

**The Ecclesiastical Province of
Canada**
Forty-seventh Provincial Synod
June 24-28, 2015
Fredericton, Diocese of Fredericton

Minutes

Thursday, June 25

Following the Executive Meeting including a review of the Agenda, a total of 52 persons registered; 43 delegates and 9 guests.

Present:

The Most Rev. Percy Coffin (WNL), Metropolitan; Margaret Jenniex (CNL), Prolocutor; The Ven. John Clarke (NSPEI), 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. Dr. Joanne Mercer, The Rev. Jeffrey Blackwood, Margaret Jenniex, Hedley Johnson, Nathan Buffett (Y); **Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador:** The Rev. Donna Mercer, The Rev. Eli Evans, Peter Reccord, Matthew Barter (Y); **Fredericton:** The Rt. Rev. David Edwards, The Ven. Geoffrey Hall, Ven. Cathy Laskey, Mr. Rick Haddad, Mr. Jim Knight, Rachel Barrett (Y)*; **Montreal:** The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke, The Ven. Michael Johnson, The Rev. James Pratt, Valerie Bennett, Penny Noël, Élodie Lambert (Y); **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island:** The Rt. Rev. Ron Cutler, The Rev. Cn. Gordon Redden, The Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham, Donna Parsons, Judi Colp, Bailey Bowden (Y); **Quebec:** The Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville, The Ven. Edward Simonton, The Rev. Cn. Frederick Richardson, Mrs. Ruth Sheeren, Mrs. Dale Keats; **Western Newfoundland:** The Most Rev. Percy Coffin, The Ven. John Meade, The Rev. Canon Louise Richards, Mr. David Chafe, Mrs. Claudia Chafe, Jennifer Bennett (Y)*; **Guests:** The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz (Primate), The Ven. Samuel Rose (ENL), The Rev. Perry Cooper (CNL), Me David Eramian (Vice-Chancellor), Prof. David Bell (Chancellor, Fred), Mark Dunwoody (Mtl), Marites Sison (Anglican Journal), Beverley Murphy (Anglican Journal), Gisele McKnight (Fredericton Anglican), Mike Thornhill (Ecclesiastical Insurance), Jane Williamson (Ecclesiastical Insurance).

*arrived on Friday, June 26

(The Diocese of Quebec had no elected youth delegate)

Regrets: The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Peddle (ENL), Mrs. Joan Peddle (ENL) (the alternate was also unable to attend)

Synod convened at St Margaret's Church, Fredericton. The Chancellor declared that a quorum

was present, and the Metropolitan proclaimed the synod open. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Bishop David Edwards. The Metropolitan gave the presidential address.

Following the Eucharist, the first session was held at St Margaret's with the Metropolitan in the chair.

The Ven. Cathy Laskey was introduced and thanked for her work on the local arrangements committee. She made several housekeeping announcements.

The Metropolitan announced that regrets were received from the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Peddle; and that the Ven. John Clarke, Rachel Barrett and Jennifer Bennett would be arriving on Friday.

The Metropolitan welcomed guests, the Primate, Beverley Murphy and Marites Sison from the Anglican Journal, Gisele McKnight from the Fredericton Anglican, Mike Thornhill and Jane Williamson from Ecclesiastical Insurance; the Rev. Richard Robinson, Rector of St. Margaret's.

Motion 1:

Moved by: The Ven. Geoffrey Hall (Fred)
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. David Edwards (Fred)

That the Agenda Committee be the Executive, namely Archbishop Percy Coffin, Margaret Jenniex, the Ven. John Clarke, the Rev. James Pratt, James Sweeny, Charles Ferris, and Eric Dryden.

Carried.

Motion 2

Moved by: Ruth Sheeran (QC)
Seconded by: The Rev. Fred Richardson (QC)

That the Courtesies Committee be Joanne Mercer, Geoffrey Hall, Valerie Bennett and Matthew Barter.

Carried.

Motion 3

Moved by: The Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Judith Colp. (NSPEI)
That the Resolutions Committee be Charles Ferris, Gordon Redden, John Meade, and Ruth Sheeran.

Carried.

Motion 4

Moved by: The Rev. Louise Richards (WNL)
Seconded by: The Ven. John Meade (WNL)

That the Assessors be David Eramian and David Bell.

