



98TH SYNOD 2018

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Songhees Wellness Centre, Esquimalt

September 28-30, 2018



WE ARE THE DIOCESE

In his Charge, which was delivered in two parts at Synod, and was introduced by way of a video message to the diocese in early September, the bishop highlighted three priorities for the next biennium:

1. Implementing Transforming Futures fundraising initiative to raise \$7m over seven years
2. Putting the Gospel at the centre of all that we do.

3. Lay Ministry & Leadership Development through a "Season of Discipleship" and a commitment by all Anglicans to practice a "Rule of Life"

The bishop reminded members of Synod that, "over the last number of years, we have shown a fortitude and faithfulness that will prove those who doubt us wrong."

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“We will put the Gospel at the centre of our gathering and conversations... We will also take the Gospel back to our local congregations...” — Bishop Logan

SYNOD GOAL: Create a space to worship, break bread, spend time together, and celebrate being a diocesan community.

MOTIONS & ELECTIONS

For a complete list of motions passed watch for the official Synod Minutes online at bc.anglican.ca/resources/synod. Election results are posted here

SYNOD GOAL: Demonstrate widely recognized, tangible signs that healing and reconciliation within the life of the diocese is happening and is an ongoing priority.

“Wonderful to experience different styles of worship at Synod” — synod delegate



SYNOD GOAL: All synod delegates understand the diocesan vision, have seen examples of it being lived out in the diocese, and are leaving Synod with a sense of enthusiasm and optimism about how the vision is/will be lived out in their church communities.

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In Part II of his Charge, Bishop Logan encouraged the diocese to think ahead:

“The story we choose to live today is the story of tomorrow. In the future, when Anglicans gather on these islands and inlets and ask how we contributed to the world in which we lived, it is my hope that they will see us as story-telling and story-living people. That we took the story of Jesus Christ and lived it in our day; that we took the story of Jesus Christ

and, despite our differences, together we were able to move with confidence and with God, to transform our future. Let it be said of us that we had hope and faith. Let it be said of us that with humility and dignity formed by this faith and through this synod we adjourned the courts of despair and shone light in the dark corridors of pessimism. Let it be said of us that we were prophets of a future not of our own.”

>> READ THE FULL CHARGE
ONLINE AT BC.ANGLICAN.CA/NEWS

“Thank you for the First Nations panel at the end... it was incredible!” — synod delegate

RECONCILIATION & BEYOND

“Wearing the [orange] shirt is the first step. What will you do with it?” — Jessica Sault



The diocese’s commitment to this vision direction (Reconciliation and Beyond) was acknowledged in numerous ways throughout Synod including: the location, the meaningful participation of First Nations in opening worship and a Sunday afternoon panel discussion moderated by Martin Brokenleg, as well as a reflection on the past two years as we have been led by the Sacred Journey the bishop first began in 2016.

Speakers spoke passionately about moments when they have seen reconciliation in action and those times when they have experienced the opposite. For example, Kevin Arndt told about the personal impact of working as a chaplain in the prison system with the now-grown children of residential school survivors whose harrowing stories he first heard in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings.

SYNOD GOAL: Demonstrate a strong, clear sense that after the diocesan year of reconciliation we are beginning to establish new relationships, built on trust and mutual respect, with the First Peoples of these islands and inlets.

LAY LEADERS HONOURED AS CANONS OF THE DIOCESE

In his Charge, the bishop appointed the following people canons of the diocese:

Brenda Dhaene

Brenda has worked tirelessly on our behalf to bring the women of the diocese together for fellowship, teaching, worship and fun.

Michael Coleman

Michael offered his leadership as registrar from 2008-2015 and through his wisdom and experience he served the diocese well.

Joseph Forsyth

Joe continues to implement the diocesan discernment process. His clear leadership not only in administration, but in seeing the discernment process as a spiritual exercise has helped us travel with those who are discerning a call to ordained ministry.

Julie Poskitt

Julie has served the diocese in many ways through her faith and rhythm of life. Recently through her work on the vision fund she has made the diocesan vision a reality in many of the parishes of our diocese.

Doreen Davidson

Doreen's presence at St. John's House in the early years allowed Srs. Doreen and Val to focus on offering ministries of prayer and hospitality to lead retreats and give spiritual direction. She is also a regular volunteer at the synod office.

