4), 12(5), the word “shall” be replaced with the word “may”.

Accepted by the mover and seconder.

Amendment

Moved by Vicars Hodge, seconded by Janet Griffith, that in section 21(3), the word “shall” be replaced with the word “may”.

Moved by Roberta Woodman to lay the motion on the table until tomorrow.
Seconded by John Clarke.

Carried. Motion 15 Tabled.

Motion 16

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman (ENL)
Seconded by: Margaret Jenniex (CNL)

That the present Province of Canada Privacy Policy be repealed and replaced by a revised Province of Canada Privacy Policy.

Carried.

The session closed with prayer by the Metropolitan.

Friday, September 21.

The Primate led Morning Prayer for the Feast of St. Matthew.

Charles Ferris introduced the morning panel: David Jones, of the General Synod Governance Working Group; Cynthia Haines-Turner of Western Newfoundland, member of both the General Synod and Provincial Governance Working Groups, and Bishop Sue Moxley.

David Jones talked about the current restructuring at the General Synod level. The goal is to revise and reform our structures, at all levels, to be more efficient and effective in ministry. Examples are reducing the size of the Council of General Synod, creating new structures for ministry to the Armed Forces and indigenous communities. In other provinces, the Province of Ontario has reduced the size of its Synod and Council. The Diocese of Moosonee is in the process of restructuring to maintain services while eliminating its diocesan office. Keewatin is looking at creating a new diocese for its northern portion, while transferring its southern portions to become parts of other dioceses. Other provinces are sharing summer camp programs, archival services, training for non-stipendiary ministry, legal services. Every dollar not spent on administration is available for mission and ministry. Structures need to be continually reevaluated.

Cynthia Haines-Turner presented the statistical report of the Ven. Geoff Peddle. She noted that the trend since 2006 has been even more sharply downward, although full numbers are not available (last paragraph on page 1). The context in which we do ministry has changed drastically in the last generation.

Bishop Sue Moxley spoke about the scriptural basis for changes in structures (Moses and the 72 elders; the appointment of deacons in Acts). She shared the example of restructuring in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, moving from a “box” model to an “outside-the-box” model, and distributed handouts of the old and new diocesan organization charts. She then talked about the “Marks of a Healthy Congregation” used in the diocese, and suggested a similar way of evaluating provincial structures. She asked, “How can we do things differently?”, but we also need to be aware of our resources. If we do the first two Marks of Mission, evangelism and nurturing new believers well, we will have more people and resources to work with. The point of pruning is not the pruning itself, but to yield more and better fruit; the vine or tree may not look that pretty after having been pruned, but beautiful trees often don’t produce good fruit.

The Synod then went into table discussions on the questions (1) How could these motions change ministry in your geographical area? (2) What would be the benefits? (3) What are the challenges and the next three steps that need to be done? Results from the table discussions are attached as Appendix 2.

After a coffee break and mid-morning devotions led by the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, the Primate offered his reflections on the theme of the Synod, “Tending the Vine”, in the context of mission and abiding in Christ and in one another. He shared the national perspective, and many “good news” stories. He then asked the Synod, referring to the Constitution of Synod, to examine its purposes and use that to ask questions about how Synod can accomplish those purposes.

Motion 17

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville (Que)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

Moved that this Synod request the Provincial Governance Task Force, in consultation with the Executive, Provincial Council, House of Bishops, and dioceses, to explore possible realignment of dioceses within the Province of Canada, with a view to reducing the number of dioceses to no fewer than three, and to report to the next meeting of Synod.

Carried.

Motion 18

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Susan Moxley (NSPEI)
Seconded by: James Sweeny (Que)

Moved that this Synod request the Provincial Governance Task Force, in consultation with the Executive, Provincial Council, House of Bishops, and dioceses, to examine, make recommendations and to report to the next Provincial Synod. with respect to:

- a) the desirability of transferring to the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, or otherwise sharing with it the current Diocesan administrative functions, including human resources, performance review, information technology, payroll and benefits; and
- b) the funding and staffing requirements attendant on such a transfer or sharing of administrative responsibilities.

