

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE 146<sup>th</sup> SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA**



**held on**  
**Saturday November 7, 2020**  
**via Zoom videoconference**

# Minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA

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*"Seeing with the Eyes of our Hearts" ~ Ephesians 1:15-19*

## Call to Order & Territorial Acknowledgement

The Right Reverend Susan Bell called synod to order at 9:00 am.

Filmed on the banks of the Grand River, on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations, the Mississauga of the Credit, and the Neutrals, the Reverend Cheryl Barker acknowledged that the land on which the diocese is situated is treaty land, and home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. The Venerable Val Kerr offered a brief teaching about reconciliation, which emphasized the importance of listening, respect, understanding and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

## Organizing Synod

### Welcome to New Members of Synod & Privileges of the House

The Right Reverend Susan Bell welcomed new members of synod and guests, inviting them to wave and be recognized. The Bishop welcomed and extended privileges of the house to the Venerable Dr. Timothy Dobbin who has been appointed to serve as Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral and Dean of Niagara beginning January 1, 2021.

### Credentials Committee Report

Chancellor Greg Tweney advised synod that as of 8:55 am 74 members of the order of the clergy, representing 84%, and 130 members of the order of the laity, representing 79%, were present and that 77 parishes were represented, or 81%. Quorum was achieved.

### **MOTION 1: Credentials Committee Report**

Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

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

**CARRIED**

### Notices of Motion

The Chancellor spoke about the rules of order and advised members that since the convening circular had been published no additional motions had been received. Mr. Greg Tweney indicated that any motions for consideration at this synod would need to be presented in writing to Ms. Mary Anne Grant no later than 10:20 am. Any additional requests received would be noted under other business.

### Appointments to Diocesan Court

The Bishop informed members of synod that she was appointing the following people to the diocesan court: The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, The Venerable Peter Scott, The Reverend Sheila VanZandwyk, Mr. Neil Bell, Ms. Ann Cunningham, and Ms. Mary Donkin.

### Appointment of Honorary Canons

The Right Reverend Susan Bell announced that the Reverend Mike Deed, the Reverend Leslie Gerlofs and the Reverend Paul Walker had been appointed as honorary canons of Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton.

## **Gathering Prayers with the Bishop's Charge to Synod**

The synod's opening worship included a reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1 verses 15-19. This passage inspired the synod's theme "Seeing with the Eyes of our Hearts" for this synod.

The Right Reverend Susan Bell delivered her charge to members of synod from the Cathedral.

"The first thing I want to say to you today – or rather the first thing I think Jesus wants me to say to you today is: it's going to be alright." These words of reassurance were followed by an acknowledgement that things will be different going forward. "This time will change us as a Church in good ways and less good ways," observed the Bishop. "But this is God's Church and I know that God is leading us through COVID-19 to be something new and something shrunken and something beautifully different and yet at its core, the same. "

In addition, the Bishop lauded the faithfulness of Anglicans in Niagara through this time of pandemic, declaring that the old adage that the Church not being the building has been demonstrably true.

Bishop Bell also spoke about the generosity of those who have supported the diocesan Pandemic Response Fund and the wonderful ministry it has supported, the gift of being organized as a diocese, and the importance of being loving towards one another through this unprecedented time.

Highlighting the diocesan Mission Action Plan, the Bishop pointed toward the work that continued during the pandemic. She noted that great strides have been made on the development of a school for missional leadership, that the Climate Justice Niagara committee has been retooled to respond to the climate crisis, and that an anti-racism working group has been formed. The Bishop also announced that the Reverend Ian Mobsby, diocese of Southwark, would become canon theologian for mission.

The Bishop concluded her address to synod with words of gratitude, especially to members of synod. "My greatest thanks is to all of you: for your faithfulness to God, for your commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for your devotion to your parish families, for your love of our diocesan family and the good work we do together as the Body of Christ, and for your dedication in being the face and hands of Jesus in your communities."

## **Consent Agenda**

The following items were listed on the consent agenda for the synod:

### Election of Synod Secretaries

'that Ms. Linda Lamarche 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 146<sup>th</sup> synod of the diocese.'

### Minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> Synod

'that the minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> synod of the diocese, as found on pages 8-18 of the convening circular, be approved.'

### Adoption of the Agenda

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

### Reception of All Reports

' that all reports found in the convening circular be received.'

