

# RESOLUTIONS OF THE 151<sup>ST</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: Ms. Sarah Bird / The Reverend Cheryl Barker*

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 Pam Guyatt be elected as the honorary clerical secretary of synod for the 151<sup>st</sup> Synod of the diocese.

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

that the minutes of the 150<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 Garfield Adams (clergy), Mr. Tom Atterton (lay), and the Reverend Sarah Grondin (clergy); 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. **Appointment of Auditors**

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

THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year 2025.

## 4. **2026 Budget**

*MOTION: Ms. Christine Morrow / The Reverend Canon Dr. Eleanor Clitheroe*

THAT this Synod approve the 2026 diocesan budget.

**5. Amendment to Canon 1.1 - Composition of Synod**

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

THAT the following section be added to Canon 1.1:

4. The College of Deacons may annually elect up to two substitute members of Synod from among its members.

**6. Amendment to Canon 1.9 – Synod Council**

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

THAT section (n) of Canon 1.9 be deleted.

**7. Amendment to Canon 2.10 – The Cathedral of the Diocese of Niagara**

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

THAT section (2) of Canon 2.10 be amended to read:

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 and the columbarium, which shall remain the responsibility of the Cathedral congregation.

**8. Amendment to Canon 3.5 – College of Deacons**

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

THAT section 5(c) of Canon 3.5 be amended to read:

- c) three delegates duly elected from the membership of the College of Deacons, for a two-year term;

**9. Amendment to Canon 4.1 – Vestries and Churchwardens**

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

THAT section 4 of Canon 4.1 be amended to read:

- (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 Bishop.
- (b) Notice of the annual meeting shall be given during Divine Service on the two Sundays immediately preceding the said meeting, and communicated widely to the membership using other means available to the parish.
- (c) The annual meeting shall be for the purpose of receiving the audited accounts of the Vestry, the presentation of a budget, and subsequently of electing and appointing Churchwardens, Lay Representatives, Parish Council members, and other officers, and for the transaction of other business connected with the temporalities of the Church.
- (d) In the absence of an established nominations committee, the Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens (if any) shall act as the nominations committee. Further nominations with the consent of the nominee(s) may be made at the Vestry meeting.

## **10. Amendment to Canon 4.7– As to Purchasing, Selling or Mortgaging Church Property**

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

That section 9 of Canon 4.7 be amended to read:

9. The proceeds realized from the sale of property shall be paid to the Synod to be held and invested by the Synod under the same trusts, uses, endowments or purposes as those for which the said property were acquired, or in the case of a change of circumstances, it becomes impossible or inadvisable to do so, such proceeds may, if so desired by the vestry, and with the approval of the Synod be applied for other church purposes for the benefit of the parish, mission, or congregation on whose behalf the said trust, use, endowment or purpose was created.

## **11. Synod Council Election**

*MOTION: The Venerable Bill Mous / Mrs. Leslie Kennedy*

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

## **12. Anniversary Greetings**

*MOTION: The Very Reverend Dr. Tim Dobbin / The Reverend Aaron Orear*

THAT this Synod extend warm greetings and congratulations to the United Church of Canada on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their formative Union, June 1925.

AND THAT this Synod extend warm greetings and congratulations to the Presbyterian Church in Canada on the occasion of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

AND THAT this Synod give thanks for its ongoing ecumenical relationships with the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the United Church of Canada, especially the unique witness of our ecumenical university chaplaincies.