

2019 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. Greg Tweney / The Reverend Canon Bill Mous

'that the report of the credentials committee be accepted.'

2. **Election of Synod Secretaries**

MOTION: Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Max Woolaver

'that Ms. Carol Summers be elected as the honorary lay secretary of synod and the Reverend Pam Guyatt be elected as the honorary clerical secretary of synod for the 145th synod of the diocese.'

3. **Minutes of the 2nd Session Of The 144th Synod**

MOTION: Ms. Carol Summers / The Reverend Mike Deed

'that the minutes of the 2nd session of the 144th synod of the diocese, as found on pages **12-19** of this convening circular, be now approved.'

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: The Reverend Leslie Gerlofs / Ms. Sarah Bird

'that the agenda as presented by the synod agenda committee be adopted.'

5. **Reception of All Reports**

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Bill Mous / Ms. Siobhan Bennett

'that all reports found in the convening circular and obtained at registration be received.'

6. **Affirmation of the Diocesan Mission Action Plan**

MOTION: Canon Christyn Perkons / The Reverend Ann Turner

'WHEREAS Synod Council began 2019 affirming the emerging sense of mission and renewal across the diocese over the first eight months of Bishop Bell's episcopacy;

AND WHEREAS Synod Council in April 2019 affirmed the bishop's proposal to consult with the people of the Diocese of Niagara and articulate our shared discernment of God's mission for us over the next three to five years using the services of M&M International;

AND WHEREAS with support from M&M, we have completed a review of the diocese' history and direction; done an environmental scan, gathered stakeholder data from parishioners, clergy, dechurched and unchurched people; identified key areas of focus; and drafted vision and mission statements;

AND WHEREAS utilizing all of this information, the Mission Action Planning Leadership Committee has presented the early outline of the diocesan mission action plan to diocesan synod 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this synod:

- commends the clergy and parishioners of the diocese for their contributions to the Mission Action Plan (MAP) consultation
- receives with gratitude the work to date of the Mission Action Plan leadership committee
- affirms the missional direction, Called to Life, Compelled to Love, outlined in their presentation;
- encourages the MAP committee to continue their work on the Mission Action Plan; and
- directs the MAP committee to engage synod council on the approval of the completed mission action plan and new diocesan mission statement.'

7. Repeal of the Regional Council Canon

MOTION: *The Reverend Canon Bill Mous / The Venerable Michael Patterson*

'that canon 1.10, relating to regional councils, be repealed.'

8. Amendments to the Canon Concerning a Solicitor for the Synod

MOTION: *Mr. Greg Tweney / The Reverend Canon Bill Mous*

'that canon 2.5, concerning a solicitor for the Synod, be amended to read:

1. There shall be a Solicitor for The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, who shall be appointed by the Synod Council and hold office during its pleasure, to provide legal advice and services in support of the corporate activities and ministries of the Diocese.
2. The Bishop, the Synod Council, or the Secretary of Synod may, in their discretion, retain other legal counsel licensed to practice law in Ontario for particular matters.

9. Repeal of the Diocesan Loan Funds Canon

MOTION: *Canon Jody Beck / Mr. Andrew Clinkard*

'that canon 2.8, relating to diocesan loan funds, be repealed.'

10. Declaration of a Climate Emergency and Reduction of Single-Use Plastics

MOTION: *The Reverend Leslie Gerlofs / Mrs. Sue Carson*

'WHEREAS Bishop Susan Bell, along with the Anglican Church of Canada, has identified the climate crisis and environmental degradation to all that God has created as the most pressing moral issue of our time;

AND WHEREAS Christians have a sacred duty to steward the Earth's resources responsibly, identified clearly in our Baptismal covenant and the 5th Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion;

AND WHEREAS all parishes and members of the Diocese of Niagara have been urged to advocate for strong and resolute political action to address the climate crisis as laid out in the Bishop's recent statement coinciding with the worldwide climate strike, <https://niagaraanglican.ca/news/bishop-bells-responds-to-climate-action-week>;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Synod recognize there is a global climate emergency;

AND THAT this Synod declare a Climate Emergency, in solidarity with climate scientists and the global environmental movement calling for urgent action to significantly reduce our carbon emissions;

AND THAT this Synod urge the Bishop and diocesan leaders to advocate for sustainable environmentally-sound government policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and consumption levels;

AND THAT this Synod encourage parishes to commit to an intentional observance of the global and ecumenical Season of Creation, September 1st to October 4th;

AND THAT this Synod direct diocesan staff to phase-out the purchase and use of single-use plastics, including rigid foam, within the synod office and for diocesan services, meetings, and events by 2022.'

11. Trinity College Corporation

MOTION: The Venerable Dr. David Anderson/ Ms. Kathleen Randle

'that the representatives from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be The Reverend Garfield Wu (clergy), Ms. Mary Churchill (lay) and Ms. Gillian Doucet Campbell (lay); for a term of two years.'