### Trinity College Corporation

'that the representatives from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be: the Reverend Fran Wallace and the Reverend Sue-Ann Ward (clergy) and Sister Heather Broadwell (lay); for a term of two years.'

### Affirmation of the Actions of Synod Council

'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 its last report, be hereby ratified and confirmed.'

#### **MOTION# 2: Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Ms. Amy Collard / The Venerable David Anderson

'THAT the items listed on the consent agenda be approved as circulated.'

**CARRIED**

#### **Missional Moment #1 – Pandemic Response Fund**

A five-minute video highlighted the ministry of the diocesan Pandemic Respond Fund and how during the COVID-19 pandemic the people of our diocese have been supporting each other and our neighbours in a variety of ways. The following parishes and ministries received support from the Pandemic Support Fund; Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton, Grace Church Waterdown, Holy Trinity Niagara Falls, Holy Trinity Welland, St. Alban's Acton, St. Barnabas St. Catharines, the Migrant Farm Workers Project, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), St. Christopher's Burlington, St. James Fergus, St. John's Thorold, St. Luke's Burlington, St. Luke's Palermo, St. Paul's Caledonia, and The Church of the Apostles Guelph.

BREAK

#### **Report on the Diocesan Mission Action Plan (MAP)**

The Venerable Bill Mous stated that the plan to have breakout groups was not possible, due to technical limitations given the size of the virtual meeting.

Canon Christyn Perkons spoke to the MAP vision of being 'Called to Life – Compelled to Love' and how, based on feedback to Synod 2019, the mission statement was amended, and now included a trinitarian formulation as follows:

Amended: *Ignited by the irresistible love of Jesus  
and renewed by the Holy Spirit,  
we partner with God to deepen faith,  
share stories, and care for God's world.*

Canon Perkons reported that synod council approved the final draft of the three- to five-year diocesan Mission Action Plan, which is being aligned to reflect the pandemic. For each of the three objectives, examples were given of how the diocesan MAP was being lived out.

#### ***Objective #1: Create and Implement Opportunities to Ignite and Strengthen Faith***

- Offering an online Sunday morning diocesan worship service
- Continuing of Revive under the guidance of the Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs
- Creating of digital resources to support online services and faith formation opportunities
- Hiring a diocesan missionary, The Reverend Jeff Potter
- Hosting online junior & senior youth group & the Anglican Family Hub
- Renewing the diocesan relationship with Cursillo
- Authorizing a new rite – Affirming the Newly Named

*Objective #2: Reimagine Diocesan Culture and Adapt Our Structures to Enable Ministry*

- Creating an Anti-Racism Working Group
- Developing the Niagara School for Missional Leadership
- Establishing the Transformational Budget Working Group
- Making governance changes in policies, guidelines, and canons
- Retooling the diocesan website & launching a new visual identity

*Objective #3 Prioritize Social Justice Action with an Emphasis on Environmental Justice*

- Re-mandating the Greening Niagara committee to become Climate Justice Niagara
- Offering programs such as Creation Care That Counts and Niagara in Action
- Organizing Fiercely Loved, first diocesan pride service; adapted for online worship
- Establishing the Pandemic Response Fund
- Pivoting the Greater St. Catharines Social Justice Group to a volunteer model
- Initiating a Human Trafficking working group

Canon Perkons noted that there a variety of initiatives being planned for the coming year as the diocesan Mission Action Plan continues to be lived out; the following were highlighted:

- An easy-to-use new resource for parishes to develop their own mission action plan that aligns with the diocesan MAP in a way that fits local contexts
- New missional communities planted and church plants within established churches
- More differentiated curacies
- A Zoom workshop and conference with Sarah Bessey
- Incubator groups to discuss topics of interest
- Mapping the Ground We Stand On (Truth & Reconciliation initiative) regional events
- Invite Welcome Connect; a transformational ministry focusing on gospel-driven ministry around radical hospitality and sharing our gospel stories

The presentation concluded with members of synod reciting the diocesan Mission Action Plan prayer.

## **Audit Matters**

### Reception of the Auditor's Report & Audited Financial Statements

#### **MOTION #3: 2019 Auditor's Report & Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Andrew Clinkard / Mr. Jim Higginson

'THAT the Auditor's Report, as found on pages 40-45 of the convening circular be received and the 2019 audit consolidated financial statements, as found on pages 46-64 of the convening circular, be received.'

**CARRIED**

The Bishop thanked Canon Jody Beck for overseeing this extraordinary remote audit process and for her good and sound stewardship of our finances, capably supported by the diocesan staff and our Financial Advisory Committee and its subcommittees.

