

**The Ecclesiastical Province of
Canada**
Forty-fifth Provincial Synod
September 10-13, 2009
Gander, Diocese of Central Newfoundland

Minutes

Thursday, September 10

Following the Executive Meeting including a review of the Agenda, a total of 88 persons registered; 15 guests and 73 delegates.

Present:

The Rt. Rev. Claude Miller (Fred), Acting Metropolitan; The Rev. Cn. Alan Perry (Mtl), Prolocutor; Margaret Jenniex (CNL), Deputy Prolocutor; The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl), Clerical Secretary; John Moores (WNL), Lay Secretary; Eric Dryden (Mtl) Treasurer; Charles Ferris (Fred), Chancellor; **Central Newfoundland:** The Rt. Rev. David Torrance, The Rev. Perry Cooper, The Rev. Robin Trevors, The Rev. John Watton, The Rev. Brian Candow, Margaret Jenniex, Thomas Lambert, William Barnes, Wayne Hallett, Nicole Buffett (Y); **Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador:** The Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman, The Rev. Robin Barrett, The Rev. Julie Hiscock, The Rev. Sam Rose, The Rev. Amanda Taylor, Mr. Moses Tucker, Miss Ada Simms, Mrs. Deborah Pantin; **Fredericton:** The Ven. Patricia Ann Margaret Drummond, The Ven. David Edwards, The Ven. Geoffrey M. Hall, The Ven. Vicars Edward Hodge, Mr. Robert Brittain, Mrs. Shara Golden, Captain Rob Marsh, Mr. Ted Quann, Ms. Emily Jacobs (Y); **Montreal:** The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke, The Ven. Janet Griffith Johnson, The Revd Ralph Leavitt, The Revd Neil Mancor*, The Revd Eileen Steele, Me David Eramian, Barbara Hill-Bissonnette, Mrs. Frieda Prosser, Marilyn Wray, Juliet Oppong* (Y); **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island:** The Rt. Rev. Sue Moxley, The Rt. Rev. Ron Cutler, The Ven. John Clarke, The Rev. Matthew Sponagle, The Rev. Trevor Lightfoot, The Rev. Elliott Siteman, Ms. Penny Lockhart, Nancy Cashin, Mr. Gerald Nelson, Emily Turner (Y); **Quebec:** The Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville, The Ven. Bruce Myers, The Rev. Frederick Richardson, The Rev. Jason Pollick, The Ven. Pierre Voyer, Mrs. Anne Chapman, Mr. James Sweeny, Mrs. Joan Gibb, Mrs. Phyllis Gauthier, Mr. Félix Gaudreau (Y); **Western Newfoundland:** The Rt. Rev. Percy Coffin, The Rev. Tanya White, The Very Rev. Michael Rice, The Rev. Joan Coles, The Rev. Jason Haggstrom, Dian Marsden*, Helen Hall, Irma Moores, Eileen Churchill, Erica Sheppard (Y); **Guests:** The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz* (Primate), The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls (Primacy Task Group), The Rev. Edmund Laldin (Primacy Task Group), Norah Bolton (Primacy Task Group), Mr. Robert Falby (Prolocutor of General Synod); Fiona Brownlee (Council of the North), The Ven. Paul Feheley (General Synod); The Ven. Harry Huskins (Executive Officer, Province of Ontario); Mike Thornhill (Ecclesiastical Insurance), Dr. Randall Fairey* (Governance Working Group), The Rev. Shawn Samson (Governance Working Group), Prof. Joanne Mercer (Queens College), Cynthia Haines-Turner* (Governance Working Group and PWRDF), Juanita Freeman (Queens College)

student) and Judi Phillips (Queens College student).

**arrived Friday*

Following dinner all were transported to the St. Martin's Church for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist where the Acting Metropolitan gave the Presidential Address. Music was provided by the St. Martin's Youth Band.

