

**THE NINETY-FOURTH SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
MINUTES OF SYNOD JANUARY 13-15, 2012**

Registration for all delegates to the 94th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia commenced at 2:45 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2012, in the Chapel of the New Jerusalem of Christ Church Cathedral.

OPENING SERVICE

The Synod opened in Christ Church Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the signing of the Covenant between the Chapter of Deacons of the Diocese of British Columbia and Christ Church Cathedral. The Officers of Synod, the Cathedral Chapter, and the Regional Archdeacons vested and processed. In attendance as guests were:

The Most Rev. John Privett, Archbishop of Kootenay and Metropolitan of BC and Yukon;
The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada;
The Rev. Canon William (Bill) Cliff, Chaplain to Huron University College, Anglican Chaplain of the University of Western Ontario and Rector of the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, Huron University College, London, Ontario;
Ms Judy Steers, Coordinator of Youth Initiatives, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Director of Ask and Imagine;
Mrs. Suzanne Lawson, Coordinator, Together in Mission, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada; and
Dr. Christopher Lind, Executive Director of Sorrento Centre, and Senior Fellow of Massey College at the University of Toronto.

Clergy joined the delegates in the congregation. The Sisters of St. John the Divine, St. John's House, and Oblates of the Sisterhood were also in the congregation. The Bishop, The Right Rev. James A.J. Cowan, presided at the Eucharist and preached. In the Prayers of the People thanks were expressed for the lives and witnesses of former members of Synod who have died since it last met:

Before God, this Synod remembers, with gratitude, those of its former members who have departed this life and are at rest, especially those whose deaths have been reported since the last session:

IRENE LANE
Diocesan Lay Secretary
Diocesan Canon
St. Columba, Strawberry Vale

FRANK BOSWORTH
St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin

JOHN NATION
Diocesan Treasurer
St. Barnabas, Victoria
St. Peter, Lakehill

WILLIAM J. HILL, Priest
Rector, St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak

PETER McCALMAN, Priest

Rector, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay

Rector, St. Peter, Campbell River (with St. Philip, Sayward and St. Saviour, Cortes Island)

Rector, Parish of Salt Spring Island

Canon of the Cathedral Chapter

Rural Dean of Cowichan

Rural Dean of Victoria

BYRON TWEEDY

Holy Trinity, Sooke

FOSTER ISHERWOOD

Holy Trinity, Sooke

HORACE McCLELLAND, Priest

Chaplain and Headmaster, Shawnigan Lake School

St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan

St. Mark, Qualicum Beach

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in Glory.

Registration continued in the Chapel of the New Jerusalem from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

FIRST SITTING – Evening, Friday, January 13, 2012

The Bishop called the Synod to order at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Christ Church Cathedral School. He then opened with prayer.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements.

REGRETS

Bishop Cowan reported that he had given permission for absence with cause to the following clergy: The Ven. Alan Naylor, The Rev. Deborah Rivet, and The Rev. Andrew S'Zaw Lwin.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Canon Carol Throp, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported the following registration: clergy 55, laity 106, for a total of 161 members of Synod. The Bishop declared a quorum present and the 94th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia formally in session.

THE REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR

The Registrar read his report:

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia and members of Synod:

I beg to report that in accordance with the Canons, I have furnished a roll of clergy canonically entitled to be seated in the Synod. All records required to be made by the Registrar, both by the Lord Bishop and by the Synod since the last Synod, have been duly entered up. All these records are up-to-date and kept in a safe place

of deposit provided by the Synod for this purpose.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 13th day of January 2012.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael G. Coleman, Registrar*

1. Act of Synod – Report of the Registrar
MOVED BY: Susanne House
SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That the report of the Registrar be received as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2. ELECTION OF CLERICAL AND LAY SECRETARIES OF SYNOD

Canon Barbara Coleman, on behalf of Archdeacon Nancy Nagy, Chair of the Nominating Committee, put forward the names of The Rev. Canon Susanne House as Clerical Secretary and Mrs. Judy Trueman as Lay Secretary to Synod.

The Bishop asked three times if there were further nominations from the floor for the position of Clerical Secretary. There being none, the Bishop declared nominations closed and The Rev. Canon Susanne House elected.

The Bishop asked three times if there were further nominations from the floor for the position of Lay Secretary. There being none, the Bishop declared nominations closed and Mrs. Judy Trueman elected. The secretaries were duly seated.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

The Bishop announced the appointment and membership of the following Sessional Committees of Synod:

Agenda Committee

Mrs. Constance Isherwood
The Very Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
The Rev. Canon Susanne House
Mrs. Judy Trueman
The Ven. Bruce Bryant-Scott

Response to Bishop's Charge

The Rev. Richard Stetson - Chair
The Ven. Brian Evans
Mrs. Julia MacDonald
Mrs. Genevieve Richards
The Ven. Ellen Willingham

Scrutineers

Sr. Brenda Jenner - Chair
Sr. Sarah Jean Thompson
Mrs. Doreen Davidson
Mrs. Annette Cowan
Ms Clara Plamondon

Registration/Credentials

Mrs. Carol Throp - Chair
Mrs. Sue Black
Mrs. Barbara Burke
Mr. David Caul
Mrs. Eleanor Johns
Mr. Chuck Johns
Mrs. Rosalind Jordan
Ms Heather Murphy
Mrs. Susan Simpson

Resolutions

The Rev. Canon John A. Steele - Chair
Mr. Adrian Rees
The Rev. Canon Penelope Black
Mrs. Rita Isaac
Mrs. Colleen Johnston

Worship

The Rt. Rev. James A.J. Cowan - Chair
Canon Michael Gormley
The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian
The Very Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Mr. Doug Mitchell
The Rev. Anne Privett
The Rev. Betty McLeod Miller

Expenditures

Mr. Stephen Martin, Chair
Mr. Murray Crowther
Mr. Derek Greer

Public Relations

The Ven. Bruce Bryant-Scott

Nominations

The Ven. Nancy Nagy - Chair
The Rev. Scott Pittendrigh
Canon Barbara Coleman
The Rev. Osita C. Oluigbo
The Rev. Ron Macluskie
Mr. Tom Stokes
The Rev. Dr. Blair Haggart
The Rev. David Fitzsimmons
The Rev. Ken Gray
Mrs. Carol Denton/Ms Shirley Siteman
The Rev. John Macquarrie
Mrs. Sally Tuckey

3. Act of Synod – Approval of Sessional Committees

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the appointment and membership of the Sessional Committees for the 94th Synod be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. Act of Synod – Suspension of the Rules of Order

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the Rules of Order be suspended and the following persons be allowed on the floor of Synod with voice but no vote.

