



ELECTION OF SYNOD SECRETARIES

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/Canon Robert Welch  
THAT the Reverend Sue Channen and Mrs. Carol Summers be  
the Honorary Secretaries of Synod at the sessions of this  
Synod. CARRIED.**

MINUTES OF THE 2nd SESSION OF THE 2009 SYNOD

**MOTION: Mrs. Carol Summers/The Reverend Sue Channen  
THAT the minutes of the 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 135th  
Session of Synod, as found on pages 5 through 7 of this  
Convening Circular be now approved. CARRIED.**

NOTICES OF MOTION

Canon Robert Welch advised members that motions could be found on pages 3 and 4 of the Convening Circular and that three additional motions could be found on delegate tables. He advised members that motions 1 and 2 on the Notice of Motions sheet would be withdrawn.

REPORT OF THE AGENDA AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller, Chair of the Synod Planning Committee, gave a report and outlined procedures. Agenda found on page 1 and 2 of the convening circular; Resolutions/Notices of Motions found on page 3 and 4 of the convening circular.

A mover and a seconder to a resolution or motion will be allowed a total of six minutes to speak. Speakers to a motion will be allowed two minutes each. A "warning" bell will be sounded when 20 seconds are remaining in the speaker's allotted time; and a bell will be sounded to indicate the end of the allotted time.

New motions not included with the Convening Circular package or handed out at registration are to be delivered to the chair or honorary secretaries prior to 10:00 am on Saturday. It will be determined when best to deal with new motions. Motions from the floor, which can be dealt with at this Synod session, will be presented on the screens.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be  
adopted. CARRIED.**

RECEPTION OF ALL REPORTS

**MOTION: The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT all reports found in the Convening Circular and  
obtained at registration be received. CARRIED.**

DIOCESAN COURT

The Bishop announced his appointment of three lay and three clergy members of Synod to serve on the Diocesan Court:

Mrs. Susan Little, Mr. Ian Smith, Ms. Sharon White, The Reverend Suzanne Craven, The Reverend Canon Rob Park and The Venerable Peter Scott.

The Diocesan Chancellor is automatically a member of Diocesan Court.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller made announcements. New Synod sponsor CICB Wood Gundy announced. The morning refreshment break sponsored by Pollard Windows; afternoon refreshment break sponsored by CIBC Wood Gundy. Clergy were reminded that get their picture taken for the photo directory. Announcement made that information and guidelines on Solar Energy, microFit program of the Ontario Power Authority are posted on the website. Quiet room located on 2nd floor, room 201; Santa Claus parade is from 2 pm to 4 pm.

TRINITY COLLEGE CORPORATION

**MOTION: The Venerable Michael Patterson/  
The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT the representatives from the Diocese of Niagara to the Corporation of Trinity College be the Reverend Aaron Orear (clergy); Ms. Elizabeth Wensley, Sister Heather Broadwell, Mr. Ross Gillett (lay) for a term of two years. CARRIED.**

(Please note: the Reverend Canon Darcey Lazerte (clergy), is a continuing members of the Corporation of Trinity College.)

SYNOD COUNCIL ELECTION

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/Canon Robert Welch  
THAT this Synod elect the regional members of Synod Council and alternate regional members for the 2011-2012 term, as outlined on the nominations sheet, found on page 121 of this Convening Circular. CARRIED.**

The regional slate is as follows:

Members to serve for 2011-2012:

Greater Wellington           The Reverend Susan Wilson  
Lincoln:                        The Reverend Canon Robert Fead  
Undermount                    Ms. Brenda Brownlee

Alternate members for 2011:

Brock:                         Mrs. Ramona Upton  
Greater Wellington:        Mr. Ken Smith  
Lincoln:                      Mrs. Linda Watson  
Trafalgar                     Mr. Kirk Boyd  
Undermount                  The Reverend Sue-Ann Ward

SYNOD COUNCIL

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/  
The Venerable Michael Patterson  
THAT the Synod Council Report, having been fully considered,  
be now finally approved, and that all the decisions,  
agreements and documents entered into and signed on  
Synod's behalf since the last session of Synod, be hereby  
ratified and confirmed. CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2009 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MOTION: Mrs. Judy Conning/Ms. Joanna Beck  
THAT the audited financial statements for 2009, as found on  
pages 44 through 59, be accepted. CARRIED.**