### Appointment of Auditors for 2021

#### **MOTION #4: Appointment of Auditors**

Ms. Brenda Lane / Canon Jody Beck

'THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2020.'

**CARRIED**

## Canon Changes

Chancellor Greg Tweney spoke to the process for making changes to the canons and explained that there must be 2/3 majority in each order for such a motion to be carried. The Venerable Bill Mous explained that there are 3 proposed canonical changes, including one entirely new canon.

### New: The Cathedral of the Diocese of Niagara

The Venerable Bill Mous described the goal of the canon as being four-fold: 1) to define the special nature of the cathedral congregation's status and ministry context, 2) to uphold and protect the rights, responsibilities, and duties assigned to a duly established parish by Canon 4.1, 3) to provide flexibility for the relationship between the cathedral congregation and diocese to evolve as necessary, and 4) to enshrine the basic tenets of the Cathedral Place Property Management Committee. Noting that the Cathedral corporation had been consulted as part of the development of the canon and was supportive of it, Archdeacon Mous proceeded to outline the provisions of the new canon.

#### **MOTION #5: New Canon: The Cathedral of the Diocese of Niagara**

The Venerable Bill Mous / Mr. Rob Jones

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

#### Canon 2.10 The Cathedral of the Diocese of Niagara

1. The Bishop of Niagara's cathedra shall be located at 252 James Street North in Hamilton, hereafter referred to as Cathedral Place, in the worship space of Christ's Church Cathedral.
2. The Cathedral congregation shall have all rights, responsibilities, and duties assigned to a duly established parish by Canon 4.1, with the exception of those fiduciary responsibilities related to the care and trusteeship of the buildings and property on which the Cathedral is situated, including its fixtures, fittings, and fabric, which shall be the responsibility of the diocese, save and except the maintenance, repair or improvement of the organ which shall remain the responsibility of the Cathedral congregation.
3. a) The Cathedral congregation shall be expected to make annual contributions to the diocese for:
  - i. the upkeep of the Cathedral Place property, drawing on designated funds held for the maintenance, repair or improvement of fixtures, fittings, or fabric located at Cathedral Place and any additional funds as may be necessary, and
  - ii. the mission and ministry of the diocese.b) The base amounts for these contributions shall be determined by a prescribed formula established by regulations approved by the synod council, in consultation with the corporation of the Cathedral.
4. a) There shall be a Cathedral Place Property Management Committee to oversee the care, maintenance, and management of the Cathedral Place property and buildings and to advise the officers of the synod and the synod council about related policy matters.
  - b) The specific terms of reference for the Committee shall be established by the synod council.

- c) The membership of the Committee shall consist of:
  - i. the Executive Officer;
  - ii. the Rector of Christ’s Church Cathedral;
  - iii. two members elected by the Cathedral vestry for a two-year term;
  - iv. two members elected by the synod council of the diocese for a two-year term; and
  - v. a chair who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Bishop of Niagara.
- d) An alternate member may be elected by both the vestry and synod council to attend and vote at committee meetings should the respective elected representatives be compelled to be absent.’

The Very Reverend Peter Wall and Mr. Rob Jones spoke in favour of this motion.

**CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF CLERGY  
CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF LAITY**

Amendment: Canon 1.9 (9) – Synod Council

Chancellor Greg Tweney spoke to this motion, noting it arises from our experience during the pandemic whereby the governing body may need to meet sooner than the usual notice period.

**MOTION #5: Amendment: Canon 1.9 (9) – Synod Council**

Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

‘THAT section 9 of Canon 1.9 be amended to read as follows:

The Synod Council shall meet at least six (6) times between each annual session of the Diocesan Synod on such dates and at such places or by such means as the bishop shall determine, provided fourteen (14) days notice of any meeting being given. The Secretary of Synod may, upon the written requisition of at least ten (10) members of the Synod Council call a meeting of Synod Council provided fourteen (14) days notice of any meeting being given. In extraordinary circumstances, the Bishop may call a meeting of Synod Council sooner than the aforementioned fourteen (14) day notice period.’

**CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF CLERGY  
CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF LAITY**

Amendment: Canon 4.1 – Vestries and Churchwardens

Chancellor Greg Tweney spoke to this motion, which arises from the diocesan experience of the pandemic, noting the proposed canon adds flexibility to our governance structures with regards to the possibilities for conducting virtual vestry meetings not currently contemplated by the canons.