Mr. Dereck Atha

Mr. David Brown

Mr. Dimas Canjura

The Rev. Canon Bill Cliff

Mrs. Judith Coleman

Mrs. Annette Cowan

Mr. Murray Crowther

Mrs. Doreen Davidson

Ms Janet Davies

Mrs. Flo Evans

Mrs. Kathy Fitzsimmons

Dr. Christopher Lind

Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD

Mr. Jamie Lawson

Mrs. Marion Little

Mr. Nathan Mantey

Mrs. Su McLeod

Ms Terry Mikkonen

Mrs. Mary Parry

Mr. Chris Pease

Ms Clara Plamondon

The Most Rev. John Privett

Ms Imelda Secker

Mrs. Judy Steers

The Ven. Michael Thompson

Sr. Sarah Jean Thompson, SSJD

The Rev. Ed Lewis

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY AND DIOCESAN STAFF

The Bishop noted that since our last Synod in 2010 a number of clergy, Sisters of St. John the Divine and

diocesan staff had joined the Diocese. He introduced them.

The Rev. Howie Adan, St. Philip, Cedar
The Rev. Sarah Belknap, St. John the Divine, Victoria
The Rev. Chas Belknap, Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands
The Rev. Will Ferrey, St. Luke, Victoria
The Rev. David Fitzsimmons, Nimpkish Region
The Rev. Shelagh Huston, St. Paul, Nanaimo
Sister Brenda Jenner, SSJD
The Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur, St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay
Sister Louise Manson, SSJD
The Rev. Ernest Morrow, St. Philip, Oak Bay and Community of the Reconciliation
The Rev. Anne Privett, St. Paul, Nanaimo and St. Martin of Tours, Gabriola Island
Sister Sarah Jean Thompson, SSJD
Mr. Murray Crowther, Diocesan Office Staff
Mr. Nathan Mantey, Diocesan Office Staff
Mrs. Su McLeod, Diocesan Office Staff
Mr. Chris Pease, Diocesan Office Staff

The Bishop called forward Mr. Harry Felsing, retired Diocesan Finance Officer, to receive the appreciation of the Synod for his work over the past three years. The Bishop presented Mr. Felsing with a diocesan plaque and the Synod responded with applause.

5. Act of Synod – Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY: Susanne House
SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That the minutes of the 93rd Synod held in March 2010, which were subsequently mailed to Synod members, be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Act of Synod – Message of Loyalty to the Queen

MOVED BY: Lincoln McKoen
SECONDED BY: Mary Ketola

That the following message of loyalty be conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We the Bishop, the Clergy and the Lay members, your most loyal subjects, meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, 13th day of January 2012, send warm and loyal greeting.

We give thanks for your Majesty on this the 60th anniversary of your Accession to the Throne and we pray for the health of your Majesty and of all the members of the Royal family.

God Save the Queen.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

7. Act of Synod – Reception of Reports and Notices of Motion

MOVED BY: Susanne House
SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

That the reports and notices printed in the 94th Synod Convening Circular and the supplementary materials be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop requested the Chair of the Resolutions Committee to report on any further notices of motion. He announced that 5.00 p.m. on Saturday would be the deadline for any further notices of motion.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Rev. Canon John A. Steele, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, reported that the committee had received no further notices of motion.

8. Act of Synod – Report of the Diocesan Council and the Finance Committee

MOVED BY: Susanne House

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That the Report of Diocesan Council and Finance Committee be received, the actions be approved and the changes in Regulations be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Bishop gave his Charge (on file). At the conclusion of his Charge Bishop Cowan announced the appointment of two Cathedral Canons: The Rev. Canon John A. Steele and The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian; three Honorary Diocesan Canons: The Rev. Ken Gray, The Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur and The Rev. Peter Shurvin; and two Honorary Lay Canons: Mr. Bob Brandle and Dr. Jeanette Muzio.

At 8:10 p.m. the Bishop concluded his Charge, adjourned the First Sitting and gave his blessing.

SECOND SITTING – Morning, Saturday, January 14, 2012

Registration for unregistered delegates began at 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium of Christ Church Cathedral School and concluded at 8:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

At 8:30 a.m. Canon Bill Cliff led the Synod in morning prayer and bible study.

At 9:00 a.m. the Bishop called the meeting to order.

HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerical Secretary made announcements.

THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Canon Carol Throp, Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported the following registration: 62 clergy; 108 lay; for a total of 170 members of Synod.

FINANCIAL REPORT PART I

Mr. Stephen Martin, Diocesan Treasurer, and Mr. Murray Crowther, Diocesan Finance Officer, led the members of Synod through a power point presentation (hard copy on file). The information included the Consolidated Trust Funds, Parishes and their funds, other diocesan organizations and their funds and Synod operations.

The members of Synod enjoyed a refreshment break from 10:20 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT PART II

Mr. Stephen Martin and Mr. Murray Crowther continued with the presentation to the Synod regarding the finances of the Diocese. Questions were asked and answered as to whether we are doing the right things and what are the best ways to achieve the ends needed for the diocesan financial situation?

Mr. Chris Pease, Diocesan Asset Manager, gave the members of Synod information regarding the redundant properties of the Diocese and the progress of the sales of the properties.

9. Act of Synod – Change to Canon 4 – Finance Committee (and Regulations) and Regulation 6.3.03

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

That Canon 4 be amended to read as follows.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

CANON 4 - FINANCE COMMITTEE

CANON 4.1 - ORGANIZATION

a. The finance committee shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Ex-officio: The bishop
The chancellor (or registrar in absence of the chancellor)
The dean
The clerical secretary
The lay secretary
The treasurer, who shall be chair.
- (2) Elected: Two members elected from each order by the diocesan council, at least one half to be from its elected membership.
- (3) Appointed: Up to two clergy and two lay people appointed by the bishop.
- (4) Non-voting: The diocesan executive officer and the diocesan finance officer.
- (5) **The treasurer is required to be an accountant with current designation (i.e. chartered accountant, certified general accountant, or certified management accountant, or equivalent), and at least one member other than the diocesan finance officer must be an accountant.**

b. The chair shall convene its first meeting following a regular session of Synod, at which meeting the members shall choose one of its members as vice-chair.

c. Vacancies of elected members, occurring between regular sessions of the Synod, may be filled only by appointment of the diocesan council.

d. One third of the voting members shall form a quorum.

e. Meetings will normally be held ten (10) times yearly with at least seven (7) days' notice of meetings. Teleconference and email meetings may take place between meetings as required.

