

2015 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: Canon Robert Welch/The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell
'that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted.'

2. Election of Synod Secretaries

MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/ The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell
'that xxx be elected as the Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod at this session of this Synod.'

3. Minutes of the 141st Synod

MOTION: The Venerable David Anderson/ xxx
'that the minutes of the 1st Session of the 141st Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, as found on pages 8 through 10 of the Convening Circular be now approved.'

4. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: Ms. Janet Kaye /The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell
'that the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be adopted.'

5. Reception of All Reports

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell/ The Reverend Bill Mous
'that all reports found in the Convening Circular and obtained at registration be received.'

6. Trinity College Corporation

MOTION: The Reverend Aaron Orear / Ms. Pat Davis
'that the representatives from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be The Reverend Dr. Canon Darcey Lazerte (clergy), Ms. Mary Churchill (lay) and Ms. Kathleen Randle (lay); for a term of two years.'
(Please note: the Reverend Aaron Orear, the Reverend Nigel Bunce (clergy) and Sister Heather Broadwell are continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.)

7. General Synod Nominations: Laity

MOTION: Canon Rob Welch/The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest
'that the nominations for the Order of Laity for General Synod be closed.'

8. General Synod Nominations: Clergy

MOTION: Canon Rob Welch/The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest
'that the nominations for the Order of Clergy for General Synod be closed.'

9. Synod Council Report

MOTION: *The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell/ Mr. Terry Charters*
'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.'

10. Synod Council Election

MOTION: *The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell/Canon Robert Welch*
'that this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members for the 2016 - 2017 term, as outlined on the nominations sheet, found on page 111 of the Convening Circular.'

11. Canterbury Hills Endowment Fund

MOTION: *Canon Christyn Perkons/ Terry Charters*

'whereas the property known as Canterbury Hills Camp and Conference Centre is owned by the Diocese of Niagara and is leased by the Canterbury Hills Board of Directors for \$1 per year for its use;
and whereas the Canterbury Hills property was divided into three parcels, two of which were subsequently sold resulting in a net amount of \$1,154,505 being received by the Diocese;

be it resolved that this Synod authorize the Treasurer to disburse the net proceeds of the sale of the two parts of the Canterbury Hills property as follows:

- a) to fully reimburse the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara in the amount of 630,032 for the indebtedness of the Canterbury Hills Camp and Conference Centre it previously assumed;
- b) to establish an internally restricted fund held by the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara in the amount of \$524,473, for the purposes of supporting program and capital costs associated with ministry undertaken by the Canterbury Hills Camp and Conference Centre Board;

and that only 80% of the growth in the value of the aforementioned internally restricted fund may be drawn in any given year such that in years of negative growth, funds may still be drawn provided the initial value of the fund remains intact. AND THAT all monies in the aforementioned internally restricted fund be redirected to the Disestablished Properties Fund should the Canterbury Hills Conference Centre Board no longer require financial support.'

12. Revised License Agreement

MOTION: *The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell /Archdeacon David Ricketts*
'that the revised parish license agreement be adopted effective November 1, 2015.'

13. Replacement of Canon 3.5: College of Deacons

MOTION: *The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell/ Ms. Sue Carson*
'that Canon 3.5 be replaced as follows:

1. There shall be a College of Deacons whose purpose is to provide communal support and encouragement to deacons exercising their ministries throughout the Diocese of Niagara.

2. The diocesan Bishop shall appoint a Director of Deacons and may appoint both a Deputy Director of Deacons and a Chaplain to the College of Deacons. The Director and Deputy Director, if any, shall serve at the Bishop's pleasure and assist the Bishop in the placement and supervision of deacons. The Bishop's Chaplain to the College will function as a pastor to the deacons on behalf of the Bishop.
3. The College of Deacons shall be composed of:
 - (a) all deacons in good standing and holding a Bishop's Permission
 - (b) the Director of Deacons;
 - (c) the Deputy Director of Deacons, if any; and
 - (d) the Bishop's Chaplain to the College of Deacons, if any.
4. There shall be an Executive Council of the College of Deacons whose purpose is to advise and assist the Bishop, Director of Deacons and Deputy Director of Deacons, if any, in seeking and promoting the vitality of diaconal ministries in the Diocese of Niagara.
5. The Executive Council of the College of Deacons shall be composed of:
 - (a) the Director of Deacons, who shall serve as Chair;
 - (b) the Deputy Director of Deacons, if any;
 - (c) three delegates duly elected from the membership of the College of Deacons;
 - (d) the Bishop's Chaplain to the College of Deacons, if any; and
 - (e) the Bishop or his/her designate.