Following the Eucharist, greetings were given by:

Warden Sheila Boutcher on behalf of the parish of St. Martin's

Alan Scott, on behalf of the Town of Gander

The Rev. Stephanie McClellan on behalf of the Gander Ministerial Association

Synod convened at the Albatross Hotel at 9:15 pm.

The Prolocutor took the chair.

Margaret Jenniex made announcements about housekeeping matters.

Motion 1:

Moved by: Jim Sweeny (QC)

Seconded by: Fred Richardson (QC)

That Section 3(14) of the Constitution of the Province of Canada be amended by inserting "or Vice Chancellors" after "Chancellors".

Motion Carried.

Motion 2:

Moved by: Perry Cooper (CNL)

Seconded by: Robin Trevors (CNL)

That the sessional committees be named as follows:

Agenda: Provincial Executive

Courtesies: Sam Rose (ENL), Vicars Hodge (Fred), Joan Gibb (QC), Erica Sheppard (WNL)

Nominating: John Watton (CNL), John Clarke (NSPEI), Emily Jacobs (Fred), Marilyn Wray (Mtl)

Resolutions: Provincial Executive and Synod Assessors

Assessors: David Eramian(Mtl), Derek Hillier (Vice Chancellor, CNL)

Scrutineers: Eileen Steele (Mtl), Amanda Taylor (ENL), Thomas Lambert (CNL), Felix Gaudreau (QC)

Motion Carried.

Motion 3:

Moved by: John Moores (WNL)

Seconded by: Jim Pratt (Mtl)

That the 2006 Synod Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 4:

Moved by: Tom Lambert (CNL)

Seconded by: William Barnes (CNL)

That Council Minutes of 2007 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 5:

Moved by: Sam Rose (ENL)

Seconded by: Cy Pittman (ENL)

That Council Minutes of 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 6:

Moved by: Barbara Hill (Mtl)

Seconded by: Eileen Steele (Mtl)

To receive the Reports as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Motion 7:

Moved by: Rob Marsh (Fred)

Seconded by: David Edwards (Fred)

That this Synod extend to the guest of Synod, namely Norah Bolton, Fiona Brownlee, Randell Fairey, Robert Falby, Paul Feheley, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Harry Huskins,

Edmund Laldin, Joanne Mercer, Linda Nicholls, Derek Hillier, Shawn Samson and Cindy Haines-Turner, the privileges of the house.

Correspondence: None

The Prolocutor then explained the nomination and election procedures for members of Provincial Council, and election of the executive.

Motion 8:

Moved by: Sue Moxley (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That the position descriptions of the Metropolitan, Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor, Clerical and Lay Secretaries, Treasurer, Chancellor, Member of Provincial Council, and Member of Provincial Court, be adopted as policies of this Provincial Synod.

Motion carried.

The Acting Metropolitan took the chair.

Motion 9:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That the Canons of the Province of Canada be renumbered, replacing Roman numerals with Arabic Numerals in the Canon numbers.

Motion carried.

Motion 10:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That Canon II, be amended by:

1. adding “or her” after “his” in section 6(1); and
2. adding a new section 6(3) reading:

6(3) The title of the Metropolitan shall continue to be “Archbishop” after he or she ceases to hold office.

Motion carried.

Motion 11:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That section 3(3) of Canon IV be amended by:

- (a) adding “and the Metropolitan at his or her installation,” after “requires it”;
- (b) renumbering subsection (d) as (d)(i) and adding “(to be declared by all but the Metropolitan) at the beginning of the subsection; and
- (c) adding a new subsection (d)(ii) reading:
 - (ii) (to be declared by the Metropolitan) I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Canons which have been or are from time to time passed by the General Synod and the Provincial Synod.

Motion carried.

Motion 12:

Moved by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

Seconded by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

That the title of the Constitution be changed from “The Constitution of the Provincial Synod of Canada’ to “The Constitution of the Synod of the Province of Canada”.

That sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Constitution be renumbered as section 3, 4, 5 and 6 and that the following new sections 1 and 2 be inserted as follows:

Purpose

1. The rights, responsibilities and prerogatives of the Synod of the Province of Canada shall include the following, namely:
 - A. The providing of occasions for fellowship and of a forum for the consideration of topics of particular concern within the Province, including:
 - (i) faith, witness, ministry and liturgical worship;
 - (ii) the political, economic, educational and social dimensions of the Ecclesiastical Province; both those common to the whole and those of a more local nature;
 - (iii) the relationship of the Church to governments in all matters affecting the quality of life and of community within the Ecclesiastical Province.

In order better to fulfil the above functions, Provincial Synod shall call upon speakers and scholars to inform them in seminar and worship on these matters.

- B. The planning and promotion of teamwork among bishops, clergy and laity within the Province.
- C. The exercise of canonical and legislative authority and jurisdiction in all matters affecting the general interests and well-being of the Church within the Province in the following matters:
- (i) the election of the Metropolitan and the definition of the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Metropolitan;
 - (ii) the constitution and organization of the Synod, including the regulation of the time and place of its meetings, the order and conduct of its proceedings, and the appointment, functions and duties of its officers, Provincial Council and committees for the proper conduct of its affairs;
 - (iii) matters referred to it by the General Synod, the diocesan synods in the province and the House of Bishops of the province;
 - (iv) the ordering and directing of matters liturgical, and in particular, the authorization of special forms of prayers, services and ceremonies for which no provision has been made under the authority of the General Synod or the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada;
 - (v) with the consent of the General Synod and of any diocese affected, the adjustment of the boundaries of the province;
 - (vi) with the consent of the General Synod and of the dioceses affected, the division of the province into dioceses, the establishment of missionary dioceses within the province, the division of existing dioceses and the adjustment or rearrangement of diocesan boundaries;
 - (vii) the constitution of the Provincial Court of Appeal, with original and appellate jurisdiction, including the procedure therein and enforcement of its decrees and judgments;
 - (viii) the ecclesiastical discipline and trial of bishops;
 - (ix) the regulation of the ministrations of the clergy and others; including the oaths and subscriptions of clergy;
 - (x) the administration of any fund or trust established in respect of the province or the Synod;
 - (xi) the confirmation of the election, consecration, and resignation of bishops;
 - (xii) the relations of the church to the civil authorities and to public education within the Province;
 - (xiii) the formation and constitution of provincial branches of organizations and societies established by the General Synod for the promotion of the work of General Synod;
 - (xiv) the consideration, promotion and advancement of any object or matter

for the general advantage of the Church in Canada or in the province, referred to the Synod by the General Synod.

- D. The supervision of the programme of the Advisory Council for Postulants for Ordination within the province.
2. In order to effect the rights, responsibilities and prerogatives of the Synod of the Province of Canada as hereinbefore set forth it is provided as follows.

Motion carried.

The Prolocutor resumed the chair. After announcements, Synod recessed for the evening.

Friday, September 11

The session opened with Morning Prayer led by the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Prof. Joanne Mercer then led Synod in a Bible Study on “Why do we serve God?” and the Book of Job.

The Rev. Edmund Laldin presented the report of the Interfaith Committee. The committee has had trouble meeting over the last three years. They propose, rather than a standing committee, to have a provincial resource person for diocesan and local interfaith initiatives or to answer questions.

Robin Barrett spoke briefly on interfaith initiatives in St. John’s, Newfoundland, where the local clergy association has sponsored public interfaith fora to promote understanding among different faith communities, and cooperated on political action to address poverty.

Charles Ferris then presented an introduction to the topic of governance, and the need to constantly re-examine our structures to see that they continue to serve the purposes for which they were created and to promote effective mission. He introduced Bishops Claude Miller and Sue Moxley.

