

## 2015 DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

### Regional Reps

- The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell Brock
- Ms. Barbara Yakobowski Brock
- Mr. Bradley Cook Greater Wellington
- The Reverend Elizabeth Huether (*through May*) Greater Wellington
- The Reverend Owen Ash (*commencing June*) Greater Wellington
- The Reverend Pam Guyatt (*through February*) Lincoln
- The Reverend Dan Tarnic (*commencing March*) Lincoln
- Ms. Janet Kaye Lincoln
- Mr. Andrew Clinkard Mohawk
- Ms. Stephanie Furtado (*through February*) Mohawk
- Ms. Maureen Peddle (*commencing March*) Mohawk
- Mr. Kirk Boyd Trafalgar
- Ms. Connie Price Trafalgar
- Ms. Susan Little Undermount

### Archdeacons

- The Venerable John Course Brock
- The Venerable Peter Scott Greater Wellington
- The Venerable Max Woolaver Lincoln
- The Venerable David Pickett Mohawk
- The Venerable Steve Hopkins Trafalgar
- The Venerable Dr. Rick Jones (*through July*) Undermount
- The Venerable David Anderson (*commencing August*) Undermount

### Vision Reps

- Ms. Judy Connor, Prophetic Social Justice Making
- The Reverend Dr. Patricia Stansfield, Life Changing Worship
- The Reverend Canon Rob Hurkmans, Continuous Culture of Innovation
- The Reverend Canon Jean Archbell, Generous Culture of Stewardship
- Mr. Stanley Bowers, Outstanding Leadership for Ministry

### Financial Advisory Committee

- Ms. Pat Davis

### Canterbury Hills

- Mr. Terry Charters

### Episcopal Appointees

- Ms. Sue Carson
- The Reverend Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch
- Ms. Carol Summers

### Directors

- The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest, Vision Advocate and Director of Human Resources
- The Venerable Lynne Marchant, Director of Stewardship (*through May*)
- The Reverend Bill Mous, Director of Justice, Community and Global Ministries
- Canon Christyn Perkons, Director, Congregational Support and Development

**Officers**

- The Right Reverend Michael Bird
- The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell
- The Reverend Bill Mous (June – September)
- Canon Rob Welch
- The Very Reverend Peter Wall
- Ms. Joanna Beck

Diocesan Bishop  
Secretary of Synod  
Acting Secretary of Synod  
Chancellor  
Dean of Niagara  
Treasurer & Director of Finance

## **REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL**

This report summarizes the actions of the Synod Council from November 2014 to October 6, 2015, the date of the most recent meeting. Nine meetings were convened with an average attendance of 76%.

### **Membership**

Changes of membership were in accordance with Canon 1.9 for Diocesan Committees, Bishop's Appointees and Vision Groups.

### **Election and Appointments**

- elected Mr. Jim Sweetlove as President of the Anglican Church Ministries Foundation, Niagara, and Mr. Andrew Bucknall as Vice-President of the Anglican Church Ministries Foundation, Niagara, for a one-year term.
- elected the following members of the Anglican Church Ministries Foundation: Mr. Gord Archbell, Mr. Andrew Bucknall, Mr. Mike Mansfield, The Venerable Lynne Marchant, Ms. Alice Murray, Mr. James Sweetlove, Mr. David Watson
- appointed KPMG auditors of the Anglican Church Ministries Foundation, Niagara for the fiscal year 2014
- named the following signing officers for the Diocese: The Right Reverend Michael Bird, Diocesan Bishop; The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest, Vision Advocate and Director of Human Resources; The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, Secretary of Synod; The Very Reverend Peter Wall, Dean; Ms. Joanna Beck, Diocesan Treasurer; Mrs. Alison D'Atri, Assistant Treasurer and that the signature of one of the following must appear on all cheques; the Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer.
- approved the membership of the Audit Committee for 2015 as listed: Mr. Gord Archbell, Mr. Jim Higginson, Mr. Jerry Jenkins, Mr. Mike Mansfield, Ms. Alice Murray, Mr. David Page, and Canon Marni Nancekivell (Ex Officio)
- appointed the Synod Council Coordinating Team to be the General Synod Nominating committee for the purpose of securing names on the ballot presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of Synod.
- appointed The Reverend Bill Mous as the Parish Administrator for St. Peter's, Hamilton for a term of one year, effective March 1, 2015.
- appointed The Reverend Daniel Tatarnc as the Parish Administrator for The Good Shepherd, St. Catharines for a term of one year, effective January 13, 2015.
- appointed Connie Price to be the Diocesan representative to the Board of the Jamesville Childcare Centre for a term of 2 years, effective January, 2015.
- appointed the following representatives to the Cathedral Place Property Management committee for a 2 year term, effective April 8, 2015: Ms. Brenda Brownlee, Mr. Ian Pratt, and Mr Ian Smith.
- enacted By-Law #3 of the Church of St. Peter's Children's Day Care Centre of Hamilton
- appointed the Synod Council Coordinating Team to be the General Synod Nominations Committee for the purpose of securing names for the ballot to be presented to the second session of the 141st Synod of the Diocese of Niagara
- appointed the Reverend Bill Mous as Acting Secretary of Synod during The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell's medical leave commencing on Friday June 12, 2015; and named him as a Diocesan Signing Officer for the aforementioned time.

