

**MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL SYNOD  
JULY 7-12, 2016**

**THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016**

**Opening Service**

The Forty-First Session of the General Synod convened at 7:00 P.M in the Grand Richmond Ballroom of the Sheraton Parkway North Hotel & Suites, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson introduced, Godwin Chan, Councilor of Ward 6 of the Town of Richmond Hill and invited the Mayor, David Barrow, to bring greetings from the Town of Richmond Hill.

**Ecumenical and Interfaith Guests**

The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers introduced the ecumenical and interfaith guests in attendance for the service:

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto

The Most Rev. John Boisineau, an Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto

His Eminence Metropolitan Archbishop Sotirios of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto accompanied by Archpriest Father Peter Avgeropoulos

Commissioner Susan McMillan, Territorial Commander for this region of the Salvation Army;

The Rev. Douglas Rollwage, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Mr. Steve McDonald, Deputy Director, Communication and Public Affairs for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs

Ms. Karen McKye, Secretary General of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahais of Canada

The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, President, Canadian Council of Churches

Ms. Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives

## **FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016**

The Primate thanked Ms. Elizabeth Adams, St. George's Guelph for leading Synod in Morning Prayer and for the thirty-five pieces of art that she created for this meeting. Elizabeth centered Morning Prayer each morning around her art.

### **Acknowledgement of the Territories**

The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Anglican Indigenous Bishop, affirmed that the land we were on is sacred. It has a complicated history but Bishop Mark acknowledged that these lands are the official territories of the Mississauga of the New Credit. Acknowledging the history of the land is an important part of what it means to be here, he said. This area has the largest urban Indigenous population in North America and as part of that group Bishop Mark welcomed everyone and urged that one always walk with respect in regards to the original inhabitants of the land.

### **Opening Formalities**

The Primate was in the chair and called the meeting to order.

### **Report of the Credentials Committee**

The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Prolocutor reported that a sufficient number of each Order was present to constitute the Synod: Order of Bishops – 40, Order of Clergy – 83, Order of Laity – 111.

The President of the Synod, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, declared that the Forty-First Session of the General Synod was duly constituted.

*Act 1*

### **Introductions**

The Primate made the following introductions:

#### ***At the Head Table***

The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Prolocutor  
Mrs. Cynthia Haines-Turner, Deputy Prolocutor  
Canon David P. Jones, Chancellor  
The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate  
The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, General Secretary  
Ms. Josie De Lucia, Recording Secretary

## **Sessional Committees**

Agenda Committee: Ms. Melissa Green, Chair

Resolutions Committee : Canon Dr. Randall Fairey, Chair

Expenditures Committee: Mr. Kennedy Marshall, Chair

Nominating Committee: The Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Chair

Credentials Committee: Ms. Ann Bourke, Chair

Honorary Secretaries: The Rev. Alex Parsons, Honorary Clerical  
The Very Rev. Jason Haggstrom, Honorary Assistant Clerical  
Mr. Paul Rathbone, Honorary Lay  
Ms. Margaret Marschall, Honorary Assistant Lay

Assessors: The Ven. Alan Perry  
Mr. Chris Ambidge  
The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott  
Ms. Ann Bourke

Partners: Ms. Pat Lovell, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada  
Canon Noreen Duncan, The Episcopal Church

ACIP Partners: The Very Rev. Jonas Allooloo  
The Rev. Hannah Alexie  
The Ven. Larry Beardy  
Mr. Roger Bird  
Ms. Sharon Bird  
The Ven. Dr. Sidney Black  
Ms. Donna Bomberry  
The Rev. Nancy Bruyere  
The Rev. Andrew Richard Bruyere  
Elder Amy Charlie  
The Rev. Christopher Harper  
The Rev. Annie Ittoshat  
The Rev. Moses Kakekaspan  
The Ven. Kenneth Kitchekeesik  
The Rev. Canon Laverne Jacobs  
Mr. Willard Martin  
Mr. Daniel Peterson  
The Rev. Barbara Shoomski  
Elder Mary Snowshoe  
The Ven. Ananias Winter

Regrets:  
The Rev. Silas Nabinacaboo  
Ms. Ruby Sandy-Robinson

International Guests: The Most Rev. Francisco De Assis Da Silva, Primate of Brazil  
& Bishop of South Western Brazil and his wife Talida  
The Rt. Rev. Griselda Delgado, Bishop of Cuba and her husband  
Gerardo Logildes  
Dr. José Bringas, Director, Mission Development Program,  
Episcopal Church in Cuba and his wife Olga Reyes

Communion Guests: The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal  
Church  
The Rev. Canon Charles (Chuck) Robertson, Canon to the  
Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church  
The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon, General  
Secretary, The Anglican Communion Office

Full Communion Partner: The Rt. Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in Canada

Ecumenical Guests: The Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell, Moderator, The United Church of  
Canada  
Dr. Willard M. Metzger, Executive Director, Mennonite Church of  
Canada  
The Most Rev. John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary (Roman Catholic) Bishop  
of Toronto

Pastoral Care Team: The Rev. Gregory Carpenter, Chair  
A twelve-member team was on call 24 hours each day to offer pastoral care to the  
members.

## **Introduction to Keypads**

Mr. John Paul Copeland from Data On the Spot gave a brief demonstration of response pads (clickers) which would replace voting by paper ballot during the meeting.

The Primate added information regarding the procedure of voting at Synod. Members were to first indicate 'for or against' by raising /his/her hand followed by an electronic vote by clicker. The Primate stressed that visibility and accuracy were both important for the record.

## **Orders of the Day**

Ms. Melissa Green, Chair of the Agenda Committee, reviewed the Orders of the Day.

## **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins  
Seconded by: Ms. Melissa Green

That the Agenda (dated July 4, 2016) for this meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 2*

## **Resolutions**

### **Minutes of the 40th Session of the General Synod**

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the minutes of the 40th Session of the General Synod, held at the Ottawa Convention Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, June 3-7, 2013 be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 3*

### **Reception of Notices of Motions and Memorials**

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the Notices and Memorials as contained in the Convening Circular be received.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 4*

### **Courtesies of the General Synod**

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the *Courtesies of the General Synod* be extended to the Partners and Visitors and to the Directors of General Synod at the National Office.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 5*

### **Reception of Reports**

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the reports contained in the Convening Circular be received.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 6*

## Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 7*

## Rules of Order and Procedure

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That the Rules of Order and Procedure be suspended so far as is necessary to permit the No Debate List Procedure.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 8*

Moved by: Chancellor David P. Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That Rule 18a) of the Rules of Order and Procedure be suspended for the duration of this session of General Synod to permit members to abstain from voting (and not just in circumstances involving a conflict of interest).

**CARRIED**  
*Act 9*

## Resolutions with Financial Implications

Moved by: Mr. Kennedy Marshall  
Seconded by: Canon Dr. Randall Fairey

That all resolutions adopted by this session of the General Synod that

- involve the spending of money, and
- for which the necessary financial resources have not been identified in the motion or are not included in the budget of General Synod

be referred to a group comprised of the Primate, the Prolocutor, and the General Secretary who shall, in consultation with the Treasurer, review any expenditure that would be required to implement the motion and the financial resources available. The group may, in their discretion, authorize expenditures to implement the motion in whole or in part, or may determine that implementation is not financially feasible. The General Secretary shall report the decisions of the group to the Council of General Synod which may reconsider those decisions.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 10*

## No Debate List

Canon Dr. Randall Fairey, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the proposed No Debate List.

A050	Amendments to Canon XXII (National Indigenous Ministry)
A052	Canon XXIII (Anglican Military Ordinariate)
A053	Housekeeping Amendments
A070	Housekeeping Amendments
A142	Liturgy Task Force – Future Work On Liturgical Texts
A143	Liturgy Task Force – Liturgical Texts
A144-R1	The Iona Report With Competencies For The Diaconate
A150	Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada
A151	Audited Financial Statements – Consolidated Trust Fund
A152	Audited Financial Statements of The Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation
A170	Investment Task Force Relationships
A180	Continuing Education Plan of The Anglican Church of Canada
A181	Self Insured Death Benefit Plan
A182	General Synod Pension Plan
A183	Lay Retirement Plan
A184	Long Term Disability

## Introduction of Nominees for Prolocutor

The Primate reviewed Section 14 of the Constitution which outlined the responsibilities of the Prolocutor.

The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott introduced the rules governing the voting and announced the names of the nominees.

Nominees:

Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner	Diocese of Western Newfoundland
The Ven. Alan T. Perry	Diocese of Edmonton
The Very Rev. Peter A. Wall	Diocese of Niagara

## Presidential Address

Archbishop Fred Hiltz delivered the Presidential Address. (*See Appendix A*)

### The Rt. Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Bishop Johnson brought greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) our full communion partner. In her address the bishop outlined the four goals of the ELCIC's strategic plan: spirited discipleship, healthy church, compassionate justice and effective partnerships.

With the aid of a slide show Bishop Johnson made reference to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The ELCIC Reformation Challenge calls for the church to sponsor refugees, build up its schools in Jordan and the Holy Land, plant trees and raise money for the Lutheran World Federation Fund.

The Bishop stated that the Lutherans were making progress in growing as a healthy church after successfully navigating through divisions from previous years; in its pursuit of compassionate justice, by working on right relationships with Indigenous peoples, Syrian refugee family sponsorship and their ongoing work with Lutheran World Relief.

