

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Last year at the 2012 Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, the Governance Working Group reported on its conversation about how we make decisions regarding our common ministry. The Governance Conversation at the working group level has paused since then, because of changes in committee membership and leadership.

The good news is that we have noticed a modification beginning to take root in the structure and functioning of Synod Council, with Visional thinking, for example in decisions in regard to Diocesan property and buildings, being routinely included. Wise, visional, missional thinking is becoming a diocesan norm, in part because of the work of this task force. For example, the formation of the Guidelines to Canon 4.6 (on the Erection and Alteration of Church Buildings) was directly affected by the thinking of the Governance Working Group.

This group will resume its activities in December, 2013.