

**MINUTES OF THE 1st SESSION OF THE
133rd SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
HELD ON JUNE 2, 2007 IN HAMILTON**

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007

CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

Registration began at 7:45 a.m. Bishop Ralph Spence called the 1st Session of the 133rd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara to order at 9:00 a.m. Seated at the head table were Bishop Ralph Spence and Chancellor Rob Welch.

ELECTION OF SYNOD SECRETARIES

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller
THAT the Reverend Ian Chadwick and Mrs. Carol Summers be
the Honorary Secretaries of Synod at the sessions of this
Synod.**

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller
THAT the agenda as presented by the Agenda Committee be
adopted.**

CARRIED.

RECEPTION OF ALL REPORTS

**MOTION: Canon Robert Welch/The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller
THAT all reports found in the Convening Circular on the
Diocesan Website and obtained at registration be received.**

CARRIED.

NEW MEMBERS OF SYNOD

The Bishop welcomed:

- Rev. Marcus Germaine, Rector, Church of the Nativity, Hamilton
- Rev. Bahman Kalantari, Assistant Curate, St. Mark, Orangeville
- Rev. Paul Maynard, Bishop's Deacon
- Mr. Bill Mous, Ministry Associate, St. James, Dundas
- Rev. Aaron Orear, Assistant Curate, St. Jude, Oakville

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chancellor Rob Welch reported that, as of 9:00 a.m., June 2, 2007, 237 out of 270 eligible lay delegates had registered, representing 87.78% of all eligible delegates in the order of laity, and 100 out of 119 eligible clergy delegates had registered, representing 84.03% of all eligible delegates in the order of clergy.

**MOTION: Canon Rob Welch/The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller
THAT the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted.**

CARRIED.

WELCOME TO THE DEACONS REPRESENTING THE COLLEGE OF DEACONS

- Richard Beaudoin, Anne Crawford, Ronald Pincoe

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Privileges of the House were extended to:

Mr. Robert Morrow, Chair, Electoral Synod Nominations and Planning Committee

The Reverend Audrey Conard

WELCOME DIVINITY STUDENTS:

The Bishop welcomed Cheryl Barker, Sue Channen, Brian Galligan, Matthew Griffin, Lucinda Landau, Sheila Vanzandwyk

Bishop Spence welcome all in attendance and thanked all the staff and volunteers who helped to make this day happen.

TECHNICIANS/SOUND SYSTEM

Bishop Spence thanked Mr. Bryan Stopps and Mr. Derek Smith on the Sound System and Mr. Carl Sneyd operating the PowerPoint Presentation.

THE DUNHAM GROUP

Bishop Spence thanked The Dunham Group; Christopher Grabiec, John Janisse, and Jason Lok, broadcasting the Electoral Synod live on the Diocesan Website.

INTERIM SECRETARY OF SYNOD

The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller was appointed as the Interim Secretary of Synod for this session of the 133rd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

WELCOME TO THE VISITING BISHOPS

Bishop Spence welcomed the visiting Bishops:

Bishop Ann Tottenham

Bishop John Bothwell

Bishop Clarence Mitchell

Bishop Walter Asbil

The Reverend Susan Johnson, Bishop's Commissary
Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller made announcements. He thanked Mrs. Karen Nowicki, Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of Synod and Mr. Robert Morrow, Chair, Electoral Synod Nominations and Planning Committee.

Delegates were informed that there may be a need to adjust the agenda from time to time during the course of the day. Lunch would be a floating lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. while the balloting continued.

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee and Camp Canterbury Hills Alumni would be staffing a BBQ lunch in front of the Cathedral (Bishop's Gate). Tickets for the lunch could be purchased in Myler Hall.

Delegates were told that the Quiet Room was located in the Columbarium, hosted by the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. The Cathedral was also designated a cell-phone and Blackberry quiet area.

Canon Tiller announced that the Eucharist would be shown on the large screen

and that there would be 4 Communion stations.

At this time Archbishop Caleb Lawrence moved to the head table to chair the remainder of the proceedings.

The Synod Eucharist began at 9:15 a.m.

ELECTORAL PROCESS

Mr. Robert Morrow, Chair, Electoral Synod Nominations and Planning Committee addressed the house and reviewed the balloting process for the day.