Carried.

Motion 5

Moved by: Judi Colp (NSPEI)
Seconded by: The Ven. Gordon Redden (NSPEI)

That the Scrutineers be David Eramian and David Bell.

Carried.

Motion 6

Moved by: Valerie Bennett (Mtl)
Seconded by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

That the minutes of the 2012 meeting of Provincial Synod be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Motion 7

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Ronald Cutler (NSPEI)
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. David Torrville (CNL)

That the minutes of the 2012 and 2013 meetings of Provincial Council be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Motion 8

Moved by: The Rev. Eli Evans (ENL)
Seconded by: The Rev. Donna Mercer (ENL)

That the privileges of the House be extended to guests, namely, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, the Ven. Sam Rose, the Rev. Perry Cooper, Mark Dunwoody, David Eramian, Tess Sison, Beverley Murphy, Gisele McKnight, David Bell, Mike Thornhill, Jane Williamson.

Carried.

Motion 9

Moved by: Nathan Buffett (CNL)
Seconded by: The Rev. Jeffrey Blackwood (CNL)

That the reports be received as presented.

Carried.

The Prolocutor then explained the rules of order concerning the Nominating Committee.

Motion 10

Moved by: Charles Ferris (Chancellor)
Seconded by: James Sweeny (Lay Secretary)

That the Provincial Misconduct Policy, Schedule A of the Provincial Safe Church Regulation be repealed and replaced by a revised Provincial Misconduct Policy. (See Appendix 1)

Carried.

Motion 11

Moved by: Charles Ferris (Chancellor)
Seconded by: James Sweeny (Lay Secretary)

That a new section 7.1 of Provincial Canon 3 – the Election, Appointment, Consecration and Resignation of Bishops – be added after section 7 as follows:

7.1 The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, on the recommendation of the Provincial House of Bishops, shall prescribe the Uniform Certificates for Episcopal elections in

the Province as set out in Appendix 3-1 of this Canon, including:

- a) Certificate of Election, Form 3A
- b) Certificate of Consecration, Form 3B
- c) Certificate of Installation, Form 3C

[see Appendix 2 to these minutes for the forms]

Carried.

Synod adjourned for the evening.

Friday, June 26

Synod re-convened at STU Conference Centre.

The Diocese of Montreal led morning devotions, and Bishop Clarke offered the reflection on Luke 10:25-37.

The members of the Nominating Committee, elected by diocesan caucuses, were Hedley Johnson (CNL), Donna Mercer (ENL), Rick Haddad (Fred), Michael Johnson (Mtl), Dale Keats (QC), Judi Colp (NSPEI), and John Meade (WNL).

The Metropolitan talked about the need to have a will to change. Synod then broke into table discussion groups to discuss the points raised in the Presidential Address. At the end of the discussion period, groups reported back.

Q: What changes in structure are required to meet 21st century challenges?

A: Free, generous, priest/deacon, mission/evangelism.

Q: What fears must we address in order to “launch out into deep waters”?

A: (1) we have to let go of ourselves (2) let go of the fear of the future and let youth in (3) that change doesn’t necessarily equal loss (4) less power and control.

Q: “If the church has a mission at all it is to manifest the deeds of Jesus.” How can we as the Province of Canada carry out this mission?

A: What would Jesus do? We would sell the \$30,000 metropolitan’s cross and give to the poor. If we can’t give up our idol, how can we expect others to give up theirs? Even as individual dioceses, we need to know who our neighbours are.

Q: How can we as the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada encourage the priesthood of all believers, living out our baptismal covenant?

A: (1) Just let people do it (2) empower people (3) let go of inappropriate power and authority (4) lead, follow or get out of the road (5) use the resources to promote ministry rather than support structure (6) do we need the ecclesiastical provinces? (limited scope of responsibility) (7) use the resources to foster relationships and connection to each other on a regional basis.

Q: Where is our mission field as the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada? With whom must we enter into dialogue?

A: (1) outside our front door (2) back to basics (3) we need to develop a MAP (Mission Action Plan) before we can attempt mission (4) what is the mission of the Ecclesiastical Province? (5) Why did the conversations about structural changes stop?