**MOTION: Amendment: Canon 4.1 – Vestries and Churchwardens**

Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

‘THAT the following provision be added to Canon 4.1, as section 18:

Notwithstanding the provisions of this canon, the Bishop and Synod Council may enact regulations relating to the conduct of vestry meetings as may be necessary from time to time.’

**CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF CLERGY  
CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF LAITY**

## **Missional Moment #2 – Migrant Farmworkers Ministry**

The Reverend Antonio Illias, diocesan missionary, was featured in a video that showed how during the COVID-19 pandemic the Migrant Farmworkers project has moved from the church to the field. With the eyes of their hearts, each week teams of volunteers are delivering food and offering spiritual care directly to workers on farms. Food and other donations are being collected by the churches of St. Alban's, Beamsville, St. John's, Jordan and Christ Church, McNab.

BREAK

## **Presentation of the 2021 Diocesan Budget**

Mr. Gerry Anthony, chair of the Transformational Working Budget Group, spoke about the proposed budget for 2021, acknowledging that "this is a difficult and extraordinary time" given the pandemic's effects. The proposed budget represents a 3.6 million dollar investment in ministry. While the budget forecasts a deficit of \$473,000, it was noted that funds are in place to cover the deficit through the standard draw on investments and the sale of property in 2020.

Mr. Anthony noted the budget seeks to "balance fiscal responsibility with the need to carry on the essential work of the Church; to trim discretionary expenses and support parishes; and to live into our new vision for ministry while recognizing the evolving missional landscape."

The Venerable Bill Mous outlined several initiatives included in the budget to support parishes, including the provision of \$250,000 to support parishes who may not be able to meet their usual DM&M contributions, in spite of their best efforts to do so; \$30,000 for a parish technology grant program; and the elimination of interest on receivables to support parish cash flow needs.

Canon Jody Beck gave an overview of the significant changes to the 2021 budget from previous years. She noted that employment expenses will decline and that there will not be a cost of living increase included in the budget. Expenses have been reduced in many areas, given travel and in-person programs are expected to be significantly limited in 2021. A targeted stewardship campaign is also planned, as there are generous donors who want to help the diocese through this extraordinary time.

### **MOTION #8: 2020 Diocesan Budget**

Canon Jody Beck / Mr. Gerry Anthony

'THAT this synod approve the 2021 diocesan budget.'

**CARRIED**

## **Results of the Election of Delegates to Provincial Synod**

The Bishop indicated that the pre-synod electronic voting process had resulted in a tie for the fourth position of our clerical delegate. The Chancellor indicated that clergy members of synod would be asked to participate in a run-off vote conducted using the Zoom polling feature.

After the run-off vote was conducted, the Secretary of Synod announced the election results. In the order of clergy: The Venerable Dr. David Anderson, The Venerable Valerie Kerr, The Reverend Ann Turner, and The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell were elected. In the order of laity, Mr. Andrew Clinkard, Ms. Janice Whiteley, Ms. Jodey Porter and Ms. Donna Ellis were elected.

The Reverend Rob Towler and the Reverend Dan Bennett will serve as alternates for the clergy while Mr. Neil Bell and Mr. Rob Pawson will serve as alternates for the laity.

The Bishop expressed gratitude to all who let their name stand and congratulated those elected.



## **Election of Regional Representatives to Synod Council**

The Bishop invited the Secretary of Synod to display the slate of nominees selected or acclaimed by their respective regions for election by synod as representatives to synod council.

The slate of nominees included: Mr. Gary Pollard (Brock), Mr. Byran Elliston (Greater Wellington), Mr. David Eccles (Hamilton-Haldimand), and Mr. Byron Nicholson (Lincoln). Nominees to serve as alternates were: Ms. Siobhan Bennett (Brock), Mr. Ian Pratt (Hamilton-Haldimand), Ms. Cathy Lynn Hanson (Lincoln), and Mr. Rob Pawson (Trafalgar).

### **MOTION #9: Synod Council Election**

Ms. Wendy Newman / The Reverend Will Alakas

‘THAT this synod elect the regional members of synod council for the 2021/2022 term and alternate regional members for the 2021 term.’