AUDITOR'S REPORT

**MOTION: Mrs. Judy Conning/Ms. Joanna Beck  
THAT the Auditor's Report, as found on page 45, be accepted.  
CARRIED.**

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

**MOTION: Mrs. Judy Conning/Ms. Joanna Beck  
THAT KPMG be appointed as auditors for fiscal year 2010.  
CARRIED.**

2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Jim Newman addressed members and made introductory remarks towards a Vision Driven Budget. Mr. David Eccles, Chair of the Finance/Budget Subcommittee delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposed 2011 Budget. Bishop Bird thanked David for his many years of work with the diocese as he moved to the Diocese of Huron at the end of the month.

BREAK

Canon Mark Tiller made announcements and acknowledged the contribution of Pollard Window in sponsoring the morning break.

ANNUAL APPEAL

The Venerable Michael Thompson addressed Members of Synod and introduced the Annual Appeal. Each parish will receive 1/3 of the net revenue raised in their parish, and the other 2/3 will go to the diocese, which in turn will send 1/3 to the Anglican Church of Canada and the diocesan portion will be made available for grants. Parishes will have the opportunity to apply to the diocese for grants for ministry at the parish and regional level. General Synod will prepare the appeal materials, issue receipts, donor recognition, etc. Letters of thank you will come from the diocese. It is the responsibility of the parish to update their parish lists and to discern on how and where to invest their share of the funds - this is at the complete discretion of the parish.

2011 BUDGET

**MOTION:** Mrs. Judy Conning/Mr. David Eccles  
**THAT this Synod approve the 2011 proposed budget.**

**AMENDMENT:** The Reverend Canon Terry DeForest/  
Mr. Dean Sutton Greenhalgh  
**THAT the 2011 proposed budget be amended, restoring the funding for University Chaplaincies to 2010 levels [\$49,876] and that the Diocesan Mission and Ministries receipts line be increased by \$24,938 to accommodate this change. DEFEATED.**

The vote was counted

For: 124 Opposed: 132

**AMENDMENT:** Ms. Betty Bushell/The Reverend Stephen Murray  
**THAT the number of zeros (0) in each of the five line items under “outreach within the Diocese; the Homeless; the Hungry and those in need in our Community” be deleted and that the number one (1) be inserted for each of these line items and that the Sundry receipts line be increased by \$5.00 to accommodate this change. CARRIED.**

**AMENDMENT:** The Reverend Jean Archbell/Mr. John Bradley  
**THAT the proposed budget restore funding for St. Matthew’s House to 2010 levels, \$27,275; and that the DM&M not go down by the proposed \$240,000 but instead go down by \$213,000.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tim Kennedy/Mrs. Patricia Davis  
**CALL the question. DEFEATED.**

**AMENDMENT:** The Reverend Jean Archbell/Mr. John Bradley  
**THAT the proposed budget restore funding for St. Matthew’s House to 2010 levels, \$27,275; and that the DM&M not go down by the proposed \$240,000 but instead go down by \$213,000. DEFEATED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canon Mark Tiller made announcements; photographers would be leaving at 1:00 pm - clergy were asked to get their photos taken if they hadn't done so; the Bishop's Company Curling Bonspiel; the Silent Night donation cups would be collected during lunch; Members of Synod were asked to keep the Pollard family in their thoughts and prayers on the loss of their son and grandson.

GRACE AND LUNCH

The Reverend Joan Dunn said Grace and lunch was served at the delegate tables. Synod resumed at 1:20 pm.

## 2011 BUDGET

**MOTION: Mrs. Judy Conning/Mr. David Eccles  
THAT this Synod approve the 2011 proposed budget as  
amended. CARRIED.**

## ST. PETER ANGLICAN CHURCH, HAMILTON

The Venerable Rick Jones, Secretary of Synod, told members that an agreement with St. Peter's ANiC, Hamilton and the Diocese of Niagara had been reached. After 2 years in negotiations the Diocese of Niagara is now in possession of St. Peter's, Hamilton. The space has been committed to HARRRP to use for 6 months for outreach in the neighbourhood.

