

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

substantive resolutions adopted

Motion 10

That the Provincial Misconduct Policy, Schedule A of the Provincial Safe Church Regulation be repealed and replaced by a revised Provincial Misconduct Policy.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

Motion 11

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]

Motion 12

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.

Motion 14

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.

Motion 15

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.

Motion 16

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.

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.

Motion 20

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

Moved: **That the issue be referred to Council. Carried.**

Motion 21

That the Province consider offering an annual provincial youth conference.

Motion 22

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

Motion 23

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.