CANON 4.2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the finance committee is to assist the diocesan council of the Diocese of British Columbia in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by monitoring, reviewing and advising regarding:

- a. All financial matters;
- b. Strategic financial plans including the development and revisions of the annual operating budget;
- c. System of internal controls;
- d. Annual review/audit processes;
- e. Investment management activities; **and**
- f. **Review of all trusts, whether held directly by the Diocese or in the parishes; and**
- g. All property, security and monies now held by, or to become vested in, or entrusted to Synod.

REGULATION 4.2.01 - FUNCTIONS

The finance committee is established as a committee of the diocesan council and its purpose is to assist the council in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. To accomplish that the committee will:

1. Finances
 - a. Monitor, review and advise the council on all financial matters affecting the Diocese, its parishes, regions and related organizations;
 - b. Review monthly financial statements produced by staff including the status of assessments and loans;
 - c. Advise the council on specific matters related to financial exigencies;
 - d. Review all contracts, agreements or other instruments involving the financial affairs of the Synod and make recommendations to the council on appropriate action;
 - e. Ensure that the Synod has an effective process in place that provides appropriate alignment of financial resources with strategic directions;
 - f. Promote transparency and accountability of all financial and planning activities of the Synod.

2. Investment
 - a. **Develop and review a policy on investment in accordance with Anglican policy and values;**
 - b. **Review internally designated trusts to ensure that their purposes are current;**
 - c. **Review externally designated trusts to ensure compliance with donors intentions, and where not possible, to advise action;**
 - d. Review diocesan investment portfolio on a regular basis to ensure policy compliance and performance;
 - e. Review, advise and recommend changes regarding external investment accounts and managers to ensure policy compliance;
 - f. Respond in a timely manner to members of Synod and parishes for information around investment policy.

3. Budget
 - a. Solicit and receive input from committees, parishes and individuals during budget preparation **during September and October of each year;**
 - b. Prepare, review and recommend the annual operating budget to the council **no later than its December meeting;**
 - c. Determine whether budget revisions are needed and make recommendations to council.

4. Audit/Review
 - a. Recommend auditors/**accountants** for appointment, agree on the scope of their work and recommend approval of their fees;
 - b. Receive and review the ~~audited~~ financial statements of the Synod as to reasonableness of presentation, appropriateness of accounting principles and adequacy of disclosure, prior to submission to council;
 - c. Receive and review the **draft** written annual report of the ~~auditor~~ **external accountant no later than March 31, and the final statements for presentation to the June Diocesan Council meeting;**
 - d. Review the objectives and effectiveness of any internal audit functions, including working relationships with the auditors and the administration.

5. General
 - a. ~~Provide oversight of the care of lands and buildings, furnishings and effects belonging to the church, and oversee the placement and maintenance of adequate insurance against any insurable hazards to the church, its property, the staff and parishioners;~~
 - b. Assume other responsibilities that may be delegated by the council.

REGULATION 4.2.02 - FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE SYNOD

The financial year of the Synod shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December in each calendar year.

REGULATION 4.3 - DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

REGULATION 4.3.01 - DIOCESAN PLAN OF ASSESSMENT

- a. The primary source of funding for diocesan, provincial and national Synod ministry shall be raised by assessments on all parishes and missions in the Diocese, and shall be the responsibility of the diocesan council.
- b. The amount to be assessed shall be based on a percentage of the total parish income, using the most current reported financial **information in the parish annual** return as the basis for determining income. The following exemptions or deductions are applied in determining total parish income:
 - (1) Money donated or raised for appeals beyond the parish, such as Anglican Appeal or PWRDF. The parish gains no benefit from the funds, but simply provides an easy method of contributing and receiving a income tax receipt.
 - (2) All bequests which are not used for parish operations. Once the principal or interest is taken into general income or used for any assessable purpose, the funds become assessable.
 - (3) Large capital projects that require major fund raising within parishes. The total cost of the project must exceed 20% of the normal parish income and should be clearly accounted for apart from the normal parish funding.
 - (4) Grants of financial assistance from the Diocese.
- c. Diocesan council will review the existing work of the Synod and propose a level of spending. Synod will then determine an actual rate for the assessment for the coming year or years. Once all parish financial statements have been received the next year's assessments will be calculated and total income for diocesan, provincial and national purposes can be determined.
- d. Parishes will submit in each year a parish annual return to the diocesan ~~office~~ **finance officer** which shall include all financial aspects of their prior year's operation. The return shall include a calculation of their assessment for the ~~following~~ year **following the year of reporting. The diocesan finance officer shall confirm the calculation by September of the assessment of the following year.** The total amount of the calculated parish assessments, other sources of diocesan income and its reserves will form the basis of the diocesan budget for the coming year.

REGULATION 4.3.02 - PARISH MONTHLY REMITTANCES

To assist the Diocese, provincial and national churches in meeting their cash flow needs, diocesan assessments and funds for stipends and benefits shall be remitted to the Diocese monthly so that they are received by the Diocese within the same calendar month (i.e. January in January). A direct debit system is available.

- a. If the wardens are aware that the parish will not be paying its assessment within the month it is due, they shall notify the diocesan finance officer. If the situation is likely to persist beyond the current month, the

wardens shall advise the anticipated duration of payment interruption and what they are doing to remedy the situation.

- b. If the assessment delinquency continues beyond three months the rector and wardens, or their designates, shall attend the next diocesan finance committee meeting **and present a written** ~~to lay out a plan that would see the parish recover financially.~~ When a plan is approved by the diocesan finance committee the parish shall submit monthly reports to the diocesan finance officer to enable progress reporting to the diocesan finance committee.
- c. If the assessment delinquency continues beyond ~~a year~~ **six months** and **the parish** is not following an approved plan, ~~the parish shall become an assisted parish. The bishop shall appoint a review committee to complete a full parish review including the employment hours, remuneration, and benefits of all lay and clerical staff.~~ the bishop may give notice of termination of employment or change in conditions of employment to all lay and ordained staff, and a review of the viability of the parish is required.
- d. ~~Large amounts of assessment arrears may be converted to debt and repaid as a loan over a specified period of time.~~
- e. When a parish is disestablished or merged with another parish, unless otherwise agreed, assessment arrears continue as an obligation and may be paid out of the disposal of assets or rental income.
- e. If a parish experiences a sudden loss in the number of parishioners or in income, as a result of actions beyond its control, then the Bishop may direct such Parish be assisted following the steps to parish revitalization (Appendix "I").
- f. Parishes have the right to appeal any of the foregoing directly to the diocesan council.