**CARRIED**

## **Presentation on the Revision of the Diocesan Safe Church Policy**

The Venerable Bill Mous gave an update to synod about the work that is underway to overhaul existing policies with a more modern and robust Safe Church Policy. The revision will broaden diocesan policies to include conflict, harassment, and discrimination, with a view towards incorporating our beliefs and values as Anglicans as expressed in the new Anglican Communion Charter for the Safety of People, as well as current best practices and legislative requirements. The revised policy is expected to be brought forward for approval by synod council sometime next year.

## **Missional Moment #3 – Climate Justice Niagara**

A video featuring the evolution of the Greening Niagara committee to the newly mandated Climate Justice Niagara (CJN) committee was shown. During the video, a new logo was shared and an update to the motion passed at the previous synod to ban single use plastics by 2022 was provided. The goal of Climate Justice Niagara is to equip leaders and people of the diocese to be strong and advocate locally and globally for change through prayer, education, action and advocacy.

## **Other Business**

The Venerable Bill Mous, secretary of synod, offered thanks to all involved in organizing this first-time virtual synod including members of the worship team, the technical team, and members of the agenda committee. He added that delegates will receive an electronic evaluation survey to complete.

## **Concluding Synod**

### The Bishop’s Assent of the Actions of Synod

The Right Reverend Susan Bell gave her assent to all the acts and resolutions during synod, reminding members of synod that “God is good.” The Bishop thanked members of synod and recognized the diocesan staff and the organizing committee on our first virtual synod. The Bishop gave a special thank you to Chancellor Greg Tweney, The Venerable Bill Mous, and Canon Jody Beck.

### Closing Prayers & Blessing

The synod concluded with closing prayers. Bishop Susan Bell offered a blessing which included the commission to live the diocesan vision of being called to life and compelled to love.

### Adjournment

The 146<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Niagara adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

**2020**

**THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA**

**OFFICE BEARERS**

**PRESIDENT**

The Right Reverend Susan J. A. Bell, B.A., M.Div., D.D.

**CHANCELLOR**

Mr. Gregory J. Tweney, B.P.A, LL.B.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER & SECRETARY OF SYNOD**

The Venerable William (Bill) J. D. Mous, B.Sc., M.Div.

**HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE SYNOD**

**Clergy**

The Reverend Pamela Guyatt, M.Div

**Lay**

Mrs. Linda Lamarche O.N.

**TREASURER**

Canon Joanna Beck, B.A., CPA, CMA

**SOLICITOR FOR THE SYNOD**

Mr. David A. van der Woerd, B.A., LLB, effective June 1, 2020

**BANKERS**

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

## **CHURCH DIGNITARIES - ACTIVE**

### **DIOCESAN BISHOP**

The Right Reverend Susan J. A. Bell, B.A., M.Div., D.D.

### **ARCHDEACONS**

The Venerable William (Bill) Mous, B.Sc., M.Div.  
Executive Officer and Secretary of Synod

The Venerable Valerie Kerr, M.Div.  
Archdeacon for Truth, Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry

The Venerable Dr. John Course, B.A., M.Div., Ph.D  
Archdeacon of Brock

The Venerable Peter Scott, B.Sc., B.Ed., M.Div.  
Archdeacon of Greater Wellington

The Venerable Max Woolaver, M.A., M.Div.  
Archdeacon of Lincoln

The Venerable Michael Patterson, B.A., M.Div.  
Archdeacon of Trafalgar

The Venerable Dr. David Anderson, B.R.E., M.Div., D.Min.  
Archdeacon of Hamilton-Haldimand

### **REGIONAL DEANS**

The Reverend Daniel Bennett, M.Div.	Brock
The Reverend Ann Turner, B.Mus., M.A.	Greater Wellington
The Reverend Cheryl Barker, B.A., M.Div.	Hamilton-Haldimand
The Reverend Canon Michael Deed, B.A	Hamilton-Haldimand
The Reverend Pamela Guyatt, M.Div.	Lincoln
The Reverend Jeff Ward, B.A.S., M.Ed., M.Div.	Trafalgar

### **CHAPLAINS TO ORDINANDS**

The Venerable Suzanne Craven, B.A.(Hons), M.L.S., M.Div.  
The Reverend Mark Gladding, B.A., M.Div.