Q: What tools and resources do we have at our disposal? What tools and resources do we need to develop?

A: (1) Model of Acts, community, praying, breaking bread, learning together, not a club, family, likemindedness & unity. (2) Hierarchy and power: collective call on Holy Spirit, not just by bishop and priest; entire community/priesthood of all believers needs to be developed; need tools to develop as to how we relate with one another, so it becomes not what “I” but what “Jesus” wants; need to have structures to facilitate discussions to address underlying conflicts for all – who wants to be part of a fractured group; we need a “Charter of Compassion”; leadership development is essential to enable us to get us where we want to go.

Q: How do we as a Province help to “equip the saints” for ministry in the 21st century?

A: (1) The Province should concentrate on matters that the dioceses cannot do on their own (2) Have we who preach educated people in the pews on what ministry is? Do we help people minister in the community, or only support those who are involved in ministry in the church? (3) Many Christians are active in ministries who aren’t associated with any denomination or church. They don’t look to the church for dogma or encouragement (4) Where is the joy in serving Christ? Do others see the joy in us? (5) The church is an institution that needs structure but also a living body (6) We are having an identity crisis. We know who we are but forget “whose” we are (7) How we spend our money reflects our values, as individuals, as families or churches or dioceses (8) How does the hierarchy of the church help or hinder the life of the church? (9) How do we see ourselves in community? (10) We need to think more about how we use language, using more positive language and less negative language.

After a coffee break, the Diocese of Quebec led mid-morning devotions, and Bishop Drainville gave a reflection on Matthew 5:43-48.

The Metropolitan called Synod’s attention to the exhibitors: Fredericton Diocesan Archives, Godly Play, St. John community street ministry, parish nursing, and Canadian Forces chaplaincy. The Chancellor introduced a panel discussion on Safe Church. In reaching out beyond the walls of the church, we must do so in an atmosphere of trust, by ensuring that those who deal with us can find a safe space. He introduced panel members, Bishop Ron Cutler and Gordon Redden of

the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Mike Thornhill and Jane Williamson of Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Bishop Cutler began by explaining the history of SafeChurch policies in his diocese. The original policy was written about 20 years ago. After a cluster of sexual misconduct cases, the policy was rewritten in 2012, and a formal screening policy was implemented, first for youth workers, then for postulants and finally for clergy. For clergy, renewal of licenses was conditional upon completing training. Working with Ecclesiastical, the policy was then extended to all parishes, helping each parish develop and implement their own policy. They use the title “Safer Church”, in recognition that it can never be perfect, and that screening is only one tool. The process included parish audits of ministries, positions and responsibilities, a timeline, and workshops and training. Much of the training was by webinar; 20 webinars over 15 months, and they have been made available on the diocesan website for reference. Regional conferences have also been held. Funding for the program came from insurance rebates.

Gordon Redden then spoke about the work of the diocesan task group. There are two parts to the program: the policy itself, and the measures to implement it.

Jane Williamson talked about Ecclesiastical’s claims experience. All abuse claims hinge on the protocols that were in place, and whether they were sufficient to prevent or minimize opportunities for abuse. Lack of protocols is now a strict liability standard: if there are no protocols in place, liability is automatic. Amounts of settlements are rising, even though the severity of abuse in most claims is declining. The number of claims concerning vulnerable adults is also rising substantially, and approaching 50% of claims; these claims involve diminished capacity and abuse of power. Loss of faith is a common claim.

Mike Thornhill then spoke about the need to report allegations immediately to help resolve them quickly. Implementation is more important than the policy itself; Ecclesiastical can come in and audit compliance and make recommendations for better training and implementation.

The panel then took questions from the floor. For claims for abuse of children, there is no period of limitations. For small churches with a mostly elderly membership, implementation is a challenge, but it still needs to be done (and the focus may need to be on protecting vulnerable adults rather than on protecting children).

Mark Dunwoody presented the report on the Train-the-Trainer youth leader conference. The idea came from the youth ministry consultation at the 2012 Synod. Youth ministry leaders from across the province came together in Montreal, and then went back to their dioceses to train other youth ministry leaders. He focussed particularly on the recommendations (page 12 of the report).