The other parishes under Diocesan Administration are still in litigation before the courts and diocesan counsel, John Page, is waiting for the decision of the British Columbia Court of Appeals, which will show what the diocese's next step will be.

## SILENT NIGHT PROJECT

It was announced that the \$723 was raised for the Silent Night Project.

## VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT AND SCREENING

Canon Marni Nancekivell addressed delegates. The diocese has Volunteer Management and Screening Process. Every 3 years we the diocese needs specific report showing how the volunteer ministries are responsibly organized. Reports are due February 28, 2011. Workshops are scheduled November 20th from 10 to noon at St. David & Patrick, Guelph; November 27th at All Saints, Welland and December 4th at Church of Epiphany, Oakville.

## DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Ms. Gemma Young and the Reverend Aaron Orear, Diocesan Communications Committee, unveiled possible new looks to the website. Gemma Young told delegates that the website may provide templates for parishes that do not currently have websites. The new look will include clear navigation, four panels which will include News & Events; Anglicans in Action, a featured church and the Diocesan Vision. Other tools will also be used to communicate outside and within the church, Facebook and Twitter.

## GENEROUS CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Jim Newman, Stewardship Consultant, made a presentation to delegates. Bishop Bird has proposed that 2011 be the Year of Generous Stewardship. Delegates were asked to rank each of the following workshop for relevance and how likely they were to attend;

1. Effective Parish Advocacy
2. Visionary Narrative Budgets
3. Wills and Planned Giving
4. A Theology of Abundance – web based seminar
5. Successful Capital Campaigns
6. Enhancing your Narrative Budget
7. Yes you have a Debt-Free Parish!
8. Hospitality and Fundraising
9. Year Round Stewardship - web based seminar

10. Workshop of your choice.

There have been two successful workshops held - Ten Simple Things to Improve Your Parish Income, with another scheduled for November 27th at All Saints, Erin.

PAYROLL PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

**MOTION: Ms. Joanna Beck/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT effective January 1, 2012, payroll for all employees  
(clergy and lay) be by pre-authorized payment to the diocesan  
payroll service. WITHDRAWN.**

**MOTION: Ms. Joanna Beck/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT effective January 1, 2012, payroll remittances from  
parishes for all employees (clergy and lay) paid by the  
diocesan payroll service be by preauthorized payment to the  
diocese.**

**MOTION: Ms. Sharon White/The Reverend Cheryl Fricker  
THAT motion #13 be put back on the floor of Synod 'that  
effective January 1, 2012, payroll for all employees (clergy  
and lay) be by pre-authorized payment to the diocesan payroll  
service' .**

**MOTION: The Venerable Michael Thompson/The Reverend Kevin Block  
THAT the motion be referred to Synod Council.  
CARRIED.**

**MOTION: Ms. Joanna Beck/The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones  
THAT effective January 1, 2012, payroll remittances from  
parishes for all employees (clergy and lay) paid by the  
diocesan payroll service be by preauthorized payment to the  
diocese. CARRIED.**

GENERAL SYNOD PRESENTATION

Lay members of the Diocese of Niagara 2010 General Synod delegation made a presentation on General Synod held at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Bishop Bird commented on how well our diocese was represented at General Synod, delegates speaking profoundly at the microphones. Niagara takes a strong leadership position in the Canadian church. He thanked all the delegates that attended.

OTHER BUSINESS

DM&M Assessment

**MOTION: Mr. Joe Gallop/Mr. Jake Hildebrandt  
THAT monies raised in a parish for the purpose of paying  
down a diocesan debt, be exempt from the income on which  
the DMM assessment is based. WITHDRAWN.**

**MOTION: The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones/  
The Venerable Michael Patterson  
THAT this motion be referred to the Financial Advisory  
Committee to report back to Synod Council for further action.  
CARRIED**

BISHOP'S ASSENT AND CLOSING REMARKS

Bishop Bird gave his assent to all actions of the Synod.

Bishop Michael Bird closed the session with the blessing and the 136<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was prorogued at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable Dr. Richard Jones, Secretary of Synod

Mrs. Karen Nowicki, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Synod

Mrs. Carol Summers, Honorary Lay Secretary

The Reverend Sue Channen, Honorary Clerical Secretary