### **Honorary Clergy Canons**

Penny Anderson  
Joseph Asselin  
Ralph Blackman  
Kevin Bothwell  
Michael Deed  
Terry DeForest  
Leslie Gerlofs  
Matthew Griffin  
Alan Hayes  
Darcey Lazerte  
James Lefebvre

Christine McMaster  
Michael Mondloch  
Katherine Morgan  
Richard Moorse  
Robert Park  
Stephanie Pellow  
Stuart Pike  
Martha Tatarnic  
Paul Walker  
Susan Wells  
Susan Wilson

### **Honorary Lay Canons**

Joanna Beck  
Donna Bomberry  
Terry Charters  
Alison D'Atri  
Pat Davis

Fred Hall  
Robert Morrow  
Christyn Perkons  
David Ricketts  
Robert Welch

### **Archdeacons Emeritus**

Kenneth Cardwell  
Suzanne Craven  
Harold Dawson  
Thomas Greene  
Frederick Gosse  
Richard Jones  
Lynne Marchant  
Bruce McPetrie

Peter Moore  
Kenneth Patterson  
John Rathbone  
James Sandilands  
Robert Snelling  
Michael Thompson  
Marion Vincett

### **Canons Emeritus**

David Browning  
Ian Chadwick  
Catherine Crawford  
Browning  
Paula Crippen  
Frances Darlington  
Patrick Doran  
Laurence Duby  
Malcolm Evans  
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Lorenzo Harrison  
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Robert Hudson  
Robert Hulse  
Lynda Kealey  
Thomas Kingston  
Gordon Kinkley  
Robert Lennox  
David Linn  
David Long  
Mark McDermott  
Michael McKinley  
Eric Mills  
Jean Mitchell

Margaret Murray  
Marion (Marni) Nancekivell  
Patrick Patterson  
James Powell  
Barry Randle  
Beverly Shanley  
Paul Taylor  
Lynne Thackwray  
William Thomas  
Philip Velpel  
Keith Whittingham  
Robert Wright

### **Clergy on Leave**

The Reverend Deacon Kay Baxter  
The Reverend John Blair  
The Reverend Marya Buckingham  
The Reverend C. Douglas Campbell  
The Reverend Brian Collinson  
The Reverend Allison Courey  
The Reverend Amy Cousineau  
The Reverend Carol Finlay  
The Reverend Patrick Gray  
The Reverend Dr. Eric Griffin  
The Reverend Deanne Keatings  
The Reverend Steele Lazerte  
The Reverend Robert Linklater  
The Reverend Erin Marriott  
The Reverend Peter McIntyre

The Reverend Canon Christine McMaster  
The Reverend Deacon Lynda Mee  
The Reverend Nancy Moffett  
The Reverend Canon Keith Morrison  
The Reverend Jeff Potter  
The Reverend Lillian Porter  
The Reverend Deacon Christine Priestman  
The Reverend Ralph Richmond  
The Reverend Canon Dr. R. Brian Ruttan  
The Reverend Michelle Stanford  
The Reverend Canon Kristine Swire  
The Reverend Lorraine Tadman  
The Venerable Dr. Michael Thompson  
The Reverend Donald West  
The Reverend Evelyn White Eye

### **Retired Clergy**

The Right Reverend Walter Asbil  
The Right Reverend D. Ralph Spence  
The Reverend F. Gavin Barnett  
The Reverend Donald Brown  
The Reverend Brian Burrows  
The Reverend Janet Cashin  
The Reverend Donald Coombe  
The Reverend Dean Cormack  
The Reverend D. Linda Corry  
The Reverend John Cox  
The Reverend John Dunn  
The Reverend Joseph Edwards  
The Reverend Donald Eustace  
The Reverend Canon Peter Ford  
The Reverend Cheryl Fricker  
The Reverend Brian Galligan  
The Reverend Robert Gardner

The Reverend Trevor Jones  
The Reverend Mary Kimberley  
The Reverend Carole Langlotz  
The Reverend Paul Maynard  
The Reverend Deacon Joseph Noseworthy  
The Reverend Carol Overing  
The Reverend Donald Powell  
The Reverend Canon Barry Randle  
The Reverend John Ripley  
The Reverend Deacon Jane Rokeby  
The Reverend Canon Wendy Roy  
The Reverend Richard Ruggle  
The Reverend Jerry Salloum  
The Reverend Olive Shepherd  
The Reverend James Styles  
The Very Reverend Peter Wall  
The Reverend Gordon Walls