Cathy Laskey then offered her perspective on the collaborative process. This event was a good

example of collaborative ministry in the Province. Members of the planning committee, drawn from across the Province, met by videoconference and put together something that no diocese could do on its own. The participants were very engaged and enthusiastic, and are a blessing to their dioceses.

Judi Colp, who was one of the attendees, shared her perspective as a participant. She appreciated the interactive and hands-on nature of the event.

Synod then watched the 2015 Council of the North video. Bishop Michael Hawkins joined via Skype, and talked about the work of the Council. He also spoke about the need for building partnerships between the Council of the North and parishes and dioceses in the south, for awareness and advocacy. He stated that there were a number of parishes in the North wishing to partner with parishes in the south. The Metropolitan thanked Bishop Hawkins for his message.

The Chancellor explained the nominating process for members of the Executive, and for diocesan representatives on Council.

The Metropolitan called for notices of motion. None were offered.

Bishop David Edwards offered Grace, and Synod took a break for lunch.

Synod resumed after lunch with mid-day devotions led by the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a reflection by Bishop Cutler on John 10:1-18.

The Metropolitan invited the Primate to address synod. The Primate thanked all those who contribute to the work of the church at all levels, and those who uphold him with prayer. He spoke about the Marks of Mission and how well the Anglican Church of Canada has embraced them and is trying to live them out at all levels. From his perspective, we are moving away from talking about structures to being more mission-minded, and are looking at our structures only to evaluate how they enhance mission. General Synod is doing much more work through task groups and informal or ad-hoc groups rather than through standing committees. Planning for General Synod 2016 is well underway, and will be mission-focused. Conversations on changing the marriage canon will be only a small part of the agenda. Another item will be the church's response to the call of indigenous peoples on self-determination, including the possibility of a fifth province or some other model, and to the calls for action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Guests will include Bishop Griselda DelCarpio of Cuba and Bishop Suheil Dawani of Jerusalem.

After a coffee break, Synod broke into discussion groups to discuss the following question:

“The Train-the-Trainer youth ministry leadership event was one example of collaboration across

the Province to enable ministry and mission at the local level.

What specifically can the Province do to enable mission in parishes, deaneries, regions and dioceses?

What can these levels not do on their own, that we can do together?"

Responses:

Prayer Cycle

sharing of liturgical resources

legislation regarding retirement age

greening of the church and stewardship of the environment

conference on mission-shaped church, equipping the saints and leadership

think globally, act locally – action can only happen on the local level

compile and recommend “best practices” and “models” for mission and ministry

(e.g. how to evangelize in the 21st century)

change jurisdictional boundaries, including dissolution

“ignition”– a wider view, broader perspective, cross-pollination

provide a sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves

establish closer relationships of connection with transient work service in our people (fly-in, fly-out model), people working remotely on a schedule to home parishes – baptism/marriage

best practices around greening prospects (educational)

look more closely into our population and the community

music as attraction

what attracts – create an environment

produce a document to facilitate/enable advocating 94 TRC recommendations in civil jurisdictions

coordinated mission tasks across jurisdictions

could we coordinate without legislative/synodical structures/trappings?

could we identify that which impedes/strangles our mission?

issues around insurance, payroll, Safe Church implementation – share expertise

specific training events as with Train-the-Trainer

have an information hub

helping each other with green issues, energy use, etc.

using technology to discuss issues, e.g., Skype helping with sermon prep, mission issues

video conferencing between colleges (Dio, Queen’s, AST) to train lay readers, etc.

hub for diocesan programs

greater accountability re acting upon the motions and resolutions

what can the diocese do and not get our knuckles rapped?

too many clergy being sent to the Train-the-Trainer and not enough lay people

more open about sharing instead of it being “ours”

communication!!! more effective communications, e.g., Facebook!

continue with Train-the-Trainer
arrange a Provincial youth conference
get lay readers and eucharistic ministers together
form a provincial web page for help with sermon & other activities for lay people doing reflections & prayers
work together as a province to raise awareness & funds for mission work project-orientated as people we need to be more provincial

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

Dinner and entertainment were hosted by St John's Church, Nashwaaksis. At the banquet, the Metropolitan and Prolocutor presented Eric Dryden with the Order of the Province of Canada, for his 26 years of service as Treasurer. Bishop Edwards spoke about some of the mission initiatives under way in the Diocese of Fredericton. The entertainment was provided by Becka deHaan, a local Christian singer/songwriter honoured for best gospel recording at the 2014 East Coast Music Awards.