### **Policy Matters**

- approved the 2015 General Synod Nomination process.

- Repealed the Cancellation of Operations Policy and referred the matter to the Director of Human Resources for development and implementation of appropriate protocols and practices.
- approved the revised License Agreement for trial use until the October 2015 meeting of Diocesan Synod

### **Parish and Property Matters**

- approved the Accessibility and HVAC improvements renovation project for the Church of the Epiphany, Oakville as well as supporting the parish application to the Ontario Trillium Fund and the request for a CIBC loan to finance the project
- authorized the disestablishment of Christ Church, Whitfield.
- authorized the Church of St. Columba to commence an Accessibility Improvement Project and the replacement of the Flat Roof in 2015 and to proceed with this project in compliance with the Guidelines for Canon 4.6, approving the Ontario Trillium Grant and the use of funds if necessary to be drawn from the gifts and bequests of the parish.
- Supported the accessibility renovation project and funding plan proposed by St. Michael 's, Hamilton and supported their application to the Anglican Foundation for a grant to assist with the cost of the project
- supported the proposal of a one year extension of the Letter of intent regarding Corktown Hall related to the relationship between The Church of the Ascension and NOSTRA, previously endorsed by this Synod Council in December, 2013.
- approved the sale of the property of the former St. Paul's Port Robinson to Betty Lou Michaels on behalf of the Friends of St Paul's Port Robinson according to the terms drafted by our Diocesan Solicitor.
- released the Masonic Lodge in Caledonia from the original agreement that their building be used solely for Masonic purposes and that the Masonic Lodge be responsible for any costs.
- Authorized the listing and sale of the rectory at Grace Church, Arthur
- Approved the corporation of St. John the Divine to request final drawings and enter into a contract for the building project to improve accessibility and provide community space
- approved the proposed 5-year renewable Licensing Agreement between St. George's Guelph and the Workside Early Childhood Education Centre as approved at the Vestry Meeting held on April 26, 2015
- agreed to the request for the extension of the pay-out of the first mortgage for the property at 1401 King St E, Hamilton (formerly known as Grace Church, Hamilton). The mortgage would be due no later than October 31st, 2015
- authorized for to list for sale the property at 200 Cope Street, Hamilton, Ontario, formerly known as the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, for an amount not lower than \$380,000.00.
- approved the change of insurance for the for the building of at St.John's York from replacement value to demolition value
- by electronic vote, endorse the project at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Burlington to replace the existing shingles and enhance the insulation and ventilation of the church roof as approved at its special vestry meeting held on July 26, 2015.
- approved a deposit mortgage in the amount of \$50,000 registered on 171 Kortright Road West, as part of the Amending Agreement to the Purchase and Sale Agreement of the aforementioned property
- encouraged the Bishop to authorize the Rector and Wardens of St. Mark's Orangeville to sign a contract and proceed with the proposed kitchen renovation project
- encouraged the Bishop to approve the renovation project to improve the sustainability of the parish hall of Christ Church, Woodburn

### **Financial Matters**

- approved up to \$60,000 from the internally restricted Walking on Water (WOW) fund be made available in 2015 for grants.'
- approved the 2014 audited financial statements of the Anglican Church Ministries, Niagara, Foundation.
- approved the actions of the diocesan Treasurer to pay the debt owed by Canterbury Hills Conference Centre to CIBC from the Canterbury Hills property sale proceeds; and deemed the debt owed by Canterbury Hills Conference Centre to the diocese as of December 31 2014 as unrecoverable.
- approved an application from the Diocese of Niagara for an Anglican Foundation Grant of \$10,000 to support the proposed 2016 International Justice Camp in Cuba
- approved an increase of not less than 1.8% to the minimum clergy stipend scale (inclusive of a Cost of Living Allowance increase of 1.2% and approximately 0.6% through the year of experience grid increases) for 2016 (over the scale from 2015 figures).
- recommended to parishes a 1.8% increase in 2016 (over 2015 figures) to: all housing allowances for clergy and Licensed Lay-Workers; stipends of clergy and Licensed Lay-Workers receiving stipends in excess of the mandatory minimum; and salaries of all (non-licensed) lay employees.
- received the FAC report regarding Canterbury Hills for consideration

### **Canons**

- referred the proposed amendment to Canons 3.5 – The College of Deacons, and 1.1 – The Composition of Synod to Synod,
- referred the introduction of Canon 4.8 – Cemeteries, and the amendment to Canon 4.7 – Church Property to Synod

### **Other**

- directed the Secretary of Synod to write a letter to the leadership of the Yorklands Green Hub to express diocesan support for the project and affirming the ways it is consistent with our diocesan vision and values.
- requested that the Governance Committee report to Council with a draft plan for a Canonical amendment regarding the composition of said Council including recommendations for greater lay engagement in regions without functioning Regional Councils, for the regular meeting in May so that it may be studied and discussed at the June meeting.'
- supported the two year trial Partnership Agreement between St. David & St. Patrick's Guelph and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Guelph.
- supported the Partnership Agreement between St. John the Divine, Cayuga and All Saints, Hagersville.
- authorized the Corporation of St. Jude's Oakville to apply for an Anglican Foundation Grant of \$30,000 over 3 years to implement the Restore Program in the Halton Region.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, Secretary of Synod  
Mary Anne Grant O.N., Administrative Assistant