## **DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL - 2020**

### **Representatives of Regions**

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The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell	Brock
The Venerable Dr. John Course	Brock
Mr. Thomas Littlewood	Greater Wellington
The Reverend Naomi Kabugi	Greater Wellington
The Venerable Peter Scott	Greater Wellington
Ms. Cathy Lynn Hanson	Lincoln
The Reverend Will Alakas	Lincoln
The Venerable Max Woolaver	Lincoln
Mr. Ian Pratt	Hamilton-Haldimand
The Reverend Canon Matthew Griffin	Hamilton-Haldimand
The Venerable Dr. David Anderson	Hamilton-Haldimand
Ms. Janice Whiteley	Trafalgar
The Reverend Canon Rob Park	Trafalgar
The Venerable Michael Patterson	Trafalgar

### **Representative of Canterbury Hills Board of Directors**

Ms. Susan Little

### **Representative of Financial Advisory Committee**

Mr. Andrew Clinkard

### **Bishop's Appointees**

Canon Terry Charters

The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs

Mr. Adam McNeil

### **Directors**

The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest, Human Resources  
Canon Christyn Perkons, Congregational Support and Development  
Ms. Gillian Doucet Campbell, Stewardship and Development

### **Ex-Officio Members**

The Right Reverend Susan Bell - Bishop/Chair  
Mr. Greg Tweney - Chancellor  
The Venerable William (Bill) Mous – Executive Officer & Secretary of Synod  
Canon Joanna Beck – Treasurer & Director of Finance

**ANGLICAN CHURCH MINISTRIES FOUNDATION, NIAGARA DIRECTORS - 2020**

Mr. James Sweetlove, President  
Mr. Andrew Bucknell, Vice-President  
Mr. Tony Denning  
Ms. Noreen Felker, through April 2020  
Mr. Mike Mansfield  
Mr. Ian Smith  
Mr. Mark Volkov  
The Right Reverend Susan Bell (ex-officio)  
Canon Jody Beck, Treasurer (ex-officio)  
The Venerable William (Bill) Mous, secretary  
Ms. Nancy Kapusin, recorder

**DIOCESAN FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2020**

Mr. Andrew Clinkard, Chair  
Mr. Gerry Anthony  
Mr. Howard Davis  
Canon Pat Davis, Chair of Finance/Budget Subcommittee  
Mr. Ken Edwards  
The Reverend Pamela Guyatt  
The Reverend Deacon Jean Ruttan-Yates  
Mr. Mark Young  
Mr. Henry Zantingh  
Ms. Nancy Kapusin, recorder  
Canon Joanna Beck, Diocesan Treasurer, ex-officio  
Ms. Gillian Doucet Campbell, Director of Stewardship & Development, ex-officio  
The Reverend Canon William (Bill) Mous, Secretary of Synod, ex-officio

**AUDIT COMMITTEE - 2020**

Ms. Kelly Roloson, Chair  
Ms. Noreen Felker, through April 2020  
Mr. Jim Higginson  
Ms. Brenda Lane  
Mr. Ralph Malashevsky  
Mr. Mike Mansfield  
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**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR: DECEMBER 16, 2019 TO DECEMBER 15, 2020**

**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

- February 23, 2020 Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton  
Jody Lynne Balint  
By the Bishop of Niagara, The Right Reverend Susan J. A. Bell
- February 23, 2020 Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton  
Judith Sheila Steers  
By the Bishop of Niagara, The Right Reverend Susan J. A. Bell
- February 23, 2020 Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton  
Frances Wallace  
By the Bishop of Niagara, The Right Reverend Susan J. A. Bell

**APPOINTMENT TO PARISHES/MINISTRIES**

- December 22, 2019 The Reverend Michael Coren, a licence to perform the office of Deacon Assistant at St. Cuthbert's, Oakville, on a quarter-time basis, (December 22, 2019 to December 31, 2020), under the direction of the rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- January 1, 2020 The Reverend Mark William Andrews, a licence to perform the office of Rector of St. Jude's, Oakville, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- February 1, 2020 The Venerable William John Durk Mous, a licence to perform the office of Archdeacon of Niagara: Executive Officer and Secretary of Synod, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- February 23, 2020 The Reverend Jody Lynne Balint, a licence to perform the office of Priest-in-Charge of St. John's, Rockwood, on a half-time basis, and Pastoral Associate at St. Luke's, Palermo, on a quarter-time basis, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- February 23, 2020 The Reverend Frances Wallace, a licence to perform the office of Priest-in-Charge of St. Aidan's, Oakville, on a half-time basis, and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- March 16, 2020 The Reverend Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch, a licence to perform the office of Priest-in-Charge of St. Barnabas, St. Catharines, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- July 1, 2020 The Reverend Stephen Blackmore, a licence to perform the office of Rector of Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.