Bishop Johnson expressed gratitude for her continued friendship with the Primate and for the invitations she has received to participate in Anglican Indigenous Sacred Circle.

She concluded by recognizing the challenges before this Synod and the decisions that would be made. She assured members that whatever the outcome the ELCIC would continue to be a full communion partner, committed to walking together and striving to help liberate the world through God's grace.

### Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the First Ballot

The Ven. Alan Perry	35
Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner	115
The Very Rev. Peter Wall	<u>51</u>
Total number of ballots cast	201

The Primate declared that Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner was elected Prolocutor.

*Act 11*



## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, The Episcopal Church

The Primate introduced the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry and noted that he was accompanied by the Rev. Canon Charles (Chuck) Robertson, Canon to the Presiding Bishop, and the Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention.

In his introduction, the Primate also noted that the Presiding Bishop is the first African-American to be elected to the position and on the first ballot.

In his address to the General Synod, Bishop Curry applauded the work of our Primate and thanked him for his support at the sixteenth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-16). He noted that the people of the United States were struggling and asked how they could become a culture where human life is sacred. He asked how Anglicans should respond to the recent displays of violence in the United States, referring to the killings in Louisiana and Minnesota as well as the deaths of five police officers by sniper fire in Dallas, Texas. Each of those who died, he said, were children of God – as all human beings, made in the image and likeness of the Creator.

He concluded by telling Synod members that “whatever you do at Synod, do it in the name of Jesus.”

## Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements

Moved by: The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
Seconded by: Mr. Robert Dickson

That this General Synod approve the Audited Financial Statements of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, for the fiscal year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015; including transfers from Unrestricted Net Assets to Internally Designated Net Assets in the amount of \$395,330, be approved.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 12*

Moved by: The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
Seconded by: Mr. Robert Dickson

That this General Synod approve the audited Financial Statements of the Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund for the fiscal year ended as at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 13*

Moved by: The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
Seconded by: Mr. Robert Dickson

That this General Synod approve the audited Financial Statements of the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation for the fiscal year ended as at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 14*

## Introduction of the Nominees for Deputy Prolocutor

The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott noted that nominees for Deputy Prolocutor must come from the House of Clergy.

### Nominees

The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton,	Diocese of New Westminster
The Very Rev. Alan Perry,	Diocese of Edmonton
The Rev. Canon Robert Towler,	Diocese of Huron
The Very Rev. Peter Wall,	Diocese of Niagara

## Election of the Deputy Prolocutor – Results of the First Ballot

The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton	65
The Very Rev. Alan Perry	43
The Rev. Canon Robert Towler	29
The Very Rev. Peter Wall	<u>59</u>
Total number of ballots cast	196

## Election of the Deputy Prolocutor – Results of the Second Ballot

The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton	88
The Very Rev. Alan Perry	35
The Rev. Canon Robert Towler	11
The Very Rev. Peter Wall	<u>72</u>
Total number of ballots cast	206

## Election of the Deputy Prolocutor – Results of the Third Ballot

The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton	112
The Very Rev. Peter Wall	<u>95</u>
Total number of ballots cast	207

## Election of the Deputy Prolocutor

The Primate declared that The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton was elected Deputy Prolocutor.

*Act 15*

## **Pension Committee**

### **Amendments to Canon XII and the Regulations – Continuing Education Plan**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod approve amendments to the Continuing Education Plan (CEP) as approved by the Council of General Synod during the triennium (2013-2016).

**CARRIED**  
*Act 16*

*For text see Appendix B*

### **Amendments to the Self Insured Death Benefit Plan**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Self Insured Death Benefit Plan as approved by the Council of General Synod during the triennium (2013-2016).

**CARRIED**  
*Act 17*

*For text see Appendix C*

### **Amendments to the General Synod Pension Plan**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the General Synod Pension Plan as approved by the Council of General Synod during the triennium (2013-2016).

**CARRIED**  
*Act 18*

*For text see Appendix D*

### **Amendments to the Lay Retirement Plan**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Lay Retirement Plan.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 19*

*For text see Appendix E*

## **Amendments to the General Synod Long Term Disability Plan**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the General Synod Long Term Disability Plan as approved by the Council of General Synod during the triennium (2013-2016).

**CARRIED**  
*Act 20*

*For text see Appendix F*

The chair recognized the attendance of Col. the Rt. Rev. Nigel Shaw, Bishop Ordinary of the Anglican Military Ordinate and the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop of Central Newfoundland; the two most newly consecrated bishops in the Anglican Church of Canada.

### **Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio & Dr. José Bringas, Director of the Office of Missionary Development, Episcopal Church in Cuba**

Dr. Andrea Mann, Director of Global Relations introduced the delegation of leaders from the church in Cuba; Bishop Griselda Delgado del Carpio, the first women diocesan bishop in Cuba; Dr. José Bringas, Director of the Office of Development and Mission and their translator, the Rev. Canon Stuart Pike.

The leaders from Cuba addressed the Synod. Bishop Del Carpio outlined the history of the Episcopal Church of Cuba from its beginning through to the period following the Cuban revolution which saw the severing of relationships between the governments of Cuba and the United States, and the Cuban church separated from the Episcopal Church in the United States. What seemed to be a temporary solution – the establishment of a Metropolitan Council to connect the isolated Cuban church with the Anglican Communion in the 1960s – has continued for five decades. During that time their relationship with the Canadian church has encouraged them and given them confidence. Changes in the Americas have opened the prospect of returning to the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop spoke about how the Cuban church has redefined its vision, mission and strategic objectives. They have consecrated eight new churches, the number of ordained and lay leaders has increased, pastoral ministries with youth have been strengthened, and work with the elderly, with those with disabilities and persons struggling with alcoholism and other addictions has continued. There has been a great deal of growth in the Cuban church.

Dr. Bringas offered insight into the work of the development office and addressed the changes in the missionary development in which his office is involved. He affirmed that the community work is the essence of the missionary work and it is important that it be connected with development work. The funds and resources go where the capacities exist and the capacity has to be developed locally.

Dr. Mann highlighted an exciting initiative that brought together 25 Canadian and 25 Cuban Anglicans, the first international Justice Camp, based around the theme “Common Good: Promise of the Reign of God.” The camp was led by the dioceses of Cuba and Niagara. Through their experience together participants grew to better understand each other, their faith, and their commitment to justice in the world

At the conclusion the Primate added that we have a joint ministry agreement with the diocese of Cuba. It is such that through the Anglican Church of Canada is able to support the Cuban Church financially, including supplements to clergy stipends. We are able to provide for the diocese their ecumenical grant to the seminary in Matanzas and we support distance education for holistic mission.

The Primate noted the enormous challenges the Episcopal Church of Cuba has faced over the years and he praised the Bishop for her personal leadership and “absolute devotion” to the ministry that had been entrusted to her. He assured her the Canadian and Cuban churches would find creative ways to continue their special relationship.

## **Evening Session**

At the beginning of the evening session the Primate read a message from, Archbishop Francisco Manuel Moreno, Primate of Mexico. In his letter Moreno said Anglicans in Mexico were praying for the work of General Synod.

## **The Marriage Canon – Introduction**

The Primate introduced the process Synod would follow over the course of the meeting culminating with the first reading vote on resolution A051. He continued by reflecting on what brought us to where we are at this Synod.

In response to C003 of General Synod 2013 the Council of General Synod formed the Marriage Commission to undertake the work requested in the resolution and to report back to the Council. The resolution directed the Council of General Synod to prepare and present a motion at General Synod 2016 to change Canon XXI on Marriage to allow the marriage of same sex couples in the same way as opposite sex couples, and that this motion should include a conscience clause so that no member of the clergy, bishop, congregation or diocese should be constrained to participate in or authorize such marriages against the dictates of their conscience. This resolution will also include supporting documentation that:

- a. demonstrates broad consultation in its preparation;
- b. explains how this motion does not contravene the Solemn Declaration
- c. confirms immunity under civil law and the Human Rights Code for those bishops, dioceses and priests who refuse to participate in or authorize the marriage of same-sex couples on the basis of conscience; and
- d. provides a biblical and theological rationale for this change in teaching on the nature of Christian marriage.

The resolution was adopted by General Synod 2013 in Ottawa.

Council of General Synod asked the commission to carry out all the work requested in C003 and it asked the Commission for recommended wording of the enabling motion called for in General Synod Resolution C003 and a recommended wording of the conscience clause called for in General Synod Resolution C003.

The Primate along with the Officers worked together in naming the members of the Commission.

### *Membership of the Commission*

Canon Robert Falby (Chair), Toronto (*to June 2015*)  
Archdeacon Bruce Myers (Clerk), National Staff (*now Coadjutor Bishop of Quebec*)  
Dr. Patricia Bays, Ottawa  
Rev. Kevin Dixon, Huron (*to November 2014*)  
Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Rev. Canon Paul Jennings, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
Dr. Stephen Martin, Edmonton  
Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, Toronto (*now Huron*)  
The Most Rev. John Privett, Kootenay

For the Summary of the Commission's report *This Holy Estate* see *Appendix G*

The Commission members outlined the approach taken regarding the process.

