

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 148TH 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: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT the report of the credentials committee be accepted.

2. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Mr. Thomas Littlewood / Ms. Janice Whiteley

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 148th Synod of the diocese.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Synod

that the minutes of the 147th Synod of the diocese, as found in 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 Fran Wallace and the Reverend Canon Sue-Ann Ward (clergy) and Mr. David Montgomery (lay); for a term of two years.

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. **Amendment to Canon 1.9 (2)**

MOTION: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT Canon 1.9 (2) be amended to read as follows:

An alternate representative, clergy or lay, may be elected from each of the regions who shall serve as a member of the Synod Council in the event of an elected member's inability to attend a meeting of the Council. If an elected member resigns, such alternate representative shall serve out the balance of the member's term. Alternate members shall have full voting privileges when attending on behalf of an elected member or serving out the balance of a term.

4. Amendment to Canon 1.9 (3)

MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Canon Greg Tweney

THAT Canon 1.9 (3) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) There shall be standing committees of the Synod Council, as follows:
 - i. The Coordinating Team of Synod Council, consisting of the Secretary of Synod, and at least three members to be elected annually by the Synod Council. The Coordinating Team shall meet between sessions of the Synod Council at the call of the Secretary of Synod, who shall chair the meetings.
 - ii. The Financial Advisory Committee, consisting of the Treasurer and at least six members to be elected by the Synod Council for a two-year term, renewable twice.
 - iii. The Investment Advisory Committee, consisting of the Treasurer and at least six members to be elected by the Synod Council for a two-year term, renewable twice.
 - iv. The Audit Committee, consisting of the Treasurer, and at least six members, to be elected by the Synod Council for a two-year term, renewable twice.
 - v. The Human Resources for Ministry Committee, consisting of the Bishop or Bishop's designate, and at least four members elected by the Synod Council for a two-year term, renewable twice.
- (b) Other standing committees may be mandated by Synod Council, as necessary.
- (c) The terms of reference for each standing committee will be defined in a mandate letter approved by the Synod Council.
- (d) Unless otherwise specified, the chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Bishop.
- (e) Members of the committees shall normally be members of a parish vestry within Niagara.
- (f) The Bishop and Executive Officer shall be ex officio members of all standing committees.

5. Amendment to Canon 1.9 (7)

MOTION: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT Canon 1.9 (7) be amended to read as follows:

The Synod Council shall, at its first meeting following the conclusion of the Diocesan Synod, appoint signing officers for the Diocese, such signing officers to include the Bishop of the Diocese, the Executive Officer, the Secretary of Synod, the Treasurer, and any other individuals as shall be designated at that time by the Synod Council, provided that two signatures shall be affixed to all cheques and bills of exchange, one of which must be that of the Treasurer, the Executive Officer, or one other person appointed by Synod Council, and provided further that such signing officers as appointed pursuant to this section shall be authorized, in the name of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, to

- (a) draw, accept, sign, approve, and make all or any bills of exchange, promissory notes, electronic or wire transfers, cheques and orders for the payment of money;
- (b) pay and receive all moneys and to give acquittance for the same;
- (c) assign and transfer to the financial institution acting as custodian all or any stocks, mutual funds, bonds and other securities and from time to time to

borrow money from such financial institution either by overdrawing the account or otherwise; and

- (d) generally for and on behalf of the said Synod to transact with the said bank any business.

6. Amendment to Canon 2.2

MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Canon Greg Tweney

THAT section 5 of Canon 2.2 be deleted along with all references to the controller position found in the diocesan canons.

7. Amendment to Canon 3.1

MOTION: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT section 1 of Canon 3.1 be amended to read as follows:

1. There shall be in every parish (not being an assisted parish) a Committee (hereinafter called "The Parochial Committee"), which shall consist of the lay representatives to the Synod and the Churchwardens of the parish. Such Committee shall have full power in conference with the Bishop, to represent the Parish in the selection of an incumbent. An archdeacon or other representative shall be appointed by the Bishop to oversee the interview process.

For the sake of greater clarity:

- (i) The chair shall be elected from amongst the members of the Committee.
- (ii) Alternate lay representatives to the Synod and Deputy Churchwardens of the parish may attend meetings of the Parochial Committee but are not entitled to vote.
- (iii) In the event of a change of leadership during the Parochial Committee's work, past wardens or lay representatives may, at the Bishop's sole discretion, continue to serve on the Committee but are not entitled to vote.
- (iv) In extraordinary circumstances, at the outset of the Committee's work, additional members of the parish may be appointed by the Bishop.

8. Amendment to Canon 4.1(4)

MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Canon Greg Tweney

THAT section 4 of Canon 4.1 be amended to read as follows:

- 4 a) An Annual Vestry Meeting shall be held by the 1st of March each year, or on such day as may be fixed by the Synod. In extraordinary circumstances, this deadline may be extended with the approval of the Synod Council.
- b) Notice of the annual meeting shall be given during Divine Service on the two Sundays immediately preceding the said meeting.
- c) The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving the audited accounts of the Vestry, and subsequently of electing and appointing Churchwardens and Lay Representatives and for the transaction of other business connected with the temporalities of the Church.

9. Amendment to Canon 4.3(1)

MOTION: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous

THAT section 1 of Canon 4.3 be amended by deleting the phrase, "through the inability of the Incumbent through age, infirmity or any other cause, or."

10. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: The Reverend Eleanor Clitheroe / The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs

THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2022.

11. 2023 Budget

MOTION: Ms. Kemi Okwelum / The Venerable Peter Scott

THAT this Synod approve the 2023 diocesan budget.

12. Synod Council Election

MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Ms. Mary Donkin

THAT this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council for the 2023/2024 term and alternate regional members for the 2023 term.