Saturday, June 27

Synod reconvened with Morning Prayer led by the Diocese of Fredericton, with a reflection by the Primate on John 21:15-19.

Archdeacon Cathy Laskey introduced the report of the Diocese of Fredericton. Bishop David Edwards spoke about the problems and challenges facing the diocese, with 29 out of 60 parishes in significant difficulty (financial, dysfunctional, or operational) and aging clergy. Archdeacon Laskey then introduced a video about St Peter's Wickham, an island church serving about 6 people on Sundays. Next Terance and Jasmine Chandra spoke about their experience moving out of conventional parish ministry and starting a community ministry in inner-city St John, living alongside people in subsidized housing and building relationships, the one need that cannot be met through the social-service system. Their success so far is due to openness on the part of the diocesan and parish leadership, and relationships of trust. Archdeacon Laskey then presented a video on Safe Harbour and the "Rez" (Church of the Resurrection). Safe Harbour is an outreach to and shelter for homeless youth which came out of a closed church in St John. Rez, in Grand Bay-Westfield is a parish focussed on service to the community. She then asked the table groups to discuss (1) how do we know if what we are doing is worthwhile? and (2) what stories of hope can we share?

Responses:

(1) if you are having fun and enjoying it with people who do not already know the story

Question: is the "measurement" always "a tangible"?

we will now if lives are being transformed

What can we do for you? It has to be "in context".

Increase in relationships
Seeing positive changes in others
Self-aware of greater peace and closer to joy
intrinsic awareness of things working or things not working
others will be drawn to what is happening
external supports will be present and bring excitement

The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador led mid-morning devotions, and Archdeacon Sam Rose offered a reflection on Mark 10:17-26.

Notices of motion were submitted by the Ven. Edward Simonton and by the Most Rev. Percy Coffin. The Prolocutor declared notices of motion closed.

The nominees for Prolocutor were announced: The Rev. Jeffrey Blackwood, Judi Colp, The Rev. Eli Evans and The Ven. Edward Simonton. A first ballot was taken.

The Clerical Secretary shared a summary of the table group responses from the Friday afternoon discussion. Synod then divided into interest groups to further refine the ideas and develop an action plan.

The results of the first ballot were announced:

Jeffrey Blackwood	7
Judi Colp	12
Eli Evans	16
Edward Simonton	9

Edward Simonton asked to withdraw his name. A second ballot was taken.

Discussion in interest groups continued.

The results of the second ballot were announced:

Jeffrey Blackwood	2
Judi Colp	13
Eli Evans	28

The Rev. Eli Evans was declared elected prolocutor.
Synod recessed for lunch.

After lunch, synod resumed. The Diocese of Central Newfoundland led mid-day prayers, and Bishop David Torraville offered a reflection on John 13:31-35.

The nominees for Deputy Prolocutor were announced: Judi Colp and Margaret Jenniex. A ballot was taken.

Small group discussion resumed on the action plan.

Results of the election for Deputy Prolocutor were announced:

Judi Colp	16
Margaret Jenniex	21

Margaret Jenniex was declared elected as Deputy Prolocutor. It was announced that, as the only nominees for Lay Secretary were the same candidates, Judi Colp was now the sole nominee for Lay Secretary, and was declared acclaimed.