1. An opportunity for theological reflection
  - a. Not a rubber stamp
  - b. Opportunity to freely reflect
  - c. It is more than a question of civil marriage or human rights- it requires theological reflection on the nature of marriage
  - d. The commissioners grew in their own understanding through this reflection
2. Prayerful consideration of responses
  - a. Church wide invitation
  - b. Invited particular submissions including all bishops and theological colleges
  - c. Indigenous voices were heard through individual submissions and by invited submission from Bishops Mark MacDonald, Lydia Mamakwa and Adam Halkett.
3. Among the consultations
  - a. Those with expertise on the Solemn Declaration
  - b. A legal opinion on the Conscience Clause
4. Conscience Clause – suggested wording – the following being added to section 11 of the Regulations
  - a. A minister shall not solemnize a marriage between persons of the same sex if:
    - i. The **diocesan synod** has enacted a Canon to prohibit the solemnization of marriages between persons of the same sex in the churches and other

places of worship in the diocese by any bishop or member of the clergy licensed in the diocese;

- ii. The **diocesan bishop** has issued a written and public direction prohibiting the solemnization of marriages between persons of the same sex in the churches or other places of worship in the diocese by any bishop or member of the clergy licensed in the diocese; or
- iii. The **congregation** has passed a resolution at a duly constituted meeting of the congregation prohibiting the solemnization of marriages between persons of the same sex in the congregation's church or other place of worship.

- b. *(Canon XXI already contains a conscience clause for clergy as stated here)*  
Provided that none of the provision of paragraph 11e) applies, where a minister under paragraph 11d) declines for reasons of conscience to solemnize a marriage between two persons of the same sex, the minister shall refer the persons to another priest and permit that priest or another priest to solemnize the marriage in the minister's church or other place of worship.

Synod members were asked to discuss in groups the following questions:

1. What is your overall impression of the report?
2. What does marriage mean for you?
3. Has your understanding of marriage changed in your lifetime?

Questions for clarification from the table groups were collected and given to the commissioners. The commissioners determined if they could answer the question or if should go to the chancellor. All questions were answered during Synod.

## **Night Prayer**

The work of the day concluded with Night Prayer.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016**

The session began with Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

The Primate was in the chair.

## **Morning Session**

Before the members moved into neighborhood groups to continue discussion on the Marriage Canon Resolution the Primate asked members to remember where the motion came from.

The Marriage Commission, as it was instructed, gave its report to the Council of General Synod. It is the resolution from Council that you are discussing. It is the Council that is bringing the resolution to Synod and not the commission. Council was directed by General Synod 2013 to do the work and it is Council that brings A051 to Synod. The commissioners presented the resolution to Council and Council took ownership of it.

The focus of the conversations was on marriage not orientation or blessing of same sex unions/partnerships. It was about marriage.

The question the groups were working with was *What is your personal hope for this motion and about our consideration of this motion and what is your fear?*

There was a second question: *Some people will leave this Synod disappointed or upset what will be the cost to you or your church community?*

The Chancellor reminded the members of the motion that was before Synod. He affirmed that the work before the members was given to us by General Synod 2013 when it passed resolution C003. That was found in the report from the commissioners *This Holy Estate (Appendix G)*

Members were reminded of the General Synod 2016 Norms

1. We will grant that as people of faith we are all sincere in our beliefs, including our reverence for Holy Scripture.
2. We will know that people of diverse sexuality and gender identities are present.
3. We will value inclusion and strive for greater understanding of each other.
4. We will speak in the first person.
5. We will not use language known to be offensive to others.
6. We will respect the right of people to speak of their own experiences.
7. We will respect the privacy of others.
8. We will ask no questions that we are not prepared to answer ourselves.
9. We will stay present to the conversation and refrain from e-distractions.

## **Afternoon Session**

### **Presentation of the Council of the North**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Chair of the Council of the North and the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa, Vice-chair along with various members of The Council took to the stage. Bishop Hawkins gave an overview of the history of the Council emphasizing that northern ministry has always been a ministry of the whole church.

To help understand the situation he continued by saying that the boundaries of the Council of the North make up 85% of the physical geography of Canada while its population makes up only 15% of the total population of the country. The northern dioceses that make up the Council of the



North face challenges such as isolation, harsh weather, poverty and the legacy of the residential schools.

Anglican leaders engaged in northern ministry proceeded to share five stories with the General Synod.

1. Bishop Stephen Andrews and Bishop Lydia Mamakwa described how the Diocese of Algoma and the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh have partnered together for urban Indigenous ministry in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Anglicans in this city provide pastoral care and hospital visits to the large Indigenous population that has moved from rural areas for work or school. There is also support for those who have travelled to the city for health care.
2. Executive Archdeacon Sam Rose of the Diocese of ENL and Dean Iain Luke of the Diocese of Athabasca spoke about ministry to oil workers in northern Alberta who have moved from Atlantic Canada. There is a sense of dislocation with migrant workers. These workers identify strongly with their home parishes back east so it makes it difficult for them to identify with parishes in Alberta. We need to encourage them to continue their worship in Alberta yet stay connected to their home parishes.
3. Bishop Barbara Andrews gave an historical sketch of the Territory of the People. The original diocese, Cariboo ceased to exist as a diocese in 2001, was named the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (APCI) under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan and is now called the Territory of the People. They are struggling to find ways of continuing and wanted to move forward in a new way with a focus on reconciliation and rebuilding the church. Bishop Barry Clark (Montreal) and Bishop Gordon Light (APCI) signed a covenant of partnership and mutual support. They are now forming parish to parish partnerships.
4. St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Ottawa has partnered with the Council of the North in a suicide prevention program. They have also partnered with a parish in a remote northern community, establishing a close relationship with St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Moose Factory, Ontario. Parishioners from St. Matthew's traveled to Moose Factory for a weekend where they learned about the northern way of life, shared meals, stories, and prayer.
5. Bishop Larry Robertson of the Diocese of Yukon discussed the challenges of isolation in his diocese and the serious financial struggles it has faced in the years since the decline of the mining industry. Faced with a declining number of stipendiary clergy, the diocese has found innovative ways to continue its northern ministry. Bishop Robertson highlighted the ministry of presence program, in which retired lay people from Southern Canada have lived and ministered in the Yukon for a minimum of one year. He praised the ministers of presence as a blessing for the diocese.

After thanking the Council, the Primate encouraged members that in the spirit of this Synod, "You are My Witnesses", we might look at trying to multiply the number of relationships between and among dioceses within Canada to support the ministry in the north.

## **The Rt. Rev. Jordan Cantwell, Moderator, United Church of Canada (UCC)**

Moderator Cantwell brought greetings from the United Church of Canada expressing her gratitude for the invitation to attend as a witness, partner and ecumenical friend. The United Church entered into a relationship of full communion with the United Church of Christ and look to the Anglican Church for inspiration. She also expressed the commitment of the United Church to stand alongside the Anglican Church regardless of the decisions being made at this Synod.

The moderator referred to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as the most important and urgent area of witness for the churches. She stressed the importance of ensuring Indigenous communities such as Fort Chipewyan are given the same care and attention as the largely non-Indigenous communities such as Fort McMurray when disasters happen. We as churches also need to be a prophetic voice in this country, we need to be leaders to recognize the injustices. We need to be grounded together to be Christ's witnesses in this world.

In thanking Bishop Cantwell the Primate acknowledged that our closest partner at the table regarding the Truth and Reconciliation work was the United Church. He expressed his hope that the two churches would continue to walk together and respond to the TRC Calls to Action.

## **The Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Atkins Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General, Anglican Communion**

Archbishop Idowu-Fearon brought greetings on behalf of the Anglican Communion, in particular from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and the Community of St. Anselm, who were upholding the General Synod in prayer.

He began by reminding members of the continued contributions of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Anglican Communion. Most recently, Canadian bishops were present at the Seventh Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue in Accra, Ghana May 25-29, 2016.

In the midst of concerns among members of General Synod over how changes to the marriage canon might be received among other Anglican provinces, Archbishop Idowu-Fearon discussed statements from successive Primates Meetings that vigorously condemned both homophobia and governments that have criminalized homosexuality with punishments that include imprisonment and even the death penalty

He also spoke of the 2016 Anglican Consultative Council meeting which took place April 8-19 in Lusaka, Zambia, which affirmed the commitment of the Primates of the Anglican Communion to walk together.

## **2016 Anglican Consultative Council (ACC-16) – Report**

Suzanne Lawson and Bishop Jane Alexander, both delegates to ACC-16 along with General Secretary Michael Thompson presented their report on the meeting in Lusaka, Zambia. The

absence of Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda at the meeting was noted. They emphasized the presence of the Holy Spirit at the meeting working through people with different cultures, views, and ways of being and following Christ.

They discussed the work of the international Anglican Alliance, which seeks to create a world free of poverty, suffering, conflict and injustice. Anglican networks working towards justice include Anglican Peace and Justice Network, Anglican Communion Safe Church Network, Anglican Communion Environmental Network, Anglican Indigenous Network, Anglican Health Network, International Anglican Women's Network, Anglican Network for Inter Faith Concerns, International Anglican Family Network, Réseau Francophone de la Communion Anglicane, Anglican Witness – Evangelism and Church Growth and Anglicans at the UN.

Table groups engaged in approximately 15 minutes of discussion on three questions: What's important to you about the communion? What's new to you? What do you want to share with those at home?

## **Jerusalem Partnership: Companions – The Rev. Canon Richard LeSueur**

The Rev. Canon Richard LeSueur, a member of the advisory council of the Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem spoke about the close relationship we have with the Jerusalem diocese.