Claude Miller read the General Synod enactment from 2007, that the church consider elimination of provincial structure in whole or in part, and look at the diocesan structure, including boundaries, in order to enhance mission and improve effectiveness and efficiency. The purposes of Provincial Synod are “(1) providing occasions for fellowship and a forum for consideration of topics of particular concern within the Province, ... (2) the planning and promotion of teamwork among bishops, clergy and laity within the Province, (3) the exercise of canonical and legislative authority and jurisdiction . . . , and (4) the supervision of the programme of the Advisory Council for Postulants for Ordination within the Province.” A

key is overcoming autonomy, and being able to effectively work together.

Sue Moxley started with the words of Archbishop Carrington: “if we consented to become a shadow organization with formal functions and no real work, I do not think we would ever meet again.” We need to look at our purposes, and how well our structures allow us to accomplish them. Discussion of governance also needs to include resources and budgets.

Charles Ferris closed the panel with a statement from Barack Obama: “The status quo is not an option.”

A refreshment break was sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The report of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland was presented by Bishop David Torrville and John Watton, with a video presentation. After the presentation, they distributed crosses made from wood of St. Martin’s Cathedral, made by parishioner Don Menchion, to all members of Synod and guests.

Bishop Dennis Drainville presented the report of the Diocese of Quebec.

Bishop Sue Moxley presented the video report of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Prolocutor introduced the members of the Nominating Committee and reminded members to pass nominations on to those members. He also requested diocesan caucuses to meet over lunch for nominations for members of Council.

The Diocese of Western Newfoundland led mid-day prayers, and Synod recessed.

After lunch, members of Synod went by bus to Newtown for a tour of the Barbour Premises and a traditional Newfoundland dinner and entertainment.

Saturday, September 12

The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador led morning worship.

Prof. Joanne Mercer then led the Synod in a continuation of the Bible study on Job.

Charles Ferris introduced the morning panel: Bishop Dennis Drainville, Archdeacon Harry Huskins, executive officer of the Province of Ontario and member of the Governance Working Group, and Alan Perry.

Bishop Drainville offered reflections on the framing questions. Canada is a diverse nation, and our Province reflects that diversity, culturally, economically, sociologically, historically. As a Province, we need to work on and enhance communication. Relations between Diocesan, Provincial and General Synods is tenuous at best and could be strengthened, indeed need to be strengthened; there needs to be more work to give the Province an impact on the ground in dioceses. To strengthen the Province, communication needs to be made a first priority. We need to look at central educational events and sharing educational resources. He suggested that Synod meet less frequently, but that a smaller group continue to meet regularly.

Archdeacon Huskins explained how the Ontario Provincial Synod operates. Involvement in provincial legislation and regulatory matters is central to its operations, because all the dioceses are primarily within the civil province of Ontario. There is also a strong involvement in theological education, both in coordinating and in financial support. Its work is focused on mission and ministry, both in parishes and institutional settings, and seeking to support the dioceses. Each synod sets three priorities for the triennium, on which it focuses efforts and resources, and re-evaluates these constantly.

Alan Perry suggested that, as an alternative to General Synod proposals concerning the provinces, we need to focus on strengthening the provinces, and also include provincial representation at General Synod. He then assigned members to discussion groups and gave guidelines for the groups.

Synod then divided into discussion groups.

After a coffee break, Synod resumed in plenary. Summaries from the discussion groups were presented. Issues that were identified by a number of groups included communication, more sharing of experiences at all levels (bishops, clergy, laity and youth), more youth activities. The floor was then opened to discussion.

Motion 13:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)
Seconded by: James Pratt (Mtl)

That section 1(b) of the Constitution be amended to read:

1(b) Three clerical and three lay members from each diocese elected by the diocesan synods according to such rules as they adopt;

The vote was taken by orders.
Bishops: carried

Clergy: defeated
Motion defeated.

The Acting Metropolitan yielded the chair to the Prolocutor.