REGULATION 4.3.03 - MISSION PARISHES

- a. Parishes ~~who~~ that are unable to finance their own operations and pay their assessment shall be considered assisted **mission** parishes. ~~upon completion of a full parish review. All assisted parishes shall have a regular, full parish review completed at least every two years.~~
- b. Upon approval, they may receive a flat cash grant that year. ~~and shall reapply each subsequent year that it is needed but the amount should be reduced by at least 10 percent each year on a straight-line basis. The grant, known informally as a parish assistance grant, shall be paid quarterly to the parish on the last days of January, April, July and October.~~
- c. ~~The parish may request consideration of the above 10 percent reduction at any time, in which case the diocesan finance officer shall meet with the parish council and shall take any recommendations for change back to the diocesan council for approval.~~
- d.
- c. Except with the express permission of the diocesan council, no assisted **mission** parish shall establish a building fund or any reserve fund, any part of the capital of which is taken from ordinary parish revenue.
- d. Mission parishes shall pay assessments ~~at the same rate as self-supporting parishes.~~ of \$300 per year.
- e. For ~~further~~ information on trusts **designated for the benefit of mission** assisted parishes see regulation 4.3.01 b. ~~4.2.09 b. and canons 5.1 b, 5.6 b (2), 5.6 f. (2), and regulation 6.3.05 (2).~~ For further information on clergy and lay employment see the diocesan employment standards and General Synod canons 6 and 8.

REGULATION 4.3.04 - PARISH CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Parishes, ~~assisted or otherwise,~~ which are in arrears on their monthly church sites and parsonages fund loan repayments or their diocesan assessment must obtain clearance from the diocesan council before undertaking any capital expenditures over \$1000. Approval will not normally be given unless cogent reasons are offered.

REGULATION 4.3.05 - EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

- a. Before any motion involving the spending of money, not already provided for, is put to the Synod or diocesan council for vote, it shall be referred to the finance committee, or other appropriate or special committee, for report as to whether the money proposed to be spent is presently available and, if not, what steps can be taken to provide such money, should such a motion be adopted by the Synod.
- b. Every report, motion or resolution presented at Synod, or to the diocesan council, dealing with the expenditure of Synod funds, shall contain a specific provision designating the proposed source of such funds, and if carried shall be referred to the finance committee who shall be empowered to implement such recommendation, provided the diocesan council is of the opinion that adequate funds are available.

REGULATION 4.3.06 - TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE

- a. Approved transportation costs will be paid to those out-of town delegates who claim it for the Synod or diocesan conferences, to those members of committees who claim it and who travel more than 25 kilometers one way, and to those members of the clergy who travel to post ordination training group meetings.
- b. Any further approved transportation costs incurred by members of the clergy in isolated parishes may be paid after negotiation with the diocesan finance officer.
- c. The rate of reimbursement will be established from time to time by the diocesan council, on the recommendation of the personnel and compensation committee.

REGULATION 4.3.07 - FINANCIAL REPORTING

- a. **Parishes will submit in each year a parish annual return to the diocesan office which shall include all financial aspects of their prior year's operation. The return shall include a calculation of their assessment for the following year.**
- b. **Parishes will also submit to the diocesan office the parish annual reports prepared for the annual meetings of parishioners, including financial reports.**
- c. **Organizations which are supported by the Diocese directly (through the provision of space, the holding of mortgages, payroll services, etc.), or which have members of boards appointed by parishes or diocesan committees, shall submit their annual reports to the diocesan office.**

REGULATION 4.4 TRUST FUNDS

REGULATION 4.4.01 ~~4.2.09~~ - CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUND

- a. There is a fund known as the consolidated trust fund (referred to hereinafter as "the fund") which shall consist of all negotiable property, other than real property, entrusted to Synod, and comprising all specific

funds held in trust and administered by the Synod, excepting only those funds which by resolution of the diocesan council may be excluded there from.

- b. Subject to any provisions to the contrary in the instrument creating the trust, all such property received in trust by **a mission** ~~an assisted~~ congregation or parish, by way of a gift, bequest or in any other way, shall be remitted to the Synod for administration as part of the consolidated trust fund; provided that the diocesan council may exempt any congregation or parish or any portion of the property referred to herein from the provisions of this section.
- c. The fund shall be under the control and management of the diocesan council, which may make such lawful investment of the same, as one consolidated trust fund, and in such sums and at such rates of interest as it may from time to time determine. Unless otherwise ordered by the diocesan council, monies comprising the fund shall be divided into units for administrative purposes; at times of sale and purchase the units shall be valued at their current market value.
- d. Separate accounts shall be maintained for each trust comprising the fund, which shall show the principal amount of the same, in units if appropriate, and shall record the receipt and distribution of income.
- e. Income and gains realized by the fund may be distributed to those parishes or organizations who have invested in the fund at a rate determined by diocesan council on the recommendation of the finance committee.

REGULATION 4.2.10 4.4.02 - TRANSPORTATION LOAN FUND

- a. There shall be a transportation loan fund under the management of the diocesan finance officer, for the purpose of providing loans to clergy and lay workers of the Diocese to assist them in the purchase of a vehicle or, where required, power boats.
- b. A person requesting a loan from the fund shall make application therefore on a form to be supplied by the diocesan finance officer on which shall be stated:
 - (1) The make, description, serial number and engine number of the vehicle to be acquired;
 - (2) Date of manufacture of the vehicle (if secondhand);
 - (3) Full cost of the vehicle;
 - (4) Amount of loan requested;
 - (5) Term of payment of loan; and
 - (6) Full particulars of insurance carried on the vehicle.
- c. The applicant shall also sign a demand note, payable to Synod, in the total amount of the loan.
- d. The diocesan finance officer, in consultation with the bishop, may approve ordinary loan applications, subject to availability of funds, to a maximum of \$15,000.00 for a new vehicle or \$10,000.00 for a used vehicle. Any applications so approved shall be reported to the next meeting of the diocesan council.
- e. All loans will be ordinarily amortized over a term of five years at an interest rate set for the term by the diocesan council. The term may be extended at the discretion of the diocesan council should circumstances warrant. The interest rate shall be reviewed and set annually by the diocesan council for new loans.
- f. Repayment shall be made in monthly installments. Prepayment may be made without penalty at any time.