In summary Canon LeSueur brought to life the history of association with the Diocese of Jerusalem. He noted that the Anglican Church of Canada has forged and renewed, for more than a decade, a special church-to-church partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. By actions of General Synod, the leadership of Primate, Fred Hiltz, and by mutual partnership visits a significant relationship has formed. The recent creation of “The Canadian Companions of Jerusalem” (GS 2010), the annual observance of “Jerusalem Sunday” (GS2013), and the development of resources for “Jerusalem Sunday” posted on the National website, have opened avenues for Anglicans across the country to become more engaged with this partner church, and directly participate in supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in the biblical lands.

In closing Mr. LeSueur encouraged the members of Synod and Anglicans across the country to become a “Companion of Jerusalem,” observe “Jerusalem Sunday,” pray for the peace-makers, and remember the saints in Jerusalem.

## **Fort McMurray Wildfire and Evacuation – update**

In May of 2016 a large wildfire resulted in the evacuation of 12 communities in the Fort McMurray area. Fire destroyed nearly 10 percent of the city and forced more than 100,000 people from their homes.

Bishop Fraser Lawton thanked the Diocese of Edmonton and the Diocese of Calgary which had helped support the evacuees and made parishes available as temporary homes. People from across the country were reaching out to help. Emergency funds were received through the Primate's office as well as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Gratefully the church's buildings were still intact and being used for worship again.

## Provincial Caucuses

Members met in provincial caucuses to elect representatives to the Council of General for the next triennium.

## THE COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD 2016-2019

Primate	The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz
Prolocutor	Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner
Deputy Prolocutor	The Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton
Chancellor	Canon David P. Jones
General Secretary	The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson

### Elected Members:

#### ***Province of British Columbia and Yukon***

Ms. Dale Drozda	Youth	Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior
Ms. Melanie Delva	Laity	New Westminster
Canon Dr. Randall Fairey	Laity	Kootenay
The Rev. Clara Plamondon	Clergy	British Columbia
The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson	Bishop	Yukon

#### ***Province of Canada***

Ms. Rachel Barrett	Youth	Fredericton
Mr. Larry Renouf	Laity	Western Newfoundland
Ms. Katie Puxley	Laity	Nova Scotia & PEI
The Rev. Canon David Burrows	Clergy	Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers	Coadjutor Bishop	Quebec

#### ***Province of Ontario***

Ms. Siobhan Bennett	Youth	Niagara
Canon Grace Delaney	Laity	Moosonee
Ms. Susan Little	Laity	Niagara
The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson	Clergy	Toronto
The Rt. Rev. John Chapman	Bishop	Ottawa

### ***Province of Rupert's Land***

Mr. Graham Ward	Youth	Rupert's Land
Mr. Jason Antonio	Laity	Qu'Appelle
Dr. John Rye	Laity	Saskatchewan
Ms. Lucy Young	Laity	Arctic
The Rev. Vincent Solomon	Clergy	Rupert's Land
The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton	Bishop	Athabasca
The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald	Bishop	Mishamikoweesh

### ***Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada***

Lt. Cmdr. The Rev. Beverly Kean Newhook Clergy

Moved by: The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott

Seconded by: Ms. Susan Winn

That this General Synod elects the members selected by provincial caucuses, and the Anglican Military Ordinariate as members of the Council of General Synod, 2016-2019.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 21***

## **Night Prayer**

The work of the day concluded with Night Prayer.

## **SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016**

### **Morning Worship**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist was led by Bishop Mark MacDonald as Chief Celebrant assisted by Indigenous clergy and laity. Bishop Lydia Mamakwa preached. The celebration included scripture in Inuktitut and Oji-Cree.

### **Afternoon Session**

#### **Where We Are Today: Twenty Years After the Covenant**

The Venerable Sidney Black, Diocese of Calgary provided an update on the progress that Indigenous peoples in our Church have made towards self-determination. Archdeacon Black read the summary statement of the draft document *Where We Are Today: Twenty Years after the Covenant, an Indigenous Call to the Church*. He outlined the document in terms of elders seeking the peace Indigenous Peoples know through their ceremonies, way of life, rituals, and concern for ecology and extending a hand in friendship. Table groups were then asked to answer

the questions: What do you find exciting about this document, and what do you find challenging about this document?

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions or seek clarification.

## **Ms. Tina Keeper, TRC Honorary Witness**

Ms. Tina Keeper, a Cree activist, producer, actress, and former Member of Parliament for Churchill, Manitoba addressed the Synod.

Ms. Keeper emphasized the pride she felt as a Cree woman and emphasized the social and economic problems facing many Indigenous communities today. Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples is not just a moral obligation but it is an integral part of how Canada would move forward into the future.

## **Commissioning of the Primate's Council of Elders and Youth**

Archbishop Hiltz described how Call to Action #48 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission had called on church parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to formally adopt and comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples and to issue a statement by March 31, 2016 declaring how they would implement the UN declaration.

Our church was able to respond to the call, continued the Primate, by March 19. In the Mohawk Chapel on Six Nations Territory he delivered, on behalf of our Church, our statement with respect to our commitment to the UN declaration. We were committed to forming a Council of Indigenous Elders and Youth to help the church live out its response to Call to Action #48 in consultation with the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop and to do that with integrity. The Primate then presented the members of the Council:

- Archdeacon Sidney Black, member of ACIP and named a Wisdom Keeper by ACIP;
- Judith Moses, consultant and lay reader & board member of PWRDF;
- Canon Laverne Jacobs, retired priest, former coordinator of Indigenous Ministries, member of the Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice and member of ACIP;
- Danielle Black, filmmaker and graduate of Adam Beach Film Institute;
- Aaron Sault, graduate of Trent University, lay reader preparing to study at Vancouver School of Theology;
- The Rev. Leigh Kern, graduate of Yale Divinity School and curate at St. James Cathedral, Toronto

The Primate commissioned the council in prayer and anointed each with oil to seal their ministry. Members of General Synod in turn promised to do everything within their prayer and power to help the members of the council in their ministry.

## **Report of the Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice**

At General Synod 2013 the Primate announced his intention to establish a commission of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members from across Canada to respond to the UN's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP). The Commission shared the report provided to the members of which its purpose is to review the Church structure to dismantle the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery on the life of the church and to formulate a plan for reconciliation and to assess and work towards injustices in First Nation's communities.

Two members of the Commission, Joyce Henry and Dixie Bird, expressed their thoughts. Henry urged members of General Synod to take the report as an invitation to commit their whole lives to the work of right relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Bird described the situation in her home community revolving around health, rising suicide rates, addictions, and growing despair among youth. She asked members of Synod to keep her community in their prayers.

The Primate spoke about different gestures in relation to reconciliation. He distinguished between gestures *toward* reconciliation, gestures *of* reconciliation, and gestures *in* reconciliation. The 1993 apology by then Primate Michael Peers was an example of a gesture toward reconciliation.

A gesture *of* reconciliation was found in the words by Bishop Gordon Beardy to Archbishop Peers at General Synod 2001 in which Beardy, a residential school survivor himself, expressed his forgiveness of the church.

A gesture *in* reconciliation, continued the Primate, is seen in the appointment of National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald at General Synod 2005. It was a sign of a new beginning, new hope, and a new way of walking together and being church. Another example of a gesture *in* reconciliation was the establishment of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh in 2013. The Primate expressed his hope that the establishment of the Council of Indigenous Elders and Youth would serve as another gesture to keep the church moving forward.

Archbishop Terry Finlay invited table groups to discuss two questions: How do you define reconciliation, and how do you use your knowledge of reconciliation? Following the discussion Archbishop Finlay commended the interim report of the Primate's Commission to the members, setting out a timeline for the recommendations running up to July 31, 2017.

## **The Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives and the unique features of a Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry within the Anglican Church of Canada**

Indigenous Ministries Coordinator the Rev. Canon Virginia (Ginny) Doctor offered a presentation describing the vision for a fifth ecclesiastical province, to be known as the Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry within the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Anglican Church of Canada has been in a relationship with Indigenous peoples since 1753. For the century following Confederation the Anglican church ran 26 of the 80 church-run residential schools and between 50,000 and 100,000 Aboriginal children attended those schools. Across this country there are approximately 225 congregations that have all or nearly all Indigenous membership. There are some 130 Indigenous Anglican priests in Canada; many who work on a non-stipendiary or volunteer basis.

Canon Doctor presented a dream of a church in both remote and urban areas, a church that ministered to the homeless, people from all corners of the earth, and a church that welcomed people regardless of sexual orientation. In summary she spoke of the dream, of a church inside prison walls and rehabilitation centres, a church on the riverbank and in the wilderness, that was as concerned with societal healing as individual healing, and that aimed to confront social, economic and political ills, especially those impacting Indigenous people.

Canon Doctor invited past Indigenous Ministries' coordinators Laverne Jacobs and Donna Bomberry to expand on the vision. They spoke of the unique culture of Indigenous Anglicans and the desire to create a better future for generations to come.

Bishop Mark MacDonald read the five goals from the draft mission for a fifth ecclesiastical province. The five goals represent an 'indigenized' form of the Marks of Mission.

Canon Doctor subsequently addressed a second document, *Unique Features of a Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry*. The document is the result of consultations on how Indigenous people could become spiritually fulfilled, and how Indigenous Anglicans could heal broken hearts and tell people about their faith.