14. Amendment of Canon 1.1: Composition of Synod

MOTION: Canon Robert Welch / The Reverend Deacon Jean Ruttan-Yates
 'that Canon 1.1 be revised as follows:

1. The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara shall consist of:
 - (1) The Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be the head of Synod;
 - (2) Any Suffragan or Coadjutor Bishop thereof;
 - (3) The Priests, Deacons and Lay Workers thereof, duly licensed;
 (amended, 2015)
 - (4) The Director of Deacons, the Deputy Director of Deacons (if any), and up to three deacons (who have been granted a Bishop's Permission) elected annually by the College of Deacons from among its members, (amended 2015)
 - (5) The Chancellor;
 - (6) The Vice-Chancellor, if any;
 - (7) The Treasurer;
 - (8) The Secretary of Synod; (amended, 1991)
 - (9) The Lay Representatives duly elected in accordance with Canon 4.1(17);
 - (10) Anyone not otherwise designated above who is a member of the Synod Council;
 (new, 2001)
 - (11) Not more than 10 Lay Representatives who shall be appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese in each year in consultation with the Synod Council, such Lay Representative serving for a one-year term.

2. Lay Workers who are members of Synod shall be considered members of the Order of Laity for purposes of voting.
3. Clergy who receive a pension from the Anglican Church of Canada and who are currently in good standing with the Bishop of Niagara shall be entitled to a seat on the floor of the Synod, and shall have a right to take part in discussion, but shall not be entitled to vote.

(amended, 2015)

15. Canon 4.8: Cemeteries

*MOTION: The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell /
'that Canon 4.8 be enacted as presented.'*

1. Every parish of the Diocese with a cemetery, scattering garden or columbarium (here after referred to in this Canon as a cemetery) adjacent to or affiliated with such parish shall have a Cemetery Board, referred to in this Canon as "the Board".
2. Synod Council shall serve as the Board for any cemetery adjacent to or affiliated with a parish that has been disestablished, where such cemetery has not been conveyed to a third party.
3. The Board (save and except for a Board serving pursuant to section 2 of this Canon) shall be elected annually at the vestry meeting of any parish to which this Canon applies.
4. Should any parish to which this Canon applies fail to elect a Board, then the priest of such parish and the wardens of such parish shall serve as the Board.
5. Synod Council may approve policies and guidelines for the operation of cemeteries that are subject to the provisions of this Canon.
6. The Board shall administer the cemetery in accordance with provincial legislation pertaining to cemeteries, any regulations promulgated in accordance with said legislation, this Canon and any guidelines and policies approved by Synod Council concerning the operations of cemeteries.
7. In any conflict in interpretation between the provisions of this Canon, any policies and guidelines approved by Synod Council concerning the operations of cemeteries, and provincial legislation, the provisions of the legislation shall prevail.'

16. Amendment to Canon 4.7: Church Property

*MOTION: The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell /
'that Canon 4.7 (20) be amended to read:*

- (20) No parish in the Diocese shall grant a right of way, an easement for utility or other , enter a heritage designation agreement, establish a cemetery, scattering garden or columbarium, enter into a development agreement, apply for a demolition permit, or

grant a restrictive covenant without consent of the Vestry by a two-thirds majority vote at a meeting called for that purpose, and approval by the Bishop and Synod.'

17. 2014 Audited Financial Statements

MOTION: *Mrs. Pat Davis/Ms. Joanna Beck*

'THAT the audited financial statements for 2014 as found on pages 50-68, be received.'

18. Auditor's Report

MOTION: *Mrs. Pat Davis/Ms. Joanna Beck*

'THAT the Auditor's Report, as found on pages 51-52 be received.'

19. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: *Mrs. Pat Davis/Ms. Joanna Beck*

'THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for fiscal year 2015.'

20. 2016 Budget

MOTION: *Mrs. Pat Davis/Mr. Andrew Clinkard*

'THAT this Synod approves the 2016 proposed budget.'