- September 8, 2020 The Reverend Jeff Potter, a licence to perform the office of Diocesan Missioner and Communication Coordinator, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- November 1, 2020 The Reverend Jody Balint, a licence to perform the office of Rector of St. James and St. Brendan's, Port Colborne, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- November 1, 2020 The Reverend Audrius Sarka, a licence to perform the office of Priest-in-Charge of St. John's, Stewarttown, part-time, and Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's, Norval, part-time, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure
- November 1, 2020 The Reverend Garfield Wu, a licence to perform the office of Rector of St. Luke's, Palermo, on a half-time basis, and Chinese Missioner, half-time, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- November 15, 2020 The Reverend Michael Coren, a licence to perform the office of Assistant Curate at St. Christopher's, Burlington, on a half-time basis, and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- December 1, 2020 The Reverend Jon Forbes, a licence to perform the office of Rector of St. Michael's, Hamilton, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.

#### **BISHOP'S PERMISSION**

- February 18, 2020 The Reverend Canon Philip Bristow, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Honorary Assistant at Holy Trinity, Welland, under the direction of the Rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- February 24, 2020 The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Honorary Assistant at St. Aidan's Church, Oakville, under the direction of the Rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- February 24, 2020 The Reverend Canon Fran Darlington, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Honorary Assistant at Church of the Apostles, Guelph, under the direction of the Rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- March 10, 2020 The Reverend Deacon Janice Maloney-Brooks, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Deacon at Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, under the direction of the Interim Pastor, according to the terms of the job description filed with the episcopal office and Deacon (Summer Placement) at St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, (May 2020 to August 2020) under the direction of Archdeacon David Anderson and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.

- September 16, 2020 The Reverend Canon Dr. Catherine Crawford Browning, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Honorary Assistant at Church of the Transfiguration, St. Catharines, under the direction of the Rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- September 26, 2020 The Reverend Canon Dr. Alan Hayes, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Honorary Assistant at St. Cuthbert's Church, Oakville, under the direction of the Rector and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.
- October 1, 2020 The Reverend Deacon Lorenzo Cromwell, a bishop's permission to perform the office of Deacon in the parish of St. George's, St. Catharines, under the direction of the Rector, during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure and according to the job description filed with the episcopal office.

#### **LETTERS BENE DECESSIT**

- January 1, 2020 From the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, for the Reverend Mark Andrews.
- July 1, 2020 From the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, for the Reverend Stephen Blackmore.
- September 8, 2020 From the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, for the Reverend Jeffrey Potter.
- October 1, 2020 To the Bishop of Brandon, the Right Reverend William Cliff, for the Reverend Deacon Janice Maloney-Brooks.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DIGNITARIES**

- February 1, 2020 The Venerable William John Durk Mous, Archdeacon of Niagara: Executive Officer and Secretary of Synod.
- October 13, 2020 The Reverend Ann Turner, Regional Dean of Greater Wellington for a three-year period.
- November 7, 2020 Appointed Honorary Canons of Christ's Church Cathedral  
Michael Deed  
Leslie Gerlofs  
Paul Walker
- November 7, 2020 Appointed Diocesan Canon Theologian for Mission  
Ian Mobsby

### **BISHOP'S COMMISSARY**

January 31, 2020 to February 7, 2020  
The Venerable Dr. David Anderson  
Rector of St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton and Archdeacon of Hamilton-Haldimand

### **APPOINTMENT OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR**

February 18, 2020      The Venerable William (Bill) Mous, extended appointment as Diocesan Administrator of St. Peter's, Hamilton, through June 10, 2020.

June 9, 2020          The Venerable William (Bill) Mous, extended appointment as Diocesan Administrator of St. Peter's, Hamilton, through December 31, 2020.

### **LICENSE FOR A PROFESSIONAL LAY WORKER**

November 16, 2019    Robert Duncan, a license as Lay Professional Worker: Lay Pastoral Associate at Holy Trinity, Niagara Falls, half-time, under the supervision of Canon Jim Powell, and during the Diocesan Bishop's pleasure.

### **DECLARATION OF DISESTABLISHMENT**

August 16, 2020      The parish of All Saints, Hagersville, disestablished, pursuant to Canon 4.5, Section 5.

### **DECLARATION OF DECONSECRATION**

November 18, 2020    Church of the Good Shepherd, St. Catharines, deconsecrated and secularized.

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