

**AGENDA FOR THE 131st SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
FRIDAY TO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 TO 19, 2005 IN HAMILTON**

Friday, November 18, 2005	Hamilton Convention Centre
8:00	Synod Member's Registration begins
9:00	Call to Order Organizing Synod <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Credentials Committee Report (Motion p.3) - Welcome to New Members of Synod - Welcome to Guests - Privileges of the House - Election of Synod Secretaries (Motion p.3) - Approval of Minutes of the 130th Synod Second Session (January 2005) (Motion p.3) - Notices of Motion - Notices of Canonical Change - Agenda/Resolutions Committee Report (Motion p.3) - Reception of all Reports (Motion p.3) - Appointments to Diocesan Court - Announcements - Election of Trinity College Corporation (Motion p.3)
9:20	2006 Provincial Synod Nominations <i>Provincial Synod balloting begins</i>
9:30	Synod Eucharist Bishop's Charge
10:30	Break
11:00	The Three-Legged Stool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stewardship - Evangelism - Leadership Development
12:30	Grace and Lunch (at tables)
1:15	Financial Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2004 Audited Statements (Motion p.3) - Auditor's Report (Motion p.3) - Appointments of Auditors (Motion p.3)
1:45	Budget 2006 (Motion to be presented)
2:45	Break
3:15	A Public Service Announcement from the Division of Outreach
3:25	Changes in Canons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.2.2 Meetings and Organization of Synod (Motion p.5) and 2.2.3 (iv) Secretary and Treasurer
3:40	Sexual Abuse Policy (materials to be distributed at registration)

4:00	Announcements Prayer and Adjournment <i>Provincial Synod balloting ends</i>
4:00	Reception in Chedoke Foyer
6:00	Grace and Dinner Speaker: Bruce Kuhn, the Gospel of Luke

Saturday, November 19th	Hamilton Convention Centre
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9:00	Call to Order Gathering Worship Announcements
9:20	Provincial Synod Election Results
9:25	Diocesan Task Force on Options for Conducting Diocesan Synod (Motion p.4)
10:25	Election of 2006 – 2007 Synod Council members (Motion p.4)
10:40	Other Business
11:10	Affirm Actions of Synod Council Bishop's Assent and Closing Remarks
11:40	Bishop's Blessing Adjournment

BEFORE YOU LEAVE PLEASE DEPOSIT YOUR COMPLETED EVALUATION FORM AND NAME TAG IN ONE OF THE BOXES LOCATED AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

2005 SYNOD RESOLUTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice has been received from members that they will move, or cause to be moved, the following resolutions.

1. Credentials Committee Report

MOTION: Mr. Rob Welch/The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins
`that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted.'

2. Election of Synod Secretaries

MOTION: The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins/Mr. Rob Welch
`that the Reverend Ian Chadwick and Mrs. Carol Summers be the Honorary Secretaries of Synod at the sessions of this Synod.'

3. Minutes of the 2004 Synod

MOTION: The Reverend Ian Chadwick/Mrs. Carol Summers
`that the minutes of the 2005 January session of the 130th Session of Synod, as found on pages 6 through 9 of this Convening Circular, be now approved.'

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller/The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins
`that the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be adopted.'

5. Reception of All Reports

MOTION: Mr. Rob Welch/The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins
`that all reports found in the Convening Circular and distributed at registration be received.'

6. Trinity College Corporation

MOTION: The Venerable Marion Vincett/The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins
`that the representative from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be the Reverend Joseph Asselin (clergy) for a term of two years.'

(Please note: Mr. Gordon Askwith and Mrs. Margaret Reid (lay), the Venerable Tom Greene and the Reverend Canon Gordon Kinkley (clergy), are continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.)

7. 2004 Audited Financial Statements

MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
`that the audited financial statements for 2004, as found on pages 43 through 52, be accepted.'

8. Auditor's Report

MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
`that the Auditor's Report, as found on page 42, be accepted.'

9. Appointment Of Auditors

MOTION: Mr. Kirk Boyd/Mr. Robert McKinnell
`that KPMG be appointed as auditors for fiscal year 2005.'

2005 SYNOD RESOLUTIONS/NOTICES OF MOTION (continued)

10. Canonical Changes see page 5

11. Diocesan Task Force on Options For Conducting Diocesan Synod

MOTION: Mr. Brian Grose/The Venerable Michael Bird

‘that Synod requests the Bishop to convene the 2006 Diocesan Synod as a one-day session and the 2007 Synod as a two-day session, with this sequence repeating in successive even and odd years.’

12. Synod Council Election (nominations sheet page 117)

MOTION: The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins/Mr. Rob Welch

‘that this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members for the 2006-2007 term, as outlined on the nominations sheet.’

13. Synod Council

MOTION: The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins/Mr. Rob Welch

‘that the Synod Council Report, having been fully considered, be now finally approved, and that all the decisions, agreements and documents entered into and signed on Synod’s behalf since the last session of Synod, be hereby ratified and confirmed.’

CANONICAL CHANGES

1. Canon 1.2.2 Meetings and Organization of Synod **Canon 2.2.3 (iv) Secretary and Treasurer**

MOTION: Mr. Rob Welch/The Reverend Dr. Stephen Hopkins
‘that the first sentence of Canon 1.2.2 be amended to read,
“A convening circular summoning the Synod shall be issued by the Secretary to all members of Synod at least fourteen days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.”
‘and that Canon 2.2.3 (iv) be amended to read,
“to issue, under the direction of the Bishop, a circular fourteen days at least before the meeting of Synod to the clerical and lay members thereof;” ’