Carried.

Motion 19

Moved by: Margaret Jenniex (CNL)
Seconded by: The Most Rev. Claude Miller (Fred)

Moved that this Synod request the Provincial Governance Task Force, in consultation with the Executive, Provincial Council, House of Bishops, dioceses, and the General Synod to examine, make recommendation and to report to the next Provincial Synod with respect to:

- a) the desirability of replacing or supplementing the present Companion Diocese and Companion Parish arrangements with similarly structured mission outreach initiatives directed to the Province's geographically remote northern and other communities;
- b) requesting that the General Synod refocus its northern Canadian ministry initiatives so that the Province assumes a special responsibility for the northern communities within its boundaries; and
- c) the funding and staffing requirements of such a transfer and assumption of administrative responsibilities.

The Ven. David Oliver and the Rt. Rev. David Torraville both expressed concern that we not abandon relationships with the wider Anglican Communion, as we look at partnerships closer to home.

Carried.

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley (NSPEI)
Seconded by: The Ven. John Clarke (NSPEI)

To lift Motion 15 from the table.

Carried.

Motion 15 (restored)

The Ven. Vicars Hodge withdrew his second amendment. Consent of the Synod was granted.

The question was called.

Carried.

The Prolocutor then called on David Jones to present legislation from General Synod for second reading in 2013. He explained the amendment to the Declaration of Principles and the related amendments which would change the size of General Synod. Because the amendment does not deal with doctrine, discipline or worship, approval of Provinces and Dioceses is not required, but Provincial and Diocesan Synods may send a memorial to General Synod.

Motion 20

Moved by: The Ven. David Oliver (Que)

Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley (NSPEI)

To send a memorial to General Synod to indicate this Synod's consent to the amendment.

Carried.

A Notice of Motion was submitted by David Oliver.

James Sweeny explained election procedures.

After lunch at Fulford Hall, Synod enjoyed a walking tour of Old Montreal, followed by supper at the Auberge St-Gabriel, sponsored by the Diocese of Montreal.

Saturday, September 22

Morning Prayer was led by the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.

Motion 21

Moved by: The Ven. John Clarke (NSPEI)

Seconded by: The Rev. Cathy Laskey (Fred)

To extend privileges of the house to Janet Marshall, Congregational Development consultant for the Diocese of Montreal.

Carried.

The report of the Diocese of Montreal was presented by the Ven. Janet Griffith, Janet Marshall, Mark Dunwoody, and the Montreal delegates.

Janet Griffith began by talking about cutting staff in the synod office while at the same time strategically adding staff. The diocese is undertaking new initiatives based on the Mark of Mission. Janet Marshall then presented the diocese's Ministry Action Plan. The key components of the plan are youth ministry, direct support to parishes, and the web site and communications. The plan is being constantly re-evaluated and tweaked. The most recent initiative is forming "affinity groups", bringing people together around a common interest to brainstorm. Mark Dunwoody followed with brief remarks about the diocesan youth ministry initiative. The Rev. Paul Tidman spoke to the Third Mark of Mission, responding in loving services. The diocese offers the blessing of same-sex marriages in parishes that vote to do so. Four parishes have opted for delegated episcopal oversight because of the issue. The Ven. Michael Johnson spoke about stewardship as chair of the stewardship council. They held a recent Stewardship Café, and are sharing resources and ideas with the dioceses of Ottawa and Ontario. The diocese is developing a planned giving campaign and undertaking a feasibility study for a major capital campaign, and is also investigating repurposing of real estate resources. Linden Rogers spoke about the Centre for Lay Education, part of the Diocesan Theological College. The Centre equips the laity to fulfill their baptismal covenant, through offering two courses per year (the current course is a history of Christianity), support for lay readers, and Education for Ministry. Lynn Shepherd described the merger of three parishes into the three-point Parish of Verdun/Ville Émard, and eventually closing two of the three churches and renaming the third as a new parish. The funds from the sale of the two closed churches yielded funds for handicap accessibility and a new kitchen, as well as other upgrades, and for community outreach. Janet Griffith closed by talking about cooperation with the Diocese of Quebec. The central focus of those efforts is on francophone ministry, not just using French in liturgy, but promoting outreach in the French Quebecois context. The diocese has restructured significantly over the past few years. The first wave was a reorganization of the standing committees. The next step is moving toward a biennial synod with a major conference in intervening years. The diocese has many beautiful buildings with high maintenance costs and few people, and has been caught up the past several years in worrying about real estate. The insured value of buildings is about \$300,000,000.00. A motion is being brought to synod to create a development corporation to repurpose real estate, unlock its value, and make the money available for mission.

Synod then broke into table discussion groups. The questions for discussion were:

1. Share a good news story. How, in your diocese, deanery or parish, has there been pruning and tending of the vine which has resulted in new growth and borne fruit?
2. What opportunities do you see in your diocese?
3. What challenges do you foresee? How can the Province help?

After a coffee break, the Diocese of Quebec led mid-morning devotions.

The Metropolitan introduced Todd Townsend and Eric Beresford, from the Primate's Commission on Theological Education and Formation.

Todd Townsend circulated a draft document which the commission will be presenting to General Synod in 2013 (Appendix 3), detailing competencies for ordained ministries. Some items are common to the ministries of all the baptized, others are specific to priesthood. The commission is seeking input for a final revision before it goes to General Synod.

Eric Beresford stated that guidelines do exist, but vary widely in their content and application. There is need for uniformity across the church because, when priests transfer dioceses, there can be different understandings and expectations. Also in ecumenical settings (partnerships and our relationship with the ELCIC), clear standards are required. The context of ministry is rapidly changing, and the church is changing, and clergy need to be able to negotiate and adapt to these changes. The document must be read in the context of the ministry of all the baptized and with other orders. It is one tool among many, not a curriculum. It is aspirational, not prescriptive, and can be a guide for continuing education as well as for pre-ordination formation. The five basic competencies are (1) spiritual life, (2) understanding of who we are as Anglicans within the wider Christian context, (3) capacity to translate the tradition to real life and the cultural context, (4) capacity to provide effective leadership in a community, and (5) ability to teach, mentor and support the ministry of the whole people of God.

Time was given for members to read the document and submit comments.

The Metropolitan then introduced Sam Carriere, who spoke about Resources for Mission. "Resources for Mission" has replaced the Philanthropy Department. It is charged with raising funds to support the mission of the Anglican Church of Canada and its entities. They are integrating fundraising for the Anglican Journal, PWRDF, Anglican Appeal, and the Anglican Foundation, and are working with dioceses. It is about potential, opportunity and growth. An opportunity for questions followed his presentation.

The Metropolitan then introduced the Rev. Nick Brotherwood, who spoke about Fresh Expressions Canada. Fresh Expressions is about being a mission-shaped church. His role is to educate clergy and lay leadership, and to provide resources, programs and courses for dioceses. After his presentation, he took questions from members. Some members also joined Nick for a discussion over lunch.

After lunch, Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal welcomed delegates.

Mid-day Prayer was led by the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Metropolitan thanked the members of the executive for their work over the past three years.

Bruce Myers presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

Nominated for members of Provincial Council are the following:

youth: Reuben Bonnell (CNL)
Victoria Westcott (ENL)
lay: Winston Walters (CNL)
Lynn Sheppard (Mtl)
Jennifer Campbell (NSPEI)
clergy: Eli Evans (ENL)
Cathy Laskey (Fred)
Yves Samson (Que)
Tanya White (WNL)

Nominated for the office of Prolocutor: Margaret Jenniex (CNL)

Nominated for the office of Deputy Prolocutor (clerical nominees only):

John Clarke (NSPEI)
Trevor Lightfoot (NSPEI)
David Oliver (Que)
Albert Snelgrove (Fred)

Nominated for Clerical Secretary: Mark Kingsbury (NSPEI)
James Pratt (Mtl)
Roberta Woodman (WNL)

Nominated for Lay Secretary: James Sweeny (Que)

Nominated for Treasurer: Eric Dryden (Mtl)

Motion 22

Moved by: The Ven. Vicars Hodge (Fred)

Seconded by: Falen McNulty (Fred)

That the members of Council be elected by acclamation.

Carried.

Motion 23

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

Seconded by: Joan Gibb (Que)

That Margaret Jenniex be elected Prolocutor.

Carried.

Motion 24

Moved by: The Ven. Randy Townsend (Que)

Seconded by: The Rev. David Oliver (Que)

That James Sweeny be elected Lay Secretary.

Carried.

Motion 25

Moved by: The Ven. Randy Townsend (Que)

Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke (Mtl)

That Eric Dryden be elected Treasurer.

Carried.

Ballots were distributed and cast for the first ballot for Deputy Prolocutor and Clerical Secretary.

Bruce Myers then introduced the history of the Province's work in youth ministry. At Council in 2010, three motions were passed:

7. 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 2010-2011 budget.

12. That the provincial event be a youth and young clergy event.

13. That the Provincial Executive appoint a planning team including representation from each diocese.

The planning team was formed. The team was unable to put together a provincial youth gathering from scratch. The executive, in consultation with the task group, look for another way to honour the spirit of the discussions at Council, and decided to use the allocated funds to subsidize provincial participation at Common Ground, a national ecumenical consultation on youth ministry. The Province supported 20 attendees, many of whom would not have been able to attend without the subsidy. This has increased the capacity of dioceses in the Province for engaging in youth ministry. Bruce then introduced George Porter of the Diocese of Fredericton.

George Porter spoke about his role as the key liaison between the task group and the executive. Generation 2008, the first national gathering for youth workers, led to Common Ground 2011

with the Lutheran, United and Presbyterian Churches. Feedback from those who attended was that they were personally impacted in a positive way, and could use what they learned to have a positive impact on their ministries at home.

A Youth Ministry Caucus has been meeting parallel to and interwoven with Synod. They have been focusing on the questions, “What can we do to engage youth in the life of the church?” The challenges are geography, tradition, regional differences, and rapidly changing context. The group identified as priorities (1) the intentional training of youth ministers and (2) engaging youth in experiential mission, so that they first belong, then come to believe. The recommendations to Synod are (1) a provincial role in training trainers, who can then go back to their dioceses and train youth ministers, and (2) a provincial youth event to engage youth in fellowship, formation and (most importantly) mission.

Jennifer Campbell (NSPEI) then spoke about the need of youth to be brought in without “in-your-face” evangelism, by nurturing the spirituality that is inside them.

Jennifer Renouf (WNL) spoke about her experience with Ask & Imagine, and how connections and relationships are important to her.

There were then questions to the members of the youth consultation.

Results of the first ballot were announced:

for Deputy Prolocutor	John Clarke	25
	Trevor Lightfoot	19
	Albert Snelgrove	14
	David Oliver	10
for Clerical Secretary	James Pratt	30
	Roberta Woodman	24
	Mark Kingsbury	14

The candidates with the lowest number of votes were dropped, and a second ballot was taken.

Notices of Motion were presented by members of the youth consultation.

After a snack break, the Diocese of Fredericton led a Service of Light.

Results of the second ballot were announced:

for Deputy Prolocutor:	John Clarke	35
	Trevor Lightfoot	22

Albert Snelgrove 11

John Clarke was declared elected Deputy Prolocutor.

For Clerical Secretary	James Pratt	36
	Robert Woodman	32

James Pratt was declared elected Clerical Secretary.

Motion 26

Moved by: The Rev. Paul Tidman (Mtl)
Seconded by: The Rev. Yves Samson (Que)

That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

The presentation of the youth consultation resumed with remarks by Mark Dunwoody. Jennifer Renouf then stressed the need to concentrate on the grass roots, to nurture youth in parishes. Members were offered the opportunity to reflect on the presence of the youth and youth leaders at Synod.

Motion 27

Moved by: Victoria Westcott (ENL)
Seconded by: Jennifer Renouf (WNL)

In light of what has been noted about the positive impact of Common Ground 2011 on youth ministries in the Province, and in keeping with this Synod's determination to name ministry and mission with youth as a priority, that this Synod include within the 2012-2015 triennium a Provincial Event, where a significant portion of funds are ear-marked for youth ministry initiatives.

Carried.

Motion 28

Moved by: Jennifer Renouf (WNL)
Seconded by: Jennifer Campbell (NSPEI)

That this Provincial Synod call for a task group composed of two persons from each diocese, to meet in the spring of 2013 to give shape to an event or process by which to train trainers of youth workers for our dioceses and parishes.

Carried.

Motion 29

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley (NSPEI)

Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Ron Cutler (NSPEI)

That the Provincial Council will only meet in person once during the triennium 2012-2014 in order to free up funds for a youth event.

Carried.

Motion 30

Moved by: The Rev. David Oliver (Que)

Seconded by: Valerie Bennett (Mtl)

That the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Council fo Canada receive with thanks the report of the Réseau francophone dans la Communion anglicane at its September 2012 meeting in Douala, Cameroon, regarding the situation in Congo, and that the prayer attached to that report be translated and circulated for use in the parishes of the Province of Canada. (See Appendix 2)

Carried.

The secretaries will send a letter to Archbishop Isingoma with a copy of the resolution.

Eric Dryden presented the financial statement. The expenses under “Other” includes plaques for appreciation for exceptional service. The first will be presented to Alan Perry for his service to the Province.

Motion 31

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

Seconded by: Falen McNulty (Fred)

To accept the financial statement.

Carried.

Motion 32

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

Seconded by: The Ven. Vicars Hodge (Fred)

To appoint as auditors the auditors of the Diocese of Montreal.

Carried.

The Metropolitan invited any of the guests to share brief reflections. Sandra Tilley expressed her thanks for having been welcomed as a guest.

Motion 33

Moved by: Jennifer Renouf (WNL)

Seconded by: Joan Gibb (Que)

That thanks be extended to the following people:

To the Diocese of Montreal, Bishop Clarke, and the Local Arrangements Committee, for hosting this Synod, for making sure that we arrived safely and enjoyed our stay in Montreal;

To the Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev. Paul Kennington and all those involved in worship for this event;

To our Primate for sharing his thoughts, ideas and vision for our province and the nation as a whole;

To the Governance Committee for all their hard work and dedication, for preparing and informing the Synod of their work, work that will help us look towards a vision for the province of Canada;

To those who gave special Reports

* Tom Townsend and Rev. Canon Eric Beresford for their report on Theological education

* Sam Carriere for his report on Resources for Ministry

* Nick Brotherwood for his informing report on Fresh Expressions

* the leaders of the Youth Caucus especially George Porter for his report on both Common Ground and the youth caucus;

To the whole Synod for allowing the voices of the youth to be heard;

To the executive of the Province for building a good agenda, and providing us with an interesting time;

To Archbishop Claude Miller for his leadership and his address to the Synod;

And finally, to all members and guests for participating and helping this Province of Canada move forward in the work of God's mission.

Carried.

Motion 34

Moved by: Falen McNulty (Fred)

To adjourn.

The Synod was declared adjourned. Members enjoyed a hospitality suite provided by the Diocese of Montreal, followed by supper.

Three Questions

1. How could these motions change ministry in your geographical area?

- Better enable ministry to civil province, which has similar ministry needs
- May be too big to manage, meetings, council
- Reduce episcopal ministry, number of bishops reduced
- Possible to get positive change through the motion
- There may be a need to restructure the diocese of certain areas to fit into others. Would Gaspé Bay be better in Fredericton Diocese due to location?
- Pruning could lead to a growth if we attend to those who are faithful without worry of geographical area.
- Transparency – more
- Centralization (more now than before)
- Fear of Change: Due to change instead of commonality
- Expectations are especially high: if joined expectations would have to be changes
- Is there an over concern with financial savings?
- Would the church have less presence of the Bishop?
- May lose our ways of ministry (rural vs. Urban)
- Rural congregations may get lost in the shuffle. Urban areas cannot relate to the economy of rural areas.
- Save some money on administration and use it in better ways
- May improve decision making
- Some concern that this change could create greater distance between Bishop and their people
- One change might be becoming more self-centered if we drop international partners for the North
- Could give us better mission relationship with the North, we like the idea of supplementing more than replacing.
- These changes would free us to do mission versus maintenance ministry.
- To engage vigorous conversations between clergy a laity about the present and future mission of the church.
- May be conversations that's 5 years too late; some Diocese already making major changes; would require more changes with infrastructure.
- Many challenges with mergers
- Size and geographical area in most of our Dioceses would present major issues.
- Be more relevant
- Be effective
- Meet people where they are
- Able to better manage our resources

- We have discussed this for years: NS & PEI with Fredericton
- We already combine certain administrative
- Perhaps Human Resources could be merged

2. What would be the benefits?

- Reduce costs of some positions
- If number of bishops is maintained it may enable some to specialize or share responsibilities in a way to increase ministry initiative.
- Able to use resources properly, i.e., human, monetary, etc.... together
- If we are to change, yes finances important but mission needs to be a main focus over money.
- Partnership
- Harness the people who have the faith and drive for mission, with these people we can grow even if shrinking, is a fear
- Cost saving so money can be spent on our mission
- Mission brings in people and support
- Financial
- Looking at ourselves which may give us a new and revived vision
- Education, awareness of others
- Payroll and benefits – save money by centralizing
- Redeployment if human resources
- Possibility saving of resources from an administration toward the mission
- Doable but is it desirable? To save \$1000.00 on a Parish level is it worth it?
- Remain as we are but share more resources such as insurance, investments, theological studies, Anglican Charitable Foundation for Children.
- Bring people to Christ
- Growth and stability
- Change lives
- Centralized payroll is needs and makes administration easier
- Newfoundland already does many administration things together (College, Newspapers, investments)

3. What are the challenges and the next three steps that need to be done?

- Local ways of doing things always feels threatened with any centralization
- Motions reduce episcopal visits and reduce the visibility of seeing/hearing from Bishops. This could hurt parishes.
- Geography is a problem we need to take a note from Newfoundland, and work together to find common ground, share mission
- Pruning – seeding and caring (tending) have to be present.

- Grassroots conversing
- Clear portrait of our reality – need desperately
- Community and Communication
- Leadership
- Discussion with Diocese is essential; the case for reducing Diocese needs careful articulation/discussion
- Starting the Dialogue
- Beginning with the Diocese
- Ensuring everyone (all levels) is included in the conversation
- Concern that local concerns might not be as well addressed if dioceses amalgamate.
- Some administrative work; payroll should be done at provincial level –but not Pastoral, i.e., Bishops which need to be local.
- Reducing to 3 Dioceses raises concerns about Pastoral care of churches and clergy
- Fear resistance to change
- Weakening of relationships between bishops and Parishes
- Being attentive to redirecting the savings
- At what cost would we do this and what would be the savings
- Rural Newfoundland lost schools, post offices, church often the only ‘thing’ that remains
- “I desire mercy, not sacrifice” – compassion to all
- fear of change
- “Pillars” of the Church
- Do we need 7 Diocesan Bishops, what if we had 3 Diocesan Bishops (3 Administrative Centers) but more area or Suffragan Bishops
- Talents and experience might be easier to apply
- FEAR: how do we deal with it, put the focus not n Bishops outreach but on the mission of God
- System presents itself – how do we go beyond
- Education: we have done a poor job in explaining how the church functions, what the organization is
- Need for discernment: freely asking questions; allowing difference