He told delegates that the committee would be putting together an evaluation and would welcome their feedback on the process of the Episcopal Election. The feedback form would be posted on the diocesan website and responses forwarded to the next Electoral Synod Nominations and Planning Committee.

Robert also let delegates know that the Electoral Synod was the 1st Session of the 133rd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara and that the 2nd Session was scheduled for November 2007.

He made mention of the members on the Electoral Synod Nominations and Planning Committee and if delegates had any questions, the following people could be of assistance;

Canon Rob Welch, Canon Rob Park, Chris Grabiec, the Reverend Dorothy Hewlett, Nick Head-Petersen, the Venerable Marion Vincett and two wonderful representatives from the Synod office - Karen Nowicki and Alison D'Atri.

He mentioned that there were over 50 volunteers and 30+ youth staffing the lunch BBQ. He also thanked the Reverend Stephen Murray and his team who put together the liturgy for the day and the ministry stories that would be heard throughout the day.

Delegates received the first ballot at registration.

He then introduced the 12 nominees;

The Reverend Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan

The Venerable Michael Bird

The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning

The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland

The Venerable Lynne Corfield

The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones

The Venerable Bruce McPetrie

The Reverend Canon Dr. Margaret Murray

The Right Reverend Philip Poole

The Reverend Canon Brian Ruttan

The Venerable James Sandilands

The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Archbishop Caleb Lawrence addressed Synod Delegates and thanked the nominees. Before the ballot boxes opened Archbishop Lawrence asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations. This was repeated before every ballot.

The ballot boxes were opened.

<u>First Ballot Results</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
The Reverend Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan	7	11
The Venerable Michael Bird	22	37
The Venerable Lynne Corfield	5	22
The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning	11	20
The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland	12	33
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones	14	22
The Venerable Bruce McPetrie	6	9
The Reverend Canon Dr. Margaret Murray	6	10
The Right Reverend Philip Poole	13	41
The Reverend Canon Brian Ruttan	5	4
The Venerable James Sandilands	4	18
The Very Reverend Peter Wall	8	18

The Reverend Canon Brian Ruttan withdrew

<u>Second Ballot Results</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
The Reverend Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan	2	3
The Venerable Michael Bird	32	56
The Venerable Lynne Corfield	5	15
The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning	10	21
The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland	11	33
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones	17	25
The Venerable Bruce McPetrie	4	2
The Reverend Canon Dr. Margaret Murray	3	4
The Right Reverend Philip Poole	16	58
The Venerable James Sandilands	5	13
The Very Reverend Peter Wall	9	16

The Reverend Canon Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan, The Venerable Lynne Corfield, The Venerable Bruce McPetrie, The Reverend Canon Dr. Margaret Murray and The Venerable James Sandilands withdrew

<u>Third Ballot Results</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
The Venerable Michael Bird	41	85
The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning	10	21
The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland	10	33
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones	19	30
The Right Reverend Philip Poole	22	65
The Very Reverend Peter Wall	10	14

The Reverend Canon Dr. Cathie Crawford Browning and The Very Reverend Peter Wall withdrew

<u>Fourth Ballot Results</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
The Venerable Michael Bird	57	119
The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland	11	25
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones	17	30
The Right Reverend Philip Poole	25	72

The Reverend Canon Sandra Copland withdrew

<u>Fifth Ballot Results</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Lay</u>
*The Venerable Michael Bird ELECTED	71	149
The Reverend Canon Dr. Richard Jones	20	17
The Right Reverend Philip Poole	18	75

The Venerable Michael Bird was elected Coadjutor Bishop.

Archbishop Caleb Lawrence asked The Venerable Michael Bird to give his personal assent to the election results. Bishop-elect Michael Bird gave his assent emphatically.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Rick Jones spoke on behalf of the other 11 nominees and congratulated Michael. Bishop Poole was given privileges of the house and moved that the election be unanimous. General assent was signified by applause.

Archbishop Caleb Lawrence led in prayer.

Coadjutor Bishop-elect Michael Bird addressed the Synod.

Closing Hymn #598 Go to the World.

BISHOP'S ASSENT

ASSENT

Bishop Spence gave his assent to all actions of this session of Synod.

The Bishop closed the session with the blessing and the 1st session of the 133rd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was prorogued at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Canon Mark Tiller, Interim Secretary of Synod

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

Mrs. Carol Summers, Honorary Lay Secretary

The Reverend Ian Chadwick, Honorary Clerical Secretary