Discussion groups reported back with their Action Plans:

Social Justice

Produce a resource for engaging community leaders
Letter from the Metropolitan to memorialize our political candidates
Promote use of our spaces (buildings) as community resources, sharing stories
Encouraging implementation of TRC recommendations
The group should continue to meet as an informal task force

Youth

Province-sponsored youth event, "Find Your Place"
for university-aged youth, planned with input from youth, with youthful inspired leadership
(young in age and/or spirit), youth-led as much as possible with adult oversight

Green Churches

Share: grants, good news examples (geothermal, solar, LED lighting), examples, speakers
Need communication/hub officer
Encourage the whole community, and set an example
Sometimes you need to consult a professional

Technology

Use technology to provide sermon preps, liturgical prep, training for lay readers
Web page/Facebook/Wordpress site for communication back and forth
Piggy-back on another diocese which is recreating their web page
Need access to good quality resources, relevant to our context
Need expertise to tell us what is available, and what we need to do the job

Evangelism

Demythologizing evangelism: there is uneasiness about evangelism
Train-the-trainer model
gather small cohorts of people from each diocese to equip with tools, resources & confidence

promoting best practices in evangelism in the 21st century
then go back to their dioceses with an expectation to use the knowledge & experience to train others

The nominees for Clerical Secretary were announced: The Rev. Donna Mercer and The Ven. Gordon Redden. A ballot was taken.

Mark Dunwoody talked about youth ministry in the Province. He then spoke about Ask & Imagine, and the motion that is being put forward by the Metropolitan for provincial sponsorship of Ask & Imagine. The participants from the Province would be asked to bring something back and run a program of their design in their home diocese. The program has had an impact on youth in the province, has helped develop young leaders throughout the church.

Motion 12

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

Seconded by: The Ven. Cathey Laskey (Fred)

In light of what has been noted about the positive impact of Train the Trainer 2014 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 2015-18 triennium a Provincially-supported event, where a significant portion of funds are earmarked for youth ministry initiatives; and

The Provincial Synod directs the Provincial Council to support the May 2016 Ask & Imagine Program in the following respects, namely:

by making a financial contribution of up to \$18,000 to support the program host organization;

by requesting that each Diocese within the Province contribute to the cost of this event by paying the expenses of at least one participant on a "shared pool" basis; and

by completing a follow-up online event that allows the participants to shape and inform the next steps of the Province with respect to supporting youth ministry.

Carried.

The results of the ballot for Clerical Secretary were announced:

Donna Mercer	18	
Gordon Redden		22
spoiled	1	

The Rev. Gordon Redden was declared elected.

The candidates for Treasurer were announced: The Rev. Brian Candow, Mr. Peter Irish, Mr. James Sweeny. A ballot was taken.

Motion 13

Moved by: The Rev. Fred Richardson (QC)

Seconded by: Rachel Barrett (Fred)

To suspend the rules to allow consideration of motions arising from the discussion groups.

Carried unanimously.

Motion 14

Moved by: The Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham (NSPEI)

Seconded by: Peter Reccord (ENL)

That the Metropolitan craft a letter to our federal politicians and political candidates, urging the Government of Canada to more seriously address the issues contributing to child poverty in Canada and more specifically in aboriginal communities, to be distributed through our member dioceses to the parishes in the Province, to be used to memorialize local political parties and candidates.

Carried.

Motion 15

Moved by: The Ven. John Meade (WNL)

Seconded by: Peter Reccord (ENL)

That the Metropolitan craft a letter to our federal politicians and political candidates, urging the implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, to be distributed through the dioceses to the parishes in the Province, to be used to memorialize local political parties and candidates.

There was discussion on the use of the word “memorialize”, but no amendment was offered, and the question was called.

Carried.

Motion 16

Moved by: The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl)
Seconded by: The Ven. Michael Johnson (Mtl)

That this Synod establish a Social Justice Working Group to engage the Province and coordinate action on issues of social justice;

That the initial members of this working group be Michael Johnson, Cathy Lee Cunningham, John Meade and Peter Reccord; and that they may add to their number other persons, who need not be members of the Synod, as appropriate.

Carried.

Results of the election for Treasurer were announced:

Brian Candow	8	
Peter Irish		25
James Sweeny	12	

Although the total of votes (45) exceeded the number of eligible voters (44), subtracting one vote from the leading candidate would not change the outcome, and Peter Irish was declared elected.

The nominees for members of Provincial Council were announced:

Central Newfoundland:	The Rev. Joanne Mercer
Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador:	Peter Reccord
Fredericton:	Rachel Barrett
Montreal:	The Ven. Michael Johnson
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Is.:	The Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham
Quebec:	Ruth Sheeran
Western Newfoundland:	David Chafe
Youth:	Bailey Bowden Élodie Lambert

Motion 17

Moved by: The Ven. John Meade (WNL)
Seconded by: The Ven. Cathy Laskey (Fred)

That the members of Council be elected.