Alex Nelson

Originally from Kingcome, Alex is a member of the Dzawada'enuxw First Nations. He has travelled with the bishop and the diocese for a number of years. His wisdom and teaching have done much on the journey of truth and reconciliation.

“ I am returning to my parish with a renewed heart. ”
— synod delegate

Overall, how would you rate this synod?

54% Excellent
36% Very Good
8% Good
1% Fair
1% Poor

96 respondents

“ Compared to synods of the past, this synod was grounded and connected to the world, as opposed to isolated in the church. There was no real anger; the debates were about tweaking the dream, but we were all working on the same dream. We listened. I believe our Indigenous neighbours and hosts set the tone for us to listen. ” —synod delegate

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

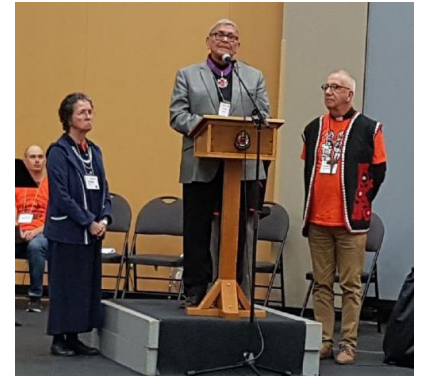
Program coordinators, Rebecca Siebert and Tony Davis's presentation gave synod delegates a challenging message about this critical ministry and the impact it is having, one person/one family at a time.

Download the presentation online at bc.anglican.ca/resources/synod/pages/presentations

SERMONS

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To download copies of the sermons offered at Synod by Martin Brokenleg and Catherine Pate visit bc.anglican.ca/news



ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

At Synod, Bishop Logan invested Chief Robert Joseph as an officer of the Order of the Diocese of British Columbia.

The bishop invested David Barlow as a member of the Order on September 18.

The service of celebration and investiture ceremony takes place on October 20, 2018 at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria at 10:30am. Please join us!



TRANSFORMING FUTURES

SYNOD GOAL: Delegates understand and approve a realistic five-year financial plan that includes a substantial fundraising component.

Divided into three parts, the Transforming Futures presentation included presentations from the parishes of Trinity, Port Alberni and St Michael & All Angels, Chemainus as well as by Ansley Tucker, dean of Columbia and incumbent at Christ Church Cathedral.

In the two parish presentations, the incumbents, along with other representatives shared how they will participate in the initiative at a local level, including fundraising goal, timeline and how the project will help their parish live out the diocesan vision as represented in their context.

In the third presentation Ansley Tucker explained how Transforming Futures will work at both the parish and diocesan levels, and provided opportunity for delegates to ask questions and provide input prior to the vote.

On Sunday morning, Synod unanimously passed a motion to launch Transforming Futures and to encourage all parishes to participate. The first parishes will launch their initiatives as early as January.

Michael Wimmer (incumbent, St Michael & All Angels, Chemainus) will act as facilitator to help launch the program diocesan-wide.

LIVING OUR VISION

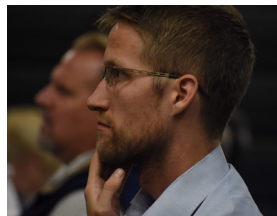
This three-part presentation facilitated by Ian Alexander and Brendon Neilson reported on accomplishments since the last Synod in the vision area of focus: Faith in Action, Faith in Formation, Faith in Foundation

Numerous presenters shared stories of vision-related projects that have been initiated at the local level, with the encouragement and support of the diocesan Vision Fund.

To date, the fund has committed \$444,210 to 50 projects across the diocese. To learn more visit bc.anglican.ca/vision.

View the Living Our Vision videos, listen to the podcasts and download the presentations online at bc.anglican.ca/media and bc.anglican.ca/resources/synod

SYNOD GOAL: Conduct regular canonical business required of a synod (appointments, elections, constitutional amendments, budget presentation).



“Great encouragement seeing what other parishes are doing and what the diocese is doing.” — synod delegate

FAITHFUL SERVANTS TO RETIRE



Connie Isherwood, chancellor
1987-2018



Susanne House, clerical secretary
1997-2018 [with short breaks