The 13 features of a Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry included:

1. Appropriate resources for leadership formation including respect for the Indigenous community's call to spiritual leadership;
2. Indigenous ordination canons and appropriate training for ministry;
3. Incorporation of traditional ceremonies and teachings into liturgy, e.g. naming ceremony with baptism;
4. High value on Elders and Youth;
5. Cultural structure, structures that fit the community;
6. Better relationships between Indigenous communities and settler communities;
7. More authority for National Indigenous Anglican Bishop;



8. Circular leadership, shared leadership that is one of equity, and the gifts and talents of all are honoured and utilized;
9. Meaningful prayer books and hymnals. Hymns in ‘Common Praise’ are difficult to sing, words in the Book of Common Prayer may be foreign to the Indigenous community;
10. Ministry plans grounded in the baptismal covenant, the five Marks of Mission and the Seven Traditional Teachings are the basis for responding to crises in our communities and in making justice;
11. Stronger focus on stewardship of the land, using the Creator’s gifts to sustain mission and ministry;
12. Church to Nation relationship, respecting and honouring Indigenous secular leadership; and
13. High value on healing from historical trauma and other trauma prevalent in our Indigenous communities.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Primate described the many lessons of the afternoon, the reminders of the sad history of residential schools and the Doctrine of Discovery, but also moments of apology, hope, healing, journeying together in the spirit of the 1994 covenant, and finally the presentations on the mission statement and principles around the Confederacy of Indigenous Spiritual Ministry within the church.

## **Statement of Affirmation**

Moved by: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner, Deputy Prolocutor  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Prolocutor

That this General Synod affirms that, as our journey with Indigenous peoples continues, we remember the Covenant of 1994 and we receive with joy the Mission Statement for an Indigenous Anglican Spiritual Ministry within the Anglican Church of Canada of 2016. We give thanks to God for the journey we have made so far and call on the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Council of General Synod to lead the whole Church, as the Covenant prayer says, “to speak the truth in love and to walk in God’s way towards justice and wholeness.”

**CARRIED**  
*Act 22*

## **Evening Session**

The proceedings for the day concluded with a Gospel Jamboree.

## **MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

The session began with Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

The Primate was in the chair.

## Orders of the Day

Ms. Melissa Green, Chair of the Agenda Committee, reviewed the Orders of the Day.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

Moved by: The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott  
Seconded by: Ms. Susan Winn

That this General Synod adopt the Report of the Nominating Committee for membership on Standing and Coordinating Committees 2016-2019.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 23*

\*Member of Council of General Synod

### Pension Committee

Mr. Robert Dickson	Laity	BC & Yukon
Mrs. Shara Golden	Laity	Canada
The Ven. Samuel Rose	Clergy	Canada
The Ven. David Selzer	Clergy	Ontario
The Rt. Rev. David Irving	Bishop	Rupert's Land
The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson	Bishop	Canada

### Financial Management Committee

Mr. Paul Rathbone	Laity	Ontario
The Rev. Trevor Freeman	Clergy	BC & Yukon
The Rev. Leo Martin	Clergy	Canada
The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton	Bishop	Rupert's Land *

### Anglican Journal Coordinating Committee

Mrs. Cathy Wozlowski	Laity	BC & Yukon
The Rev. David Harrison	Clergy	Ontario
The Rt. Rev. William Cliff	Bishop	Rupert's Land

### Communications and Information Resources Coordinating Committee

Mr. Ian Alexander	Laity	BC & Yukon
Mrs. Margaret Marschall	Laity	Rupert's Land
The Very Rev. James McShane	Clergy	Ontario

### **Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee**

Ms. Sandra Bender	Laity	Canada
The Rev. David Giffen	Clergy	Ontario
The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle	Clergy	Ontario

### **Partners in Mission Committee Coordinating**

Mrs. Jennifer Pring	Laity	BC & Yukon
The Rev. Robert Camara	Clergy	Canada
The Ven. Charlene Taylor	Clergy	Canada

### **Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee**

Ms. Audrey Lawrence	Laity	Ontario
The Rev. Canon David Burrows	Clergy	Canada*
The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander	Bishop	Rupert's Land

### **Resources for Mission Coordinating Committee**

Mr. Glen Mitchell	Laity	BC & Yukon
The Ven. Jane Humphreys,	Clergy	Ontario
The Ven. Geoffrey Woodcroft	Clergy	Rupert's Land

## ***Marriage Canon Feedback & Neighborhoods Group Discussion #2***

The commissioners responded to questions that had been directed to them following the first session of the neighborhood groups about the pending canonical amendment to the Marriage Canon.

The Chancellor responded to technical and legal questions raised by the previous discussion groups. He stated that the conscience clause in the resolution is aptly sufficient. The Chancellor also confirmed that no congregation/parish/priest can opt in to perform the solemnization of a same-sex marriage if the diocese has decided not to allow the performance of such a marriage.

The Primate addressed questions and concerns about the membership of the Commission on the Marriage Canon and their work as well as the representation of Indigenous people. He also reminded members that as they prepared again to discuss the amendment to the canon they were only to discuss the canon and its amendment and not sexuality.

Members of General Synod broke into neighborhood discussion groups to speak together about the proposed changes to the marriage canon.

## **Afternoon Session**

### **The Most Rev. Francisco de Assis da Silva, Primate of Brazil**

General Synod Global Relations Director Andrea Mann introduced Bishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, Primate of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, or IEAB)

The Primate of Brazil began his presentation with a short video about the diversity of the Brazilian church both theologically in its range of Protestant and Anglo-Catholic tradition as well as in its inclusive nature, particularly with respect to LGBTQ individuals.

Bishop da Silva described the Brazilian church, now in its 126<sup>th</sup> year, as proactive and progressive in terms of its politics and gender policies, having begun ordination of women 31 years ago.

He continued by saying that the Anglican Church in Brazil and the Anglican Church of Canada maintain a strong companionship based on three core principles: telling the truth, trusting each other and continuing conversations at the table together. He affirmed that it doesn't matter if we have different ideas; what is important is that we stay at the table together.

### **Investment Principles**

General Secretary, Michael Thompson introduced three guest speakers who offered presentations on sustainable investment practices and principles for the church.

#### **Natan Obed**

Members of Synod heard from Mr. Obed, president of the Inuit national organization, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. The work of the organization includes research, advocacy, public outreach and education on the issues affecting the Inuit population. He described the impact of climate change on the Inuit people and the future of a traditional Inuit way of life.

#### **The Very Rev. Ken Gray**

Dean Gray is co-chair of the Creation Matters working group and president of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. In his opening comments Gray referenced the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission – to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. He stated that unless we make investment in just ways of doing things climate change will be upon us. The non-binding accord aims to keep global warming below 2°C this century.

#### **Kevin Thomas**

The third speaker was Kevin Thomas, director of shareholder agreement at the Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE). He acknowledged the challenges that we face noting that there is no single approach. We have a responsibility to grapple with these challenges together.

The General Secretary thanked the three speakers and assured them of a resolution coming forward to deal with this work.

## Legislative Session – Resolution on the Marriage Canon – Debate and Vote

The Primate began the session with prayer.

The Chancellor, in referencing his Memorandum detailed the legal and procedural aspects of amendments to the resolution and the voting of the resolution.

He stated that once the motion had been moved and seconded here it would then be owned by this Synod and amendments could be made to the motion.

He also commented on how motions to vote by diocese were to occur and that abstentions are not to be counted. He noted that any canonical amendment required a 2/3 majority affirmative vote in each order (Bishops, Order of Clergy, Order of Laity) for the first reading. If successful, the resolution would then return to provincial and diocesan synods for consideration – not consent – over the next triennium before being presented to General Synod 2019 for a second reading.

*For text of the Chancellor’s Memorandum see Appendix H*

Motion:

Moved by: The Rev. John VanStone  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton

That this General Synod requests the voting on the Marriage Canon is conducted using clickers only.

**CARRIED**

Members spoke at length in plenary. Two amendments to Resolution A051 were moved.

Amendment A051-R1

Moved by: The Most Rev. Colin Johnson  
Seconded by: The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott

That this General Synod:

Paragraph 3 of Motion A051 be deleted and replaced with the following clause:

3. The following be added to section 11 of the Regulations

e) A minister may only solemnize a marriage between persons of the same sex if authorized by the diocesan bishop.

**CARRIED**

Resolution A051 would then read:

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins  
Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner

That this General Synod:

1. Declare that Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church) applies to all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to enter into marriage.
2. Make the following consequential amendments to Canon XXI:
  - (a) in paragraph 2 of the Preface, delete the words “of the union of man and woman in”;
  - (b) in paragraph 4 of the Preface, substitute the word “partners” for the “husband and wife”;
  - (c) in section 16 a) of the Regulations, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for “a man and a woman”;
  - (d) in section 17 b) of the Regulations, substitute “the partners” for “husband and wife”
3. Add the following to section 11 of the Regulations
  - e) A minister may only solemnize a marriage between persons of the same sex if authorized by the diocesan bishop.
4. Declare that this resolution shall come into effect on the first day of January after being passed by General Synod at Second Reading.

Amendment A051-R2

Moved by: The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott  
Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Bruce Bryant-Scott

That this General Synod:

In Paragraph 2 b) and d) of Motion A051, the word “partners” be changed to “parties to the marriage”

**CARRIED**

Resolution A051 would then read:

That this General Synod:

1. Declare that Canon XXI (On Marriage in the Church) applies to all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to enter into marriage.