Carried.

Motion 18

Moved by: The Ven. Michael Johnson (Mtl)
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke (Mtl)

That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried.

Motion 19

Moved by: Jim Knight (Fred)
Seconded by: The Rev. Donna Mercer (ENL)

That the Provincial Communications Officer facilitate the development of a web page or other communication tool to share information with respect to the greening of churches.

Carried.

Motion 20

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. David Edwards (Fred)
Seconded by: ?

That this Synod use the Train-the-Trainer model to offer training and promote evangelism in the dioceses and parishes.

Moved by: The Rev. Jeff Blackwood (CNL)
Seconded by: The Rev. Fred Richardson (QC)

That the issue be referred to Council.

Carried.

Motion 21

Moved by: Judi Colp (NSPEI)
Seconded by: Bailey Bowden (NSPEI)

That the Province consider offering an annual provincial youth conference.

Carried.

Motion 22

Moved by: The Most Rev. Percy Coffin (Metropolitan)

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

To collectively support financially the Princess Basra Hospital, with each diocese determining its level of commitment.

In discussion, the Metropolitan and Bishop Torrville spoke passionately of their visit to the hospital.

Carried.

Motion 23

Moved by: The Ven. Edward Simonton (QC)

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

WHEREAS: The first stated Principle of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada is that it exists for: “providing of occasions for fellowship and of a forum for the consideration of topics of particular concern within the Province, including: faith, witness, ministry and liturgical worship; the political, economic, educational and social dimensions of the Ecclesiastical Province; both those common to the whole and those of a more local nature; the relationship of the Church to governments in all matters affecting the quality of life and of community within the Ecclesiastical Province”; And directs: “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”

AND WHEREAS we desire to free the synod as much as possible to emphasise and act upon this first principle for the mission and ministry of the Province;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that the obligation to meet in Synod (Constitution 4.1) every three years is not interpreted to mean physical meetings;

AND WHEREAS the money currently used for regular meetings of Provincial Synod and Provincial Council may be more usefully spent to promote our first principle;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this Synod direct the Provincial Executive to de-emphasise the procedural and legislative aspects of Synod through the use of communication technology to avoid unnecessary physical meetings; and use the financial assets and meeting flexibility gained by this change in operational function to maximise participation from our dioceses, including not only members of Synod, for mutually enriching activities / stuff.

Carried.

Synod recessed for supper.

Synod reconvened after supper. The Metropolitan announced that the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry has been elected as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and the announcement was greeted with applause.

The Treasurer presented the financial statement. The fiscal year of the Province runs from September 1 to August 31; the expenses for the current year are expenses to date. The total cost of the 2012 Synod, because expenses were split between two fiscal years, was roughly \$73,000. The anticipated cost of this 2015 Synod is \$55,000. Under other, \$645 was the cost to repair and update the metropolitical cross.

Motion 24

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

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

To accept the financial statement as presented.

Carried.

The Treasurer then presented the budget for 2015-17. \$40,000 is allocated for program events. With \$18,000 allocated to Ask & Imagine, there would still be \$22,000 for another event. Synod for St John's is budgeted for only \$62,000 as travel will be less expensive. Proposed assessments are \$55,000, representing an increase of 10%.

Bishop Torraville suggested that financing for ACPO is tight, and asked whether an increase would be considered if requested by the ACPO secretary. The Treasurer responded that it would be possible.

The Treasurer then presented the proposed assessments. The assessable income is still based on figures several years out of date, because General Synod has not updated the information available.

The budget and diocesan assessments will go to Council for approval or amendment.

The Treasurer ended by expressing his thanks to all members of Synod.

Motion 25

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

Seconded by: The Ven. Edward Simonton (QC)

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

Carried.

Cathy Laskey presented remarks from the diocesan Executive Officers gathered at Synod. They made several recommendations: that communications for action by dioceses be sent to executive officers as well as to bishops; that the communications officer for the province take a more active role, and that there be a provincial webmaster (who may or may not be the same person as the communication officer). The executive officers will be meeting by Zoom on a regular basis to share information and resources. They thanked Synod for allowing them to be a part of synod and for the opportunity to meet together.