- g. A person leaving the Diocese before the loan is fully liquidated shall make arrangements to the satisfaction of the diocesan finance officer for the payment of the amount of the loan outstanding prior to leaving the Diocese.

REGULATION 4.2.11 4.4.03 - CHURCH SITES AND PARSONAGES
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- a. There shall be a fund which shall be known as the church sites and parsonages revolving loan fund (referred to hereinafter as “the fund”).
- b. The capital of the fund shall be under the control of the diocesan council and shall be used to advance money from time to time by way of loans to parishes, missions or clergy upon such security, at such rate of interest, and upon such terms and conditions as the council shall approve, for the following purposes:
- (1) The purchase of sites for churches, chapels, church halls, parsonages, other clergy housing and other buildings;
 - (2) Major repairs and renovations of such buildings;
 - (3) For furniture and furnishings; and
 - (4) For other ecclesiastical and parochial purposes within the Diocese.
- c. Applications for loans shall be submitted to the diocesan finance officer, giving full details of:
- (1) The total cost of the project;
 - (2) The amount available or potentially available within the parish or mission;
 - (3) The proposed terms of repayment, and signed by the incumbent and the churchwardens.
- d. The project and the amount of the loan requested by a parish or mission must be approved at an annual or special meeting of the parishioners, and a certified copy of the approved resolution shall accompany the application.
- e. Repayments shall commence with the month following receipt by the borrower of the final advance of the approved loan, and may be spread over a period not exceeding ten (10) years. Such repayments shall be made in monthly installments or, in special cases approved by the diocesan council, in quarterly installments. The rate of interest will be set from time to time by the diocesan council.
- f. Where a borrower has not made a payment for three consecutive months, or one quarter where quarterly payment are made, or where payments are constantly delinquent for no apparent reason, the interest rate will be raised to prime as of the date of the first missing payment, and interest will be added monthly to the principal balance owing subject to appeal to the diocesan council. It is the obligation of the borrower to notify the diocesan finance officer as soon as the borrower is aware of any potential problems in making payments. This notice shall be the appeal to the diocesan council.
- g. If it should be necessary for a parish, mission or member of the clergy to borrow additional funds from a bank, trust company, mortgager or other sources, repayments to the fund shall be made concurrently with those made to such other sources, except as otherwise determined by the diocesan council.
- h. In the normal course of events, loans shall be granted to parishes, missions and clergy in accordance with the dates on which the official application has been approved by the diocesan council, but the diocesan council shall have the power to amend the order of priority in order to meet unforeseen or more important requirements. In no case may funds be hypothecated for projects which the parish, mission or member of the clergy applying for the loan does not propose to carry out within the next twelve months.

- i. Approved loans shall be issued at such times and in such amounts as are required as the erection or repairs of buildings progress.

REGULATION 4.4.04 ~~4.2.12~~ - ORDINATION CANDIDATES' FUND

- a. There shall be a fund known as the ordination candidates' fund, hereinafter known as the fund, consisting of:
- (1) The open collections at services of confirmation and ordination in all parishes and missions of the Diocese;
 - (2) Special collections, subscriptions, donations and legacies received for the purposes of the fund;
 - (3) Such amounts as by order of the Synod or diocesan council shall be included in the parish assessment from time to time.
- b. The final choice of a recipient shall lie with the bishop in consultation with his examining chaplains.

REGULATION 4.4.05 ~~4.2.13~~ - DEWDNEY-SCHOFIELD FUND

Income from the Dewdney-Schofield fund is to be divided annually into shares to be used for the following:

- A share each for each retired bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia,
- A share each for the spouse of each retired bishop,
- A share each for each widow of each deceased bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia,
- One-half share for the provision of holiday money for needy clergy of the Diocese. This share to be disbursed by the Garrod trust committee, to which application may be made,
- One-half share to be used for the holding of retreats.

REGULATION 4.4.06 ~~4.2.14~~ - EDITH TURNER TRUST FUND

- a. There shall be a fund consisting of units in the consolidated trust fund designated as the Edith Turner trust. The capital is to be held in trust and the income is to be used for special needs in particular cases of people who come within the definition of the trust (indigent, aged Anglicans, living in the County of Victoria), and who are unable to afford such items as hearing aids, wheelchairs, etc.
- b. Parish clergy resident in the County of Victoria will be advised annually through the diocesan finance officer that the fund is available.
- c. In order to apply for funds, clergy must apply to a territorial archdeacon within the County of Victoria. If the application is worthy, the archdeacon will advise the diocesan finance officer who will normally approve the application. In the event of dispute, the matter will go to the bishop for decision. All expenditures from the fund shall be reported to the diocesan council.

REGULATION 4.5.01 – TREASURER

- a. The treasurer of the Diocese of British Columbia shall be elected at diocesan Synod. If a vacancy occurs between meetings of Synod, then diocesan council shall elect a replacement. The treasurer is normally a volunteer.**
- b. The treasurer is required to be an accountant with current designation (i.e. chartered accountant, certified general accountant, or certified management accountant, or equivalent).**

c. Duties include:

- (1) chairing meetings of the finance committee;**
- (2) presenting financial statements to Synod;**
- (3) advising the bishop's office on the supervision of financial and accounting staff in the diocesan office;**
- (4) ensuring that the Synod is in compliance with Canada Revenue Agency requirements;**
- (5) presenting the annual budget to diocesan council.**

**REGULATION 6.3.03 - MEMORIALS, CHURCH FIXTURES, ORNAMENTS AND FURNISHINGS
IN CHURCHES**

- a. Any person or persons desiring to place a memorial of a permanent character in or on a church building shall make application for permission to the incumbent of the parish, who shall call a meeting of the parish council, and if necessary, of the parishioners for their consideration of such application. If it be received favorably the application shall be forwarded to the bishop and the decision of the bishop shall be final.
- b. The property in all such memorials, and all purchased and donated fixtures, ornaments and furnishings in church buildings and their disposal shall be vested in the Synod of the Diocese. The bishop and diocesan council shall, on behalf of the Synod, ~~in consultation with the parish concerned,~~ decide matters relative to their disposal.
- c. When parishes are disestablished the bishop and diocesan council may appoint a furnishings committee which shall act on their behalf. In general, furnishings shall be distributed, in order of preference, to**
 - i) parishes of the Diocese,**
 - ii) parishes of other dioceses, and churches with whom we are in communion,**
 - iii) other Anglican institutions or associated bodies,**
 - iv) museums, and**
 - v) private individuals (sale or gift).**