2. Make the following consequential amendments to Canon XXI:

- (a) in paragraph 2 of the Preface, delete the words: of the union of man and woman in”;
- (b) in paragraph 4 of the Preface, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for the “husband and wife”;
- (c) in section 16 a) of the Regulations, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for “a man and a woman”;
- (d) in section 17 b) of the Regulations, substitute “the parties to the marriage” for “husband and wife”.

With 3 and 4 to follow.

After lengthy discussion of the amended resolution, the Primate asked the mover, the Venerable Dr. Harry Huskins, if he wished to speak to the motion; he declined. The Primate commented that the vote required a two-thirds majority in each order.

Before the vote took place, there was a point for clarification from the floor.

“If we vote in the affirmative for this resolution it says that we will have three years of study before we bring this to the next General Synod. Does that mean that there will be no same gender marriages in that time?”

The Chancellor responded. “What that means is that the Canon will not become effective until second reading is given. If you read the last paragraph of my memorandum, you will have seen that there are some questions about the extent of the existing Canons. There’s no prohibition in it against same sex marriage.”

	In Favor	Opposed	Percentage in favor
Order of Clergy	51	26	66.23
Order of Laity	78	30	72.22
Order of Bishops	26	12	68.42
Abstentions	7		

**DEFEATED**

The resolution did not pass with a 2/3 majority in each order. The Order of Clergy required a vote of 52 in favor to meet that mark and only 51 votes were cast in the affirmative.

## Point of Order

As Synod had not adjourned for the evening, the Rt. Rev. John Chapman rose on a point of order and requested a recount of the A051-R2 vote based on Rule 21 of the Rules of Order and Procedure. Resolution A051-R2 was defeated by one vote.

The Chancellor read Rule 21: Finality of Decision: *A question being once determined shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present voting as provided in Rule of Order 18(b).*

The Chancellor determined that the request by Bishop Chapman is effectively a reconsideration of the resolution and in order to do that it will require a two-thirds vote of the whole House in favor.

Motion:

Moved by:       The Rt. Rev. John Chapman  
Seconded by:    The Ven. David Selzer

That the House give consent to reconsider the vote of A051-R2.

*Note: According to Rule 21 this motion is not debatable and requires a 2/3 majority across the House of all members present.*

**DEFEATED**

## Night Prayer

The work of the day concluded with Night Prayer.

## TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016

### Orders of the Day

Following the Orders of the Day Hanna Alexie, Mary Snowshoe and Daniel Peters asked permission to sing a prayer with Synod.

### Community Reflection

The Primate addressed Synod to thank them for the previous day's work and to acknowledge the care they took with the work.

*We had a long day yesterday, a very lengthy debate on a resolution with over 60 people speaking to it. I want to say thank you to all members of Synod for your perseverance, your patience, and respect for one another, your efforts in spite of weariness to listen to one another. I had a sense*



*as I was listening to the debate very carefully that in fact many of us learned a lot. We heard in the debate yesterday afternoon people's passions, people's longings, the tragedies in people's lives, a yearning for recognition of their beauty and their dignity, their worth, longings for equality. We also heard great yearnings for the Church, for our unity with one another even in the face of our deep, deep differences. I think I heard people in the course of the debate sounding notes of hope that we might as Church might model a different way of disagreement than we see in much of the world.*

*I also heard in the midst of the debate some deep frustration over the way in which we wrestle through discernment in making major decisions in the life of the Church; some frustration with process, some frustration with the fact that we do so well when we're in circles. We listen, learn and discern and pray together. Then we kind of come together and then when we come to our way, our way of governance we sometimes find ourselves very much being pulled apart.*

*I want to say that I didn't have any sense last night that people were claiming victory. When the result of the vote was announced there was a silence that fell over this Synod which was palpable. Many of us struggled through Evensong, many of you wept through Evensong and from a variety of perspectives. A number of people stayed in this hall last night afterwards. I saw some diocesan groups gathered round tables praying together. I saw people simply embracing one another. And I mean people from very different theological perspectives not just those who we might say are like-minded and like-hearted on this issue of same sex marriage. There was no one big gathering in the hall but all kinds of little gatherings; people talking to one another, people praying together and I'm sure that went on in the reception perhaps down in the prayer room too. People were in here until quarter to twelve.*

*One of the things that was clear in the conversations that I was part of and in a conversation this morning with those that have the responsibility of doing the final shaping this agenda for the day is that – we as a Synod – our work on this matter is not done. And it is not sufficient for us to simply say we dealt with the resolution period because we are the Anglican Church of Canada in this room. And we need to think now – what now? What do we say when we go home? A number of bishops have already released statements of their own and that is indeed their prerogative as the diocesan bishop. I will prepare a pastoral letter to the Church by end of day on Thursday should people wish to have it read in their parishes on Sunday. But we have some unfinished work.*

Following his reflections, the Primate asked Synod members to address the following:

*What now? Pastorally, prophetically, and structurally.*

*The pastoral conversation might be around – what are the pastoral implications of our decision? What might they be in your context? What are they for the whole Church?*

*Prophetically: when we reflect on how we did our work and in the course of preparations for yesterday; what does it say about how we did our work? What kind of a witness do we want to bear as a faith response to the Gospel?*

*Do you have anything you want to say as members of General Synod about structures and governance and how we might want to consider our decision making process?*

*We feel we need to give you an opportunity to do that; I would like you to do it because as we go from this General Synod we take the theme with us 'You are My Witnesses'.*

*I need some guidance, the Council of General Synod needs some guidance and the House of Bishops needs some guidance. You are the body that can begin to offer some of that guidance to us as we try as Council of General Synod duly elected by you and as the House of Bishops to provide leadership in the Church.*

Members were invited in table groups to address the questions, asked to write all comments down from their table groups. Comments were placed in baskets on the altar. They were collected and brought to the Primate. It was his intention to share the information with the Planning and Agenda Team for the Council of General Synod and the Agenda Committee for the House of Bishops as guiding subjects for the triennium.

Following the table diocesan group discussions and the placement of the comments on the altar the Primate lead the Synod in prayer.

Motion: A054

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander  
Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Travis Enright

That this General Synod:

1. Reaffirm the 2004 General Synod statement on the integrity and sanctity of same sex relationships; and
2. Call on the whole church to engage fully with This Holy Estate at every level.

A discussion followed the introduction of this resolution.

Amendment to the Motion A054-A1

Moved by: The Rev. Chris Van Buskirk  
Seconded by: Asher Worley

That this General Synod:

1. As a sign of our unity, that we entrust the pastoral response of General Synod 2016 to our primate; and
2. Call on the whole church to engage fully with This Holy Estate at every level.

In reading this motion the Primate determined that this is not an amendment to the original motion on the floor.

Motion to put the question – A054

Moved by: Beth Bretzlaff

Seconded by: Ron Chaplin

That the motion be put to close the debate on A054.

**CARRIED**

Vote on the motion A054

50%+1 majority vote

**CARRIED**

*Act 24*

## **Investment Task Force Relationships**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald

Seconded by: The Rev. Bill Mous

That this General Synod:

as a tangible expression of its desire to move to a low-carbon economy

a) become a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing  
<http://www.unpri.org/about-pri/the-six-principles/>; and

b) make full use of its affiliate membership with Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE) and encourage dioceses to become affiliate members

**CARRIED**

*Act 25*

## **Social and Ecological Investment Task Force**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald

Seconded by: The Rev. Bill Mous

That this General Synod:

Request the Council of General Synod

1. to appoint a task force as soon as possible

a) to review, and if deemed appropriate recommend changes to the current investment portfolio and the investment policies and practices for the management of the General Synod assets and those of the General Synod Pension Plan in light of the

Church's faith and mission, including the Church's social and environmental responsibilities;

b) building on previous work, to address environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices of corporations and industries in which our Church invests, to develop guidelines and policies for constructive dialogue, and where necessary divestment in organizations deemed to conflict with the creation of a low carbon economy;

c) to present an interim report that includes proposed policy changes and an implementation timeline, by May 2017 to the Council of General Synod;

d) to report annually on actions taken or under consideration that would make visible the Anglican Church of Canada's commitment to environmental, social and governance principles and to propose a strategy for ongoing engagement and monitoring.

2. to include in the task force the widest possible range of internal stakeholders including those charged with the ministry of financial responsibility in matters pertaining to the General Synod and General Synod Pension Plan, and those with interests related to sustainable environmental investing.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 26*

## **The Rev. Dr. Willard Metzger, Executive Director, Mennonite Church Canada**

Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), introduced fellow ecumenical guest, the Rev. Dr. Willard Metzger, executive director of the Mennonite Church in Canada.

Rev. Metzger extended greetings to the members of Synod on behalf of the Mennonite Church in Canada. He reminded them that they were not alone in their discussions on various complex issues, as his own church has had many similar conversations.

He continued by assuring members of Synod that members of the Mennonite Church in Canada were looking forward to entering into formal ecumenical conversation with the Anglican Church of Canada. He noted that many Mennonites were finding richness in liturgical services of Anglican parishes, he described continuing conversations between the churches as the by-product of passionate people, united despite disagreements in their intention to be serious and faithful in following Jesus. He prayed for God's continued rich blessing in conversations at General Synod.

The Primate thanked Mr. Metzger for his presentation, adding that he was looking forward to his presence in the afternoon when the General Synod will address the resolution to establish a new dialogue with Mennonite Church Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada.

