

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 147TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA

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 Venerable Bill Mous

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

2. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

MOTION: The Reverend Garfield Wu / Ms. Amy Collard

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

A. Election of Synod Secretaries

'that Ms. Sue Thibodeau 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 147th synod of the diocese.'

B. Minutes of the 146th Synod

'that the minutes of the 146th synod of the diocese, as found on pages 8-16 of the convening circular, be approved.'

C. Adoption of the Agenda

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

D. Reception of All Reports

'that all reports found in the convening circular, including the audited financial statements and auditor's report, be received.'

E. Trinity College Corporation

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

[Please note: the Reverend Fran Wallace and the Reverend Sue-Ann Ward (clergy) and Sister Heather Broadwell (lay) are continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.]

F. Synod Council Report

'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.'

3. **Diocesan Safe Church Policy**

MOTION: Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT this synod fully endorse the new diocesan Safe Church Policy, as approved by Synod Council on June 22, 2021.

4. Amendment to Canon 1.4 - Election of Delegates to General & Provincial Synods

MOTION: Mr. Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

that section 5(2) of Canon 1.4, as follows, be deleted:

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to prohibit nominations from the floor of the Diocesan Synod, provided that any such nomination is moved and seconded and the nominee assents to being nominated.'

5. Amendment to Canon 2.1 (6) – Election of Bishops

MOTION: Mr. Greg Tweney / The Reverend Deacon Rod McDowell

that Canon 2.1(6) be amended to read as follows:

6. (a) Those entitled to vote at the election of a Bishop shall be those members of Synod duly elected or appointed according to the provisions of Canon 1.1.

(b) Retired clergy and retired licensed lay workers of the diocese, and clergy from other dioceses presently serving in the diocese and holding a Bishop's permission, may attend the Electoral Synod but are not permitted to vote in the episcopal election.'

6. Amendment to Canon 4.1(16) – Vestries and Churchwardens

MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Mr. Greg Tweney

that Canon 4.1(16) be amended to read as follows:

It shall also be the duty of the Churchwardens to make financial provision for the costs of insurance coverage, as provided through the diocesan insurance policy and approved by the Synod Council.'

7. Climate Justice Niagara – Parish Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plans

MOTION: Ms. Sue Carson / Ms. Anne Young

Whereas the global climate emergency has been identified by Bishop Susan Bell, at previous Diocese of Niagara Synods, and the Anglican Church of Canada, as the most pressing moral issue of our time;

And whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released yet another dire warning for the planet this year;

And whereas the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Pope, and the Ecumenical Patriarch urged world leaders "to listen to the cry of the Earth" and address climate change;

And whereas our Baptismal Covenant and our Fifth Mark of Mission call us to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;

And whereas it is critical for the Diocese of Niagara to raise the level of environmental awareness and prompt intentional remedial action,

that Synod mandate Climate Justice Niagara to assist and resource parishes to complete a walk-through Energy Audit of their church buildings by the end of 2022;

and that wardens and clergy use the audit to create a five-year parish plan to reach a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of at least ten percent (10%) by 2024;

and that all parishes be encouraged to publicize their efforts as a Christian witness to the community at large and means of demonstrating our deep and abiding commitment addressing the climate crisis.'

8. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: Mr. Andrew Clinkard / The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs

'that KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2021.'

9. 2022 Budget

MOTION: Canon Jody Beck / The Venerable Peter Scott

'that this synod approve the 2022 diocesan budget.'

10. Synod Council Election

MOTION: Ms. Sue Thibodeau / The Venerable Jeff Ward

'that this synod elect the regional members of synod council for the 2022/2023 term and alternate regional members for the 2022 term.'