Furnishings will be exchanged with a written, signed receipt from the recipient. Records of disposal will be deposited in the diocesan archives. If a private individual receives a furnishing without payment which was previously donated by that person or a relative, a charitable tax receipt for \$0.00, stating the particulars of the donation, will be issued by the Diocese, and the recipient advised to re-file their income tax return for the year in which the object was donated.
- d. If a building is to be sold by the Diocese, and a furnishing is not easily removed (eg. a stained glass window), a clause shall be inserted into any contract of purchase wherein the Diocese reserves the right, at its expense, to remove the furnishing.**
- e. Memorial brasses may be removed from the walls of buildings in disestablished churches, and if not associated with another furnishing, may be erected at a place designated by the diocesan council.**
- f. All fixtures, ornaments and furnishings of any church or mission building or other building in which divine service is held, shall be included in the inventory of all church goods, as provided for in regulation 6.8.01 (10).**

At 11:45 a.m. the Bishop called for further nominations for elections. The individuals nominated for General Synod were instructed to fill out a form and give it to Canon Barbara Coleman in preparation for voting. The following positions were elected by acclamation

Treasurer

Mr. Stephen Martin

Provincial Synod – Clergy

The Ven. Brian Evans

The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Provincial Synod – Lay

Mrs. Barbara Henshall

Mrs. Colleen Johnston

Mrs. Catherine Speechley-Pell

Diocesan Council – Clergy

The Rev. Canon Christopher Parsons

The Rev. Canon John A. Steele

Diocesan Council – Lay

Mr. Andrew Armitage

Cdr. David Cooper

Canon Dr. Martin Hendy

Mr. Tom Wilkinson

Diocesan Council – Youth

Mr. Spencer Gaby

Ms Susanna Peterson

Diocesan Council – Regional Representatives

Clerical

Cowichan – The Rev. Deborah Rivet

Haro – The Rev. Richard Stetson

Malaspina – The Rev. Joan Scandrett

Nimkish – The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Selkirk – The Rev. Lon Towstego

Tolmie – The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur

Lay

Mrs. Patricia Jane Fowler

Mrs. Suzanne Gaby

Mrs. Catherine Speechley-Pell

Mrs. Myrna Bennett

Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio

The lay person nominated from the Nimkish region was not a delegate to Synod and therefore the name cannot be put forward in nomination. The Nimkish Region will caucus over lunch and come back with another nomination.

10. Act of Synod

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

SECONDED BY: Constance Isherwood

That the regional representatives to Diocesan Council nominated at regional meetings be declared elected with the exception of the lay representative from the Nimkish Region.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Mr. Doug Mitchell led the Synod in Noon Day Prayers. The Bishop then adjourned the Synod for lunch until 1:00 p.m.

THIRD SITTING – Afternoon, Saturday, January 14, 2012

The Bishop convened the Third Sitting of Synod at 1:00 p.m.

The Bishop invited Canon Barbara Coleman, the designated Chair of the Nominations Committee, to introduce the candidates for election to General Synod 2013. The Bishop then instructed that ballots be prepared.

DIOCESAN TRANSFORMATION TEAM REPORT

Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio, chair of the Diocesan Transformation Team, introduced the other members of the team: The Ven. Bruce Bryant-Scott, The Rev. Canon Dr. Travis O'Brian, The Rev. Canon Christopher Parsons, and The Rev. Canon Peter Parker. She also mentioned Mr. David Simmonds, a faithful and valuable member of the team, who died in 2011. Canon Muzio spoke to the comprehensive report which was included in the convening circular and answered the questions of the members of Synod.

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson addressed the Synod. He talked about the importance of the baptismal covenant and the 5 promises that are made during the baptism:

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Archdeacon Thompson reiterated the message of Canon Cliff's bible study at the beginning of the morning session of the Synod. "Grace is getting what you don't deserve. Mercy is not getting what you do deserve."

FINANCIAL REPORT PART III

Mr. Stephen Martin and Mr. Murray Crowther addressed the Synod in the third part of the in-depth Financial Report. They spoke of the on-going debt of the Diocese and how that debt would be addressed (hard copy of power point in the hands of Synod members).

The following comments, suggestions and questions were brought forward by the members of Synod during this portion of the financial report:

What structure is required for a transformational church?

An inventory of trusts income will be put together to discern what monies from the trusts can be directed toward the operations of the Diocese.

Can we lease the non-favoured properties of the Diocese (disestablished churches).

Can we find out about affiliation visa cards?

Can we further reduce expenses?

What about an increase in the parish assessments? Can we assist those parishes which would find this difficult?

We need to look at a theology of giving.

Can we use the interest from the Consolidated Trust Funds for mission work?

There are parishes that have ads in their leaflets which help with expenses. Can we look into that?

Increase the parish assessments to bring about a balanced budget in 2013 and maintain that assessment until an economic recovery comes about.

RETURNING TO SPIRIT PRESENTATION

Mrs. Mary Parry, The Rev. Rob Hutchison and Sister Brenda Jenner, SSJD addressed the Synod on the subject of Returning to the Spirit programme. A power point presentation was given with the members of this group speaking to specific points of reconciliation and residential schools. There will be a Truth and Reconciliation

Commission (TRC) regional event held in Victoria on April 13 and 14, 2012. There are also TRC community events taking place in towns up and down the Island over the next few months. All are encouraged to learn more and to attend the events they are able to.

The members of Synod enjoyed a refreshment break from 3:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

CONSULTATION ON MISSION AND VISION IN THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

At 3:45 p.m. Mrs. Suzanne Lawson began the process of consultation with the Diocese on Together in Mission, National Diocesan Centered Planning Feasibility Study. This is a collaborative effort at raising considerable financial resources to benefit mission in the parish, Diocese and General Synod. It will be phased in across Canada with the timing determined by the Diocese. At this point in time Mrs. Lawson is helping the Diocese make an informed decision as to whether to move forward to begin the process of a feasibility study. The feasibility study will:

1. Inform leadership – Ability to make informed decisions about major initiatives
 - Tests case for support details, support for Diocese and General Synod
 - Financial plans
 - Identifies leadership potential and gift potential
 - Identifies issues, concerns and priorities
 - Identifies realistic goal
2. Determines readiness of parishioners and clergy (insights and support)
3. Ascertain major gift support
4. Discovers leadership / volunteer support
5. Prepares information for Synod decision making
6. Offers an objective professional view of the Diocese's ability to undertake a financial initiative. (p.10 Together in Mission: National Diocesan Centered Planning Feasibility Study)

In order to begin the feasibility study the Diocese must have a strategic plan of mission and vision. What do we have that will guide us in this endeavour and into the future? Will this strategic plan of mission and vision be based on the five marks of mission? These are:

- To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need in loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

In response to the question: “What do we think the priorities of the Diocese of British Columbia should be?” the members of Synod offered these suggestions:

- First Nations Ministry
- Outreach to the City and the Province
- Urban First Nations
- Holy, effective Diocese
- More cooperation with the ELCiC in the areas of First Nations Ministry
- Volunteer stewardship
- Engaging secular media
- Safe sanctuary
- Ministry money north of Malahat
 - First Nations - more cooperation with Health Agencies
 - Chaplains mid- and north Island
- Curacies

- Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth Conference on the West Coast
- Don't amalgamate small churches – sell them
- Potential for synergy
- More opportunities for working with Lutherans
- Better web presence
- Liturgies with more joy and praise.