(Please note: the Reverend Aaron Orear and the Reverend Sue-Ann Ward (clergy) and Sister Heather Broadwell are continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.)'

12. Synod Council Report

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Bill Mous/ Ms. Cathy Lynn Hanson

'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.'

13. Synod Council Election

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Bill Mous / Mr. Greg Tweney

'that this synod elect the regional members of synod council for the 2020/2021 term and alternate regional members for the 2020 term, as nominated at the regional caucuses held during this synod.'

14. New Canon on Diocesan Missions

MOTION: The Reverend Canon Bill Mous / Canon Christyn Perkons

'that this synod approve the addition of a new canon, to read as follows:

Canon 4.9 - Diocesan Missions

1. Where it appears that a particular geographical area or an area of special mission work or interest should be designated as a Diocesan Mission, as a result of:
 - (a) a request by a parish, an organization, or an unincorporated area of work or interest, either in the form of a resolution or a request in writing, or
 - (b) a recommendation by a Bishop's Commission, or
 - (c) a situation determined by the Synod or the Synod Council to require it,

the Bishop, with the approval of the Synod Council, may so designate.

2. Upon the designation of a Diocesan Mission, the Bishop shall appoint:
 - (a) a cleric or lay person to serve as missionary, who shall be licensed by the Bishop to oversee the Diocesan Mission; and
 - (b) a chair of the Board appointed under s. 3 of this Canon, who shall serve at the Bishop's pleasure.
3. Every Diocesan Mission shall be supported by an Advisory Board established to advise the missionary. The composition of the Board shall be determined by the Synod Council, which shall appoint a maximum of eight members, clergy and laity. In addition, the Bishop shall appoint an archdeacon to serve as a member of the Advisory Board. The Synod Council shall appoint signing officers for the Diocesan Mission which shall include the missionary. The Advisory Board shall provide a written report to the Synod Council on the activities of the Diocesan Mission at least once every two years.
4. The Advisory Board of any newly designated Diocesan Mission shall work with the Bishop and the missionary to develop an inaugural mission action plan, establishing a missional mandate, ministry goals and benchmarks, and a budget. This plan shall be presented to the Synod Council for review within six months of the designation as a Diocesan Mission. Upon approval of the Bishop, the plan shall be implemented by the missionary.
5. Every missionary, duly licensed, shall be a member of Synod, by virtue of Canon 1.1(1)(3). Diocesan Missions shall not be entitled to elect lay representatives to Synod.
6. Diocesan Missions are encouraged to make a voluntary financial contribution towards the Diocese but shall not be subject to diocesan assessments.
7. Where a Parish is disestablished, the Bishop may, with the approval of the Synod Council, designate the former parish's particular geographical area or area of special mission work or interest as a Diocesan Mission in accordance with the provisions of this Canon.
8. Where a Diocesan Mission desires to be established as a parish, the missionary, with the support of the Advisory Board, shall make a request to the Bishop to that effect, in accordance with the provisions of Canon 4.5(3), and propose a mission action plan and budget.
9. The designation of a Diocesan Mission may be revoked at any time by the Bishop. Upon revocation, the capital assets of the mission, of every nature or kind, shall be conveyed forthwith to and be in the control of the Synod as trustee.
10. In the event of any conflict between this and any other Canon, the provisions of this Canon shall apply.'

15. 2018 Audited Financial Statements

MOTION: Canon Joanna Beck / Mr. Andrew Clinkard

'that the audited financial statements for 2018 as found on pages **37-58**, be received.'

16. Auditor's Report

MOTION: Mr. Andrew Clinkard / Ms. Brenda Lane

'that the Auditor's Report, as found on pages **38-41** be received.'

17. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: Mr. Andrew Clinkard / Ms. Brenda Lane

'that KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2019.'

18. 2020 Budget

MOTION: Canon Pat Davis / Mr. Andrew Clinkard

'that this synod approve the 2020 diocesan budget.'

19. Equal Marriage in Niagara

MOTION: The Venerable Dr. David Anderson / Canon Christyn Perkons

'that this synod:

- a) laud the faithful witness of LGBTQ2S Anglicans and allies from this diocese to the Anglican Communion and express steadfast solidarity with the local and global LGBTQ2S community;
- b) affirm the prophetic witness of Bishops Michael Bird and Susan Bell who have authorized in this diocese the solemnization of the marriage of all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to be married; and
- c) receive the five affirmations contained in the Council of General Synod document entitled A Word to the Church, namely:
 1. Indigenous Spiritual Self-determination
 2. Diverse Understandings of the Existing Canon
 3. Diverse Understandings and Teachings
 4. Our Commitment to Presume Good Faith
 5. Our Commitment to Stand Together.'