Motion 14:

Moved by: Sue Moxley (NSPEI)
Seconded by: Bruce Myers (Qc)

That the Province of Canada ask the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to repudiate and renounce the Doctrine of Discovery as fundamentally opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights that individuals and peoples have received from God;

that this declaration be made known among our churches, shared with all the nations and peoples located within the Anglican Church of Canada's boundaries, and be made known to the United Nations;

that the General Secretary write to Queen Elizabeth II, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, requesting that her Majesty disavow, and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery;

and that the General Synod through KAIROS advocate for the Canadian government's endorsement of the "United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," which Canada has refused to endorse. (only the U.S., Canada, New Zealand, and Australia have failed to sign on).

Motion carried.

The Prolocutor introduced the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz.

The Primate talked about his experiences traveling around Canada and seeing first-hand the varied ministries of the church, and especially the military ordinariate. Transition and change is occurring throughout the church. He talked about budgetary pressures at General Synod, and about the six Marks of Mission. He then talked about plans leading to General synod in 2010. He discussed the Anglican Covenant, and criticized any rush to adoption of an incomplete covenant and any push toward a two-tier Communion. He highlighted the 50th anniversary of the PWRDF and activities and initiatives associated with it. He talked about his visit to the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and opportunities for closer cooperation with that diocese.

The Acting Metropolitan gave a brief word of thanks to the Primate.

The Prolocutor made announcements.

The Diocese of Fredericton led mid-day prayer.

After lunch, Synod resumed.

John Watton (CNL) submitted the report of the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for Prolocutor were: Margaret Jenniex, Geoffrey Hall, Shara Golden, and James Sweeny. The first ballot in the election of Prolocutor was taken.

The Rev. Edmund Laldin, Bishop Linda Nicholls and Norah Bolton of the Primacy Task Force presented their work on the office and role of the Primate, including a review of the history of the Primacy. They then gave a presentation on effective leadership. They then divided the Synod into discussion groups for discussions on questions related to the Primacy. After returning to plenary, Bishop Nicholls summarized how the task force will use the results from the discussions.

The Prolocutor introduced Fiona Brownlee, the communications officer for the Council of the North.

Ms. Brownlee gave a presentation on the work of the Council of the North and the difficulties and costs of ministry in the North. She highlighted the suicide prevention program that will be funded from the funds received through the Amazing Grace Project, and other special programs supported by donations to the Council.

The results of the first ballot for Prolocutor were announced. Margaret Jenniex was elected Prolocutor. As a lay person was elected Prolocutor, the Deputy Prolocutor must be from the order of clergy. The nominees are Geoffrey Hall, Bruce Myers and Trevor Lightfoot. The first ballot for the election of Deputy Prolocutor was taken.

Motion 15:

Moved by: John Watton (CNL)

Seconded by: John Clarke (NSPEI)

That the following officers be elected by acclamation: The Rev. James Pratt as Clerical Secretary, James Sweeny as Lay Secretary, and Eric Dryden as Treasurer.

Motion Carried.

The Prolocutor introduced the Governance Working Group, Dr. Randall Fairey, Cynthia Haines-Turner, Bishop Sue Moxley and Harry Huskins.

Dr. Fairey described the work of the Working Group in consulting diocesan and provincial synods and other groups around the church. Then he began a discussion of indigenous ministry, beginning with a historical overview. He then moved on to the challenges of creating new structures, working with the tradition and current structures.

The Prolocutor announced the results of the first ballot for Deputy Prolocutor: Bruce Myers, 24, Trevor Lightfoot, 23, Geoffrey Hall, 22. A second ballot was taken.

The presentation of the Governance Working Group resumed. Bishop Sue Moxley began with a discussion of the canons which require most canonical and constitutional legislation to be passed by two consecutive sessions of General Synod, with comment by provincial and diocesan synods in between. General Synod 2007 passed an amendment eliminating the need for a second reading. When they consulted the dioceses and provinces, the near unanimous response favoured retention of that time frame. Therefore, the amendment to eliminate the requirement of a second reading will be dropped. The companion amendment, eliminating duplications between the Declaration of Principles and the Constitution and Canons, was received more favourably by the dioceses and provinces, and will go forward in 2010.