Which of these priorities will best form the 21st century church in this Diocese?

This topic will continue to be addressed on Sunday morning.

RESPONSE TO THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Rev. Richard Stetson, Chair of the Response to the Bishop's Charge Committee, presented his report with resolutions (on file).

At 5:00 p.m. the Bishop adjourned the Third Sitting and announced that ballot boxes would close at 5:05 p.m. There was a break for supper.

FOURTH SITTING – Evening, Saturday, January 14, 2012

The Bishop called the fourth sitting to order at 7:00 p.m. The consultation on Vision and Mission continued.

At 8:30 p.m. the Bishop adjourned the Fourth Sitting and The Rev. Canon Dr. Travis O'Brian, with the St. Barnabas Choir under the direction of David Stratkauskas, led the Synod in Compline which took place in the nave of Christ Church Cathedral.

FIFTH SITTING – Morning, Sunday, January 15, 2012

At 8:30 a.m. the Dean of Columbia, The Very Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, presided at the Holy Eucharist for the Second Sunday after Epiphany. Canon Bill Cliff led a Bible Study at the time of the sermon.

At 9:50 a.m. the Bishop called the Synod to order.

Mrs. Suzanne Lawson continued on with her presentation to Synod, Together in Mission, focusing more on the Mission and Vision of the Diocese of British Columbia. Which of the priorities that we set yesterday (January 14th) respond most faithfully to the Marks of Mission? To our mission and vision? There was a time of questions and answers.

MOTIONS COMING OUT OF THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

11. Act of Synod – BC#1

MOVED BY: Brian Evans

SECONDED BY: Julia McDonald

That this Synod affirms and supports new initiatives for summer ministry (e.g. Camp in the Community) among children and youth generated in this Diocese and commend those who have contributed to these initiatives for their efforts and imagination.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

12. Act of Synod – BC#2

MOVED BY: Genevieve Richards

SECONDED BY: Ellen Willingham

That this Synod affirm the concept of asset management modeled by the Diocese for the parishes of this Synod and request that a plan be formulated for an ongoing program of assistance and review on a regular basis.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

13. Act of Synod – BC#3

MOVED BY: Richard Stetson

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That programs of education for both laity and clergy be offered in a variety of forms such as on the internet and in sequential conference for clergy and laity at appropriate times and be led by the same persons with expertise in particular skills and areas of development, seeking to equip “a learned and inviting clergy and laity that will share in fearless engagement of the people of God’s world with God’s Good News.”

MOVED BY: Doreen Houston

SECONDED BY: Jane Fowler

That the motion be amended to read “That programs of education for both laity and clergy be offered in a variety of forms such as on the internet and in sequential conferences for clergy and laity at appropriate times and **that each program be** led by the ~~same~~ persons with expertise in particular skills and areas of development, seeking to equip ‘a learned and inviting clergy and laity that will share in a fearless engagement of the people of God’s world with God’s Good News.’

THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

14. Act of Synod – BC#4

MOVED BY: Ellen Willingham

SECONDED BY: Genevieve Richards

That the values of Safe Church continue to be inculcated in the people and institutions of this Diocese so that true safety and sanctuary are easily accessible for us and among us and that justice is deeply honoured and speedily implemented when needed.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

15. Act of Synod – BC#5

MOVED BY: Julia McDonald

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That this Synod acknowledge the gift coming to us in the presence of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and make the fullest possible use of this opportunity for enhanced and revitalized communication and healing.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

16. Act of Synod – BC#6

MOVED BY: Richard Stetson

SECONDED BY: Ellen Willingham

That this Synod show its support for partnering in resources and growth by faithfully studying, discussing and, where appropriate, supporting initiatives generated in the Provincial Synod of British Columbia and Yukon and the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF SORRENTO CENTRE

Dr. Christopher Lind spoke to the members of Synod about Sorrento Centre and the programmes being offered this summer.

ELECTION RESULTS

Sister Brenda Jenner, SSJD, Chair of Scrutineers, delivered the results of the elections

Elected Members to General Synod

<u>Clergy - 4 (in order)</u>	<u>Laity - 4 (in order)</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Bruce Bryant-Scott	Jane Fowler	
Anne Privett	Don Wilson	
Christopher Parsons	Barbara Henshall	
Richard LeSueur	Bruce Winter	

Alternate Members to General Synod

<u>Clergy (in order)</u>	<u>Laity (in order)</u>	<u>Youth</u>
Ken Gray	Catherine Speechley Pell	
Penelope Black		
Brian Evans		
Daniel Fournier		
Will Ferrey		
Andrew Twiddy		

17. Act of Synod – Youth Nominations to Diocesan Council

MOVED BY: Tom Smith

SECONDED BY: Sadie Gibbs

That Spencer Gaby and Susanna Peterson be the youth nominations to Diocesan Council. And that Jessica Steele be the youth nomination to General Synod with the first alternate being Sadie Gibbs and the second alternate being Susanna Peterson and that these nominations be ratified by the members of the 94th Synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

18. Act of Synod – Regional Representative (lay) to Diocesan Council

MOVED BY: Blair Haggart

SECONDED BY: David Fitzsimmons

That Mr. Cary Davis be the lay nomination to Diocesan Council from the Nimpkish Region and that this nomination be ratified by the members of the 94th Synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

19. Act of Synod

MOVED BY: Michael Coleman

SECONDED BY: Brian Evans

That the ballots be destroyed.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Rev. Betty McLeod Miller led the Synod in Noon Day Prayers.

Synod was adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m. to return at 1:15 p.m.