## **Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director, The Anglican Foundation**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, executive director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, and Dr. Scott Brubacher, executive administrator, provided a history of the Foundation from its creation at General Synod 1957 to the present day.

In 2015, investment revenue allowed the Anglican Foundation to disperse \$850,000 into the Anglican Church of Canada, which included supporting church building construction, accessibility ramps and elevators, choir schools, senior residences, community gardens, the arts, homework clubs, hospice care, summer camp, Indigenous programs, youth leadership, outreach programs, interfaith dialogue, and emergency relief. Recent examples of the latter included responses to floods in Saskatchewan and the wildfires in Fort McMurray.

Donations from Anglicans also helped support theological colleges across the country, preparing leaders for the future of the church. Rois noted that the Anglican Foundation annually gives five \$10,000 grants to support initiatives in specific area. In 2014 for example it supported youth leadership and in 2016 the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She described the Anglican Foundation as proactive in serving Canadians engaged in ministry, and as responsible stewards of donation dollars.

### **Afternoon session**

### **No Debate List**

### **Amendments to Canon XXII (National Indigenous Ministry)**

Moved by: Canon David Jones  
Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner

That this General Synod:

1. amend Canon XXII as follows:

A. Delete the following words in entirety from section 1 Term of Office for the NIAB: The term of office for the NIAB is nine years from the date of installation. The NIAB whose term has been completed is eligible to stand for election for a further term.

B. Reword the following paragraph in section 2 by adding the words shown in bold:

Except for the NIAB, the terms of ACIP members will end at the conclusion of the **second** Sacred Circle after their election, **with the terms of half of the members expiring at the end of each Sacred Circle**. Where a vacancy occurs **prior to the end of a member’s term**, ACIP may appoint a replacement for a person who was elected by the Sacred Circle, and the NIAB may appoint a replacement for a person whom the NIAB had appointed. **The replacement’s term will be for the remainder of the term of the person being replaced**. A person who has served on ACIP is eligible for re-election.

2. Request ACIP to determine which of its current members will have terms ending at the conclusion of the next Sacred Circle (2018) and which will have terms ending at the conclusion of the second next Sacred Circle (2021).

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**

*Act 27*

## **Amendments to Canon XXIII (Anglican Military Ordinariate)**

Moved by: Canon David Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That this General Synod:

1. amend or add the following definitions to the Glossary section of the Handbook:
  - a) **Anglican Military Ordinariate** The Anglican Military Ordinariate is composed of all of the Anglican clergy and lay service personnel in the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.
  - b) **Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces** A bishop elected with the concurrence of the Primate and the Metropolitan who has episcopal jurisdiction over the chaplains of The Anglican Church of Canada serving with the Canadian Armed Forces.
  - c) **Chancellor of the Anglican Military Ordinariate** A judge or barrister who is appointed to advise the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed forces.
2. amend all of the references in the Handbook to “Canadian Forces” to “Canadian Armed Forces”.
3. amend section 5 b) of Canon III (The Primate) to read as follows:

*Subject to the provision of financial requirements, the Primate and the four Provincial Metropolitans may concur in the election by the Anglican Military Ordinariate of the Bishop Ordinary who shall have episcopal jurisdiction over the members of the Anglican Military Ordinariate in accordance with any applicable Canon.*
4. amend section 1 a) of Canon XVII (The Licensing of Clergy) to read as follows:

*"chaplain" means full and part-time priests commissioned as officers in the Canadian Armed Forces, and mandated by the Chaplain General.*

5. amend explanatory Note 1 at the end of Canon XXIII to read:

*... if the Bishop Ordinary-elect is a serving member of the Regular Force or Primary Reserve, that person must forthwith submit a formal request for release from the Canadian Armed Forces, may be consecrated as bishop upon proof of acceptance of that request, but may not commence his or her duties as Bishop Ordinary until the effective date of release from the Canadian Armed Forces.*

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**  
*Act 28<sup>i</sup>*

## **Amendment to Canon III (The Primate)**

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins  
Seconded by: Canon David Jones

That this General Synod:

amend Canon III (The Primate) as follows:

1. amending section 5 c) of Canon III (The Primate) to read as follows:

Subject to the provision of financial requirements, the Primate and the four Provincial Metropolitans may concur in the election by the Sacred Circle of the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop who shall have a pastoral episcopal relationship with all indigenous ministries, in accordance with any applicable Canon.

2. changing the period at the end of Section 5 a) ix) in Canon III to a semi-colon and adding Section 5 a) x) as follows:

5 a) x) have Metropolitan jurisdiction over the Bishop Ordinary, the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, and any other extra-diocesan bishop with a national ministry.

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**  
*Act 29*

## **Rules of Order and Procedure – Housekeeping**

Moved by: Canon David Jones  
Seconded by: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner

That this General Synod:

Amend the Rules of Order and Procedure as follows:

changing section 16 i) to read as follows:

A motion that the debate be closed, to be carried, requires a two-thirds majority of all three orders voting together.

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**

*Act 30*

## **Liturgy Task Force – Future Work on Liturgical Works**

Moved by: Ms. Melissa Green  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls

That this General Synod:

encourage the work begun within the term limit of the Liturgy Task Force (2010-2016) to continue, guided by the Liturgical Principles and Agenda for Liturgical Revision as adopted by the General Synod 2010, and in light of evolving priorities in the General Synod's ministry.

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**

*Act 31*

## **Liturgy Task Force – Liturgical Texts**

Moved by: Ms. Melissa Green  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls

That this General Synod:

receive with gratitude the Report of the Liturgy Task Force and authorize the following for trial use and evaluation for a period of three years:

- Seasonal forms of Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer;
- Additional Collects and Prayers following the Revised Common Lectionary

Inclusive Language Liturgical Psalter Handbook: Declaration of Principles and Specified

Canons, First Reading (A030-R1a)

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**

*Act 32*

## **The Iona Report, with Competences for the Diaconate**

Moved by: Ms. Melissa Green  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers



That this General Synod:

1. receive *The Iona Report*, including the Competencies for the Diaconate, and commend it to the dioceses for study and for use in review of their existing guidelines and practices with respect to the diaconate, sending their feedback to Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee no later than October 2018;
2. request that the Primate convene a study of The Iona Report within the House of Bishops and report to the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee;
3. request that the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee review the Ordinal, in light of current scholarship and best practices, and present to the General Synod of 2019 a revision of the liturgical text for the Ordination of a Deacon.

**CARRIED WITH NO DEBATE**

*Act 33*

This concluded the consideration of motions on the No Debate List.

## **Ecumenical Relationships – Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue**

Moved by: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers

Seconded by: The Ven. Douglas Fenton

That this General Synod:

- welcome the establishment of a new bilateral dialogue with Mennonite Church Canada for a period of five years;
- direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Coordinating Committee, in consultation with Mennonite Church Canada, to determine the size, membership, and mandate of this dialogue.

A friendly amendment was put to the mover and seconder to extend the dialogue to six years from five years. It was so agreed.

**CARRIED**

*Act 34*

## Ecumenical Relationships - United Church of Canada

Moved by: Ms. Melissa Green  
Seconded by: The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls

That this General Synod:

- a) receive with gratitude the final report of the latest iteration of the dialogue between the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada; and
- b) endorse the report's recommendations, including the establishment of a *national coordinating committee for unity and mission* between at least our two churches, whose size, membership, and mandate will be determined by the Council of General Synod in consultation with the United Church of Canada and any other participating churches.

A motion to vote by orders was put forward by the following six members:

The Very Rev. Iain Luke, The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Mrs. Shelley Andres, The Rt. Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, The Very Rev. Fr. Robert-Charles Bengry, The Ven. Jane Humphreys

**CARRIED**  
*Act 35*

## Handbook: Declaration of Principles and Specified Canons – First Reading (A030-R1a)

An amendment to the Declaration of Principles, and the category of Canons that deal with doctrine, worship and discipline must be passed at two consecutive synods with a two-thirds majority in each order.

The sequence of voting is Laity, Clergy and Bishops

Moved by: Canon David Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That this General Synod:

Give first reading to the following housekeeping amendments to the Declaration of Principles and specified Canons:

1. Changing section 11 c) ii) of the Declaration of Principles to read as follows: All other Canons may be approved or amended by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting separately.
2. Adding the following to Canon XVIII:  
6 iii) The National Indigenous Anglican Bishop,

3. Amending Canon XX as follows:

A. in section i), adding the words shown in bold:

If any member of the court dies, or declines to act or becomes incapable of doing so, or develops an interest in the case, **or changes Order due to ordination or relinquishment or abandonment of ordained ministry**, or if a bishop ceases to hold episcopal office as aforesaid, before the hearing is commenced, the vacancy shall be filled in the same way. If the vacancy occurs after the hearing has commenced the remaining members of the court may continue the hearing and give judgment or in their discretion direct that a new court be appointed and the hearing recommenced.

B. in section 4 a), adding the words shown in bold:

The other assessors shall be provincial or diocesan chancellors, **or persons learned in Canon Law**, appointed in the same manner as members of the court.

C. in section 10 a), changing the words shown in bold:

Before delivering judgment on a question of doctrine, the Supreme Court shall refer the question to the **members of the Order of Bishops** and ask for the individual written opinion of each such bishop on the question and shall consider the opinions of the bishops who reply to the request within two months after the making of the reference in reaching its decision.