Cynthia Haines-Turner then introduced Archdeacon Harry Huskins. Archdeacon Huskins addressed the size of General Synod and the number of delegates from each diocese. The principle that has governed General Synod since 1893 is that all dioceses should be represented at synod, but that the representation should bear some relationship to the relative size of the dioceses. The current method of apportionment, by the number of licensed clergy in the diocese, is not a fair measure of actual membership, because of differences in the structure of ministry in different dioceses. The GWG suggests changing to apportionment based on average weekly attendance. As to the membership of the Council of General Synod, the GWG wishes to reduce the membership, but to do so would mean that each diocese would not have a representative on CoGS.

The GWG then took questions and comments from the floor.

The Prolocutor announced the results of the second ballot for Deputy Prolocutor: Bruce Myers, 26; Trevor Lightfoot, 24, Geoffrey Hall 22. Geoffrey Hall withdrew his name. A third ballot was taken.

Motion 16:

Moved by: Ralph Leavitt (Mtl)

Seconded by: Shara Golden (Fred)

That subsequent to discussions held at this Provincial Synod, this Synod requests that the Provincial Council study ways that this Synod could reduce costs so that more resources would be available to fulfill the goals of Provincial Synod.

Motion carried.

Motion 17:

Moved by: Sam Rose (ENL)

Seconded by: Ada Simms (ENL)

That the Metropolitan appoint a communications officer. The responsibility of the communications officer shall be to communicate to the wider church and society the activities of the province. The communications officer shall be subordinate to and take direction from the Metropolitan, and shall report to the Provincial Council.

Motion carried.

The Prolocutor announced the result of the third ballot for Deputy Prolocutor. Bruce Myers 40, Trevor Lightfoot 26, spoiled, 1. Bruce Myers was elected Deputy Prolocutor.

Voting took place for youth members of Council.

Motion 18:

Moved by Erica Sheppard (WNL)

Seconded by Félix Gaudreau (Qc)

That the agenda of future sessions of Synod include a formal meeting of the youth delegates, chaired by the Metropolitan, to discuss ministry, faith and worship.

Motion carried.

After supper, the Synod reconvened to the chair of the Prolocutor.

The results of the election for youth members of Council were announced. Elected are Félix Gaudreau, Emily Jacobs, and Nicole Buffett.

The Acting Metropolitan then assumed the chair.

Motion 19:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That this Synod direct the secretaries to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:

“That the Synod of the Province of Canada gives its consent to the Resolution to add clause ‘r’ to section 6 of the Declaration of Principles, as published in Appendix L of the Handbook of General Synod, page 156.”

The amendment gives General Synod power to elect and consecrate a National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.

Motion carried.

Motion 20:

Moved by: Alan Perry (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That this Synod direct the secretaries to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:

“That the Synod of the Province of Canada gives its consent to the Resolution to add clause ‘s’ to section 6 of the Declaration of Principles, as published in Appendix L of the Handbook of General Synod, page 156.”

Motion carried.

Motion 21:

Moved by: Sue Moxley (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Robin Barrett (ENL)

That this Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada affirm and uphold the importance of interfaith dialogue by requesting the Metropolitan:

- a. to appoint a Resource Person on Interfaith Dialogue in consultation with the Provincial Executive; and
- b. to appoint, in consultation with the Resource Person and with the Provincial Executive, an advisory council to advise, counsel and support the work of the Resource Person.

Motion carried.