SIXTH SITTING – Afternoon Sunday, January 15, 2012

The Synod resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Ms Judy Steers, Coordinator for Youth Initiatives, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and Director of Ask and Imagine, and Mrs. Su McLeod, Family Life Facilitator, Diocese of British Columbia, made a presentation concerning youth programmes both in the Diocese [e.g. Camp in the Community] and at the national level [e.g. Ask and Imagine and CLAY (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth)]. They used both power point and a video in their presentation.

20. Act of Synod – Rainbow Kitchen

MOVED BY: Andrew Armitage

SECONDED BY: Barbara Coleman

That the Rainbow Kitchen be reaffirmed as a diocesan ministry and be commended to the parishes of the Diocese for continued involvement.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

21. Act of Synod – Safe Church

MOVED BY: Bruce Bryant-Scott

SECONDED BY: John A. Steele

That the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia memorialize the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada:

“Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

A prerequisite to undertaking mission and evangelism is ensuring that the church is a safe place for children and vulnerable persons. Our leadership, both lay and ordained, must adhere to the highest standards of conduct. Where individuals in leadership have failed in these matters we must acknowledge our shortcomings, carry out the just administration of discipline, and seek to right wrongs.

To that end, we request that all dioceses and ecclesiastical provinces of the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as the General Synod itself, work towards common standards in these things, namely,

1. A National Code of Conduct for clergy (perhaps similar to the one in The Anglican Church of Australia);
2. A national screening policy, based upon the Diocese of Toronto’s “Screening in Faith”; and
3. A national sexual misconduct policy, based upon the one used in both the Diocese of Toronto and the Diocese of British Columbia.

As well, we request that there be a historical survey of sexual misconduct with the dioceses and ministries of the Anglican Church of Canada, as was done recently in the Church of England.

We therefore request that a motion covering these matters be considered at the next General Synod in 2013.”

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

22. Act of Synod – St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak

MOVED BY: Lenore English

SECONDED BY: Peter Goddard

Be it resolved that:

The decision of Diocesan Council on May 28, 2011 to extend the participation of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, and to report to Synod September 2012, be rescinded, and that St. Michael and All Angels withdraw from the Three Saints Ministry.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

23. Act of Synod – Repayment of Debt

MOVED BY: Jim Lyster

SECONDED BY: Cary Davis

That after the repayment of the \$2.2 million debt, ten percent (10%) of the investment earnings from the net proceeds of the sale of the redundant properties, be given annually to the Council of the North.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

24. Act of Synod – Balanced Budget

MOVED BY: Andrew Armitage

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That the diocesan budget for 2013 and thereafter be a balanced budget.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

25. Act of Synod – New Wine Endowment Fund

MOVED BY: Andrew Armitage

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That 15% of the net proceeds from the sale of all nine redundant properties be allocated to the New Wine Endowment Fund established at the 93rd Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

MOVED BY: Logan McMenamie

SECONDED BY: David Fitzsimmons

That the motion be amended to read:

That 15% of the net proceeds from the sale or lease of All Saints, View Royal, St. Columba, View Royal, St. Martin in the Field, Saanich, Brentwood Chapel, Brentwood Rectory, Brentwood Hall, St. Andrew, Cowichan Station and All Saints, Crofton be allocated to the New Wine Endowment Fund established at the 93rd Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED

26. Act of Synod – KAIROS Position Paper

MOVED BY: Catherine Speechley-Pell

SECONDED BY: Susan Hayward-Brown

That this Synod commend to parishes for careful study the KAIROS position paper “Fate of Tar Sands Pipeline Crucial for Climate Justice.”

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

27. Act of Synod – Enbridge Pipeline Opposition

MOVED BY: Catherine Speechley-Pell

SECONDED BY: Susan Hayward-Brown

That this Diocesan Synod request the Bishop to write to Prime Minister Stephen Harper stating our opposition to the Enbridge pipeline and the passage of oil tankers carrying heavy crude oil traversing the delicate ecosystems of our north Island waters.

THE MOTION WAS NOT CARRIED

28. Act of Synod – Together in Mission

MOVED BY: John A. Steele

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That the Diocese of British Columbia partner with the General Synod in a feasibility planning study for “Together in Mission”.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

29. Act of Synod – Strategic Ministry Priority Plan

MOVED BY: John A. Steele

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That this Synod request the Bishop and Diocesan Council to appoint a small task team with the mandate to collate the work on planning by the 94th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia and to develop, in consultation with the parishes and other ministries of the Diocese, a draft strategic ministry priority plan for the Diocese and that a progress report be presented to the Diocesan Council at their June 2012 meeting.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

BISHOP'S FINAL REMARKS

The Bishop stated that he was very thankful for the level and quality of debate at this Synod and he commended the members of Synod for their participation in these discussions. There were difficult presentations made (finance) with difficult decisions having to be made. The discussions and decision-making was done with care and compassion and it is the Bishop's hope that this continues. We need to work together in areas where there is joy as well as anger and hurt.

The Bishop reported that the Dean will be working with the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul to put forward a vision for the parish.

The Bishop thanked and commended the work of Murray Crowther, Stephen Martin, Chris Pease, Canon Bill Cliff, Judy Steers and Suzanne Lawson for and at this 94th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia. The Bishop presented the Ven. Michael Thompson, Canon Bill Cliff, Mrs Suzanne Lawson and Ms Judy Steers with a print commissioned by the Diocese called "House of God". This print was drawn by Mr. Frank Nelson.

30. Act of Synod – Expression of Thanks

MOVED BY: Judy Trueman

SECONDED BY: Susanne House

That this Synod thank all who have contributed in innumerable ways to the planning, organization and operation of this session of the 94th Synod, especially The Very Rev. Dr. Logan McMenemy, the Wardens and people of Christ Church Cathedral, Canon Michael Gormley, Mr. Kelly Charlton and the choirs of Christ Church Cathedral, Mr. David Stratkauskas and the St. Barnabas Choir. This Synod also thanks Ms Imelda Secker, Mrs. Judith Coleman, Ms Terry Mikkonen, Ms Janet Davies, and Ms Pat Gerrand for their work in preparing service orders and all the other paper work needed for the success of this Synod. We are grateful for the co-ordination of tea, coffee and goodies for our refreshment breaks by Ms Sheila Martingale and her team.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH APPLAUSE

The Bishop gave his consent to the resolutions and declared them to be Acts of Synod. He wished all present a blessed Epiphany. He then concluded with prayer and his blessing. At 4:30 p.m. the 94th Synod prorogued.

Synod concluded with a Choral Evensong at 4:30 p.m. at which the Metropolitan preached.