## **Handbook: Declaration of Principles and Specified Canons – First Reading (A030-R1b)**

An amendment to the Declaration of Principles, and the category of Canons that deal with doctrine, worship and discipline must be passed at two consecutive synods with a two-thirds majority in each order.

The sequence of voting is Laity, Clergy and Bishops

Moved by: Canon David Jones  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

That this General Synod give first reading to the following housekeeping amendment to the Declaration of Principles and specified Canons:

Adding the following section to Canon XIV:

5. Prayer Number 4 in “Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions” is to be deleted from use and omitted from further printings of The Book of Common Prayer.

**DEFEATED**

## **Anglican Communion Relations Advisory Council (ACRAC)**

Moved by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins  
Seconded by: The Very Rev. Peter G. Elliott

That this General Synod:

acknowledge that the Anglican Covenant process has had the positive effect of leading many to think deeply about the nature of Anglican ecclesiology and the nature of inter-Anglican relationships, and directs the Council of General Synod to continue to monitor developments related to the Anglican Covenant; and

commit the Anglican Church of Canada to full participation in the Instruments of Communion, the Continuing Indaba, the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue and the strengthening of relationships through initiatives such as the establishment and nurturing of Companion Diocese relationships.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 36*

A013 – Motion

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson  
Seconded by: The Rev. Canon David Harrison

That this General Synod make public the list of the recorded vote of A051 as it was amended.

**CARRIED**

## **Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)**

Carolyn Vanderlip, director of the Canadian Anglican Partnership Program, introduced Will Postma, the new executive director of the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). Will took over the position in June from his predecessor Adele Finney.

After watching a short video on PWRDF's *Fred Says* campaign designed to promote food security, the executive director shared his views of PWRDF, its work and his first impressions of the organization.

Mr. Postma noted the bedrock commitment of the development fund to human rights, expressed in its vision statement outlining PWRDF's commitment towards a just and healthy world. He described the positive results of PWRDF's work, such as vaccinating more than 410,000 children in Burundi, Mozambique, and Tanzania in only three years, leading to a significant drop in child mortality rates. He also pointed to the strong relationship between PWRDF and Canadian Anglicans as well as with its partners around the world.

During his first month Mr. Postma was surprised by the high number of volunteers who help support the work of PWRDF and the strong involvement of youth, particularly through its youth initiative justgeneration.ca. He also highlighted the appreciation of the Government of Canada for the work of PWRDF.

He drew the attention of members to the growing importance of support for Indigenous communities, the response to disasters such as the Fort McMurray wildfire and the continuing needs in Syria, Nepal, and the Philippines, and PWRDF's work in sponsoring and resettling Syrian refugees. He discussed the solar suitcase program to help provide power to rural health clinics and initiatives to address gender-based violence, concluding by thanking members of General Synod for their support.

Members watched a video highlighting PWRDF's maternal and newborn child health program, before Zaida Bastos, director of the development partnership program, took the podium to provide insight into the PWRDF initiative "All Mothers and Children Count" to support maternal, newborn, and child health. Through the example of one expectant mother in sub-Saharan Africa who suffered from HIV/AIDS, Ms. Bastos described PWRDF's role in supporting the woman by providing proper nutrition during and after her pregnancy and transporting her to a health centre where trained medical professionals could assist her delivery and prevent the transmission of the HIV virus from mother to child.

## **Ecclesiastical Insurance**

The Primate was joined by Jacinta Whyte, *Deputy Group Chief Executive, Ecclesiastical Insurance, General Manager & Chief Agent for Canada*. Ecclesiastical Insurance was the Visionary Sponsor for General Synod 2016.

The Primate outlined the many ways in which Ecclesiastical Insurance has touched the lives of many people across the country. Their generosity to our church over the years is seen in their support of many General Synods, the House of Bishops and other provincial and national gatherings.

All Churches Trust is the charitable arm of Ecclesiastical and they too are always interested in what is going on in the life church with particular interest in aboriginal causes, indigenous

ministries and youth work. A gift of \$100,000.00 was made to the diocese of Athabasca to assist in the recovery and relief efforts from the Fort McMurray fires.

The Primate formally thanked Jacinta and her team for being the visionary sponsor of General Synod 2019.

## **Discrepancies in the voting results of A051 as amended**

Following the results of the motion A013 it was made clear that several votes had not been tabulated correctly and some had not been recorded at all. Chancellor Jones met with the assessors to decide how best to handle the issue.

A physical count was made of the clergy vote that was published. The results indicated 52 members voted yes, 26 voted no. There was 1 abstention and 4 unrecorded. The calculation yields a 2/3 among the clergy.

The Chancellor spoke to the issue made evident from the printed lists.

1. There were some members who believed they had voted but whose votes were not recorded. All of them reported voting in favour of the resolution.
2. The General Secretary's voting device was incorrectly coded as "laity".

The Chancellor concluded that whichever of the two issues was corrected it would take the final count over the 2/3 needed to pass the motion.

The Primate, in answer to a question from the floor stated that General Synod did in fact have a two thirds majority from all three houses. This meant that A051 as amended was carried. Effectively it was carried on first reading in this General Synod. According to the Rules of Order, A051 as amended will come back to General Synod 2019 after it has been studied by the dioceses and provinces.

The General Secretary addressed Synod. "The good order of General Synod is my responsibility as General Secretary so I am at both pointy ends of this particular issue. But at this pointy end I wish to apologize to the General Synod for the confusion that has been caused, because that confusion wasn't just about a matter, it was about something over which this Synod agonized, worked hard, listened carefully, prayed and found somehow a way to be together in all of the tension and weight of what we were doing. And so for that confusion which is more than confusion I apologize to the Synod. I am sorry for that."

The Primate thanked the General Secretary and assured him that he did not need to wear this personally. "You have apologized for confusion but you have clarified what the reality is in terms of what actually happened."

Formal thanks were given to the Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Prolocutor. Harry served General Synod so well and with such devotion and this Church has been extremely well served.

## Motion of Thanks

Monique Stone and Ian Alexander

Thanks were expressed to:

- The staff of the Sheraton Parkway Hotel and Conference Centre for offering us such warm hospitality during our time here;
- The volunteers from the diocese of Toronto; Dominique, Laura, Pam and their team who met us at the airport, welcomed us at registration and helped guide us throughout the week;
- The communications team; Meghan Kilty and her staff, everyone from Anglican Video; Lisa Barry, Becky Boucher, all the crew for doing so much to enhance the experience of Synod for those of us here and those others watching outside this room and those back home;
- For those who assisted us with technology; Brian Bukowski for creating and managing such a rich and wonderful website and app, and for the people from Data On The Spot may we be ever thankful for the technology that they have in goodness attempted and assisted us in helping us run a human system;
- The translators who made it possible for members of Synod to speak and to hear in their own language and the facilitators of our neighborhood groups who enabled such an open exchange of views;
- All those who organized, lead and participated in our wonderfully varied and edifying worship; Martha Tatarnic and everyone who joined her in that ministry;
- Doug Cowling and all the musicians for enriching our worship, filling our days with songs of praise and reflection, and Elizabeth Adams for creating those beautiful tablecloths that will be permanent mementos of this Synod and for showing us all how to be artists ourselves;
- The chairs and members of the other committees who were so central to our deliberation; Peter Elliott and the Nominations Committee, Randall Fairey and the Resolutions Committee, Melissa Green and the Agenda Committee, and Peter Wall and the Planning Committee;
- All those who have been or will be elected or appointed to the work of this General Synod over the next three years, through the Council of General Synod, Standing and Sessional Committees, Councils, Boards and Commissions;
- The hard working and unflappable members of the staff; the coordinator of General Synod, Cathy Waiten along with Shannon Cottrell, Rose MacDonald, Jo Mutch, Josie De Lucia, and everyone who's name we have not said aloud, and our event planner Heidi Wilker;
- The Assessors; Alan Perry, Chris Ambidge, Bruce Bryant-Scott and Ann Bourke;

- The Honourable Secretaries; Chris Parsons, Jason Haggstrom, Paul Rathbone and Margaret Marschall;
- The Officers of Synod; The Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor, The Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor, The Recording Secretary and Treasurer and the General Secretary;
- Other senior members of staff including Andrea Mann, Eileen Scully, and Judy Rois;
- And finally we want to express the profound gratitude of everyone in this room and everyone in the Anglican Church of Canada for the patient, loving, faithful service of our president and primate. Fred Hiltz, you have led us through this challenging time with so much grace, dignity and love; you were so generous in thanking others, and now we would like to thank you.

Moved by: Monique Stone

Seconded by: Ian Alexander

That the people of this General Synod formally and unanimously and without debate offer their thanks to everyone who worked to make this meeting possible.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Act 37*

The Primate declared that the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Anglican Church of Canada prorogued.



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<sup>i</sup> Resolution AO52 was passed by two-thirds of the Order of Bishops and two-thirds of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together (the general requirement then in force for amending canons). However, paragraph 4 and some applications of paragraph 2 of Resolution AO52 would make changes to provisions in the Constitution or in canons dealing with doctrine, discipline or worship which require different procedures to the one used. Amendments to the Constitution can be made by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting separately at one General Synod. Amendments to canons dealing with doctrine, discipline or worship can be made by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting separately at two consecutive General Synods. Accordingly, those particular changes will need to be brought back to General Synod 2019 for first reading, and have not been incorporated into the Handbook. Paragraphs 1, 3, 5 an appropriate applications of paragraph 2 have been incorporated into the Handbook.