The Metropolitan invited Sam Rose and Perry Cooper to share reflections.

Sam Rose brought greetings from Bishop Geoff Peddle, who is on study leave. He thanked Synod for the invitation; and shared a memory of his first Provincial Synod as a youth delegate.

Perry Cooper praised the depth of discussion and stressed the benefit of getting together to share and encourage one another.

Motion 26

Moved by: The Rev. Joanne Mercer (ENL)
Seconded by: The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall (Fred)

That this 47th Synod of the Province of Canada extend our thanks:

- To the Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards, and the Local Arrangements Committee, for hosting this Synod; for the Friday evening out and the hospitality during Synod's stay.
- To our Primate, the Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, for his attendance and offerings, including the Saturday reflection;
- To Bishops Clarke, Drainville, Cutler, Torrville and Archdeacon Sam Rose who offered reflections throughout the Synod and Bishop Edwards for the sermon at the closing Eucharist.
- To the Parish of St. Margaret for hosting the opening Eucharist;
- To Christ Church Cathedral for hosting the closing worship;
- To those who gave special reports:
 - the Diocese of Quebec
 - the Diocese of Fredericton
- To observers and guests for their attendance, participation and reflections;
- To the Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis for Friday dinner and entertainment;
- To the executive of the Province for Synod preparation and a well executed agenda;
- To Archbishop Percy Coffin for his leadership and his address to the Synod;

-And finally, to all members and guests for their attendance and participation as we take next steps as the Province of Canada in challenging times for the Church

Carried.

Motion 27

Moved by: Eric Dryden (Treasurer)

Seconded by: The Rev. James Pratt (Mtl)

To adjourn.

Carried.

On Sunday, June 28, the Synod joined the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Metropolitan presided, and the Rt. Rev. David Edwards preached.

Appendix 1 Provincial Misconduct Policy (PDF)

Form 3A

The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese of _____

Certificate of Election

I, _____, Chancellor of the Diocese of _____, do hereby certify that an electoral Synod was convened at _____ on the ___ day of _____, _____, in accordance with Canon III of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and Canon __ of the Diocese of _____, for the purpose of electing a Diocesan/Coadjutor/Suffragan Bishop, and that

having received the required majority of votes in the orders of clergy and laity, was declared to be Bishop-elect.

Signed at _____ this ___ day of _____, _____.

Chancellor

I, _____, Archbishop of _____ and Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, do hereby certify that, in accordance with Canon III of the Province of Canada, the election of

as Diocesan/Coadjutor/Suffragan Bishop of _____ has been duly confirmed by the bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

Signed at _____ this ___ day of _____, _____.

Archbishop and Metropolitan
Form 3B

The Anglican Church of Canada
The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Certificate of Consecration

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To all the faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world,

Greeting.

Be it known unto you by these presents that I _____,
by the Grace of God Archbishop of _____ and Metropolitan of Canada,
assisted by the other Right Reverend Bishops whose names are subscribed below,

on the _____ day of _____, _____, the Feast of _____,

in the city of _____, did ordain and consecrate our Beloved in Christ

_____,

who had been duly elected to the office of (Suffragan/Coadjutor/Diocesan) Bishop of _____,

to be a Bishop in the Church of God, according to the Forms, Rites and Customs of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In testimony whereof, I have set below my hand and affixed my seal this ____ day of _____,
_____.

Metropolitan

Form 3C

The Anglican Church of Canada
The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Certificate of Installation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To all the faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the world,

Greeting.

Be it known unto you by these presents that I, _____,
by the Grace of God Archbishop of _____ and Metropolitan of Canada,

assisted by the other Right Reverend Bishops whose names are subscribed below,

on the _____ day of _____, _____, the Feast of _____,

in the city of _____, did install our Beloved in Christ

_____,

who had (been duly elected/succeeded) to the office of (Suffragan/Coadjutor/Diocesan) Bishop
of _____, in the said Office, (he/she) being already a Bishop in the Church of
God, according to the Forms, Rites and Customs of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In testimony whereof, I have set below my hand and affixed my seal this ____ day of _____,
_____.

Metropolitan