

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> 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: The Reverend Andrew Rampton / Ms. Amy Collard*

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

### **A. Election of Synod Secretaries**

that Mrs. Susan Little be elected as the honorary lay secretary of synod and the Reverend Canon Pamela Guyatt be elected as the honorary clerical secretary of synod for the 150<sup>th</sup> Synod of the diocese.

### **B. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Synod**

that the minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> 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 Canon Sue-Ann Ward (clergy), the Reverend Monica Romig Green (clergy) and Dr. Thomas Littlewood (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. **Affirmation of the Renewed Diocesan Mission Action Plan**

*MOTION: Dr. Emily Hill / The Very Reverend Dr. Tim Dobbins*

THAT this Synod:

- receive with gratitude the diligent work that has been undertaken with respect to implementing the strategies articulated in the original diocesan Mission Action Plan;
- commend the faithful efforts of parishes and missions who have, guided by the Holy Spirit, discerned their own Mission Action Plans;

- re-affirm the diocese’s vision, Called to Life - Compelled to Love, and affirm its revised mission statement and objectives; and
- commend to Synod Council the monitoring and ongoing adaptation of the strategies developed to implement the renewed diocesan Mission Action Plan.

**4. Amendment to Canon 2.8 – Diocesan Budget**

*MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Canon Greg Tweney*

THAT the following section of Canon 2.8 be repealed:

5. There shall be established a Diocesan Assessment Committee which:

- (a) shall consider concerns and appeals raised and filed by parishes regarding assessments;
- (b) shall ensure consistent and accurate financial reporting from all parishes of the diocese; and
- (c) shall, from time to time, review the guidelines and prescribed forms as established pursuant to Section 4 of this Canon.

**5. Amendment to Canon 3.2 – Licensed Lay Workers**

*MOTION: Canon Greg Tweney / The Venerable Bill Mous*

THAT sections 3 and 4 of Canon 3.2 be amended to read as follows:

- 3) A qualified lay worker, with the approval of the Bishop, shall be duly licensed and commissioned at an appropriate liturgical event. The lay worker shall take oaths of subscription, and shall express willingness to be accountable in life and ministry to duly constituted diocesan and parish authority.
- 4) Employment contracts for licensed lay workers shall conform to the current guidelines for fair employment practices as may be adopted by the Synod.

**6. Appointment of Auditors**

*MOTION: The Reverend Dr. Eleanor Clitheroe / Mr. Tony Denning*

THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2024.

**7. 2025 Budget**

*MOTION: Ms. Christine Morrow / The Venerable Peter Scott*

THAT this Synod approve the 2025 diocesan budget.

**8. Synod Council Election**

*MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Mr. Robert Clarence*

THAT this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members, as reported by the Secretary of Synod.