Motion 22:

Moved by: Sue Moxley (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Jim Sweeny (Qc)

To elect as members and alternate members of Provincial Council:

Montreal: David Eramian and The Ven. Janet Griffith-Johnson
Alternates Barbara Hill and the Rev. Ralph Leavitt

Quebec: Phyllis Gauthier and the Rev. Jason Pollick
Alternates Joan Gibb and the Rev. Fred Richardson

Fredericton: Rob Marsh and the Ven. Vicars Hodge
Alternates Shara Golden and the Ven. Patricia Drummond

NSPEI: Penny Lockhart and the Ven. John Clarke
Alternates Nancy Cashin and the Rev. Trevor Lightfoot

WNL: Irma Moores and the Very Rev. Michael Rice
Alternates Helen Hall and the Rev. Jason Haggstrom

CNL: Wayne Hallett and the Rev. John Watton
Alternates Tom Lambert and the Rev. Robin Trevors

ENL: Moses Tucker and the Rev. Julie Hiscock
Alternates Debbie Pantin and the Rev. Robin Barrett

Motion carried.

Motion 23:

Moved by: Jim Sweeny (Qc)

Seconded by: Penny Lockhart (NSPEI)

To destroy the ballots.

Motion carried.

Motion 24:

Moved by: David Eramian (Mtl)

Seconded by: Charles Ferris (Fred)

That this Provincial Synod request the Metropolitan, with the advice of the Provincial Executive, to establish a Task Force to identify how the Province and each of the Dioceses may implement the deliberations of this Synod on internal governance, on the relationship of Provincial Synod with General Synod and with the diocesan synods, and how they may address any civil legislative issues that may arise from time to time and which may affect the

Province or any of the Dioceses.

Motion carried.

The Acting Metropolitan then invited Bob Falby, Prolocutor of General Synod, to share reflections.

Mr. Falby commended Synod on its deliberations on the General Synod legislation. He stressed that we should not think of “us and them”, but only “us”.

The Acting Metropolitan then invited Archdeacon Harry Huskins to share reflections. Archdeacon Huskins merely expressed his assent to Bob Falby’s remarks.

The Acting Metropolitan then invited the Treasurer, Eric Dryden, to discuss the financial statements. He presented the financial statement

Motion 25:

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Mtl)

Seconded by: Jim Sweeny (Qc)

To accept the financial statement as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion 26:

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Mtl)

Seconded by: Jim Sweeny (Qc)

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

Motion carried.

The Acting Metropolitan then expressed his thanks to the outgoing Prolocutor, Alan Perry, and Synod expressed its thanks with a round of applause.

Motion 27:

Moved by: Erica Sheppard (WNL)

Seconded by: Vicars Hodge (Fred)

That this Synod expresses its thanks to:

The Holy One who draws us together in fellowship and worship and business, and

who calls us to ministry in his name;

All members of Synod;

All our facilitators;

The Bishop of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, the Rt. Rev. David Torrville;

The local arrangements committee, who did so much to make our stay here a fantastic one;

The Rector, staff and congregation of St. Martin's Cathedral;

The youth band and dance crew of St. Martin's Cathedral;

The Executive who planned and executed the whole proceedings;

Our visiting Bible study leader, the Rev. Dr. Joanne Mercer;

All our speakers and presenters: Charles Ferris and Shara Golden, Edmund Laldin, Harry Huskins, Alan Perry, Bishop Linda Nicholls, Norah Bolton, Fiona Brownlee, and particularly our Primate, Fred Hiltz, for sharing with us stories from across the Anglican Church at home and abroad;

All our guests;

Those who enabled our wonderful visit to Newtown, who entertained us and fed us so well;

Bishop Claude Miller, who led our meetings so well;

And those whom we have forgotten, do Thou, O Lord, remember.

Motion carried.

The Diocese of Montreal led the Synod in Compline.

The Prolocutor gave his reflections on his service as a member and officer of five consecutive synods, and expressed his thanks to the Synod.

The Acting Metropolitan gave a final blessing and declared the Synod prorogued.

Sunday, September 13.

Synod gathered at St. Martin's Cathedral, Gander, for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the commissioning of the members of the Executive, and the installation of the Most Rev. Claude W. Miller as Metropolitan of the Province of Canada. The Rt. Rev. David Torrville celebrated the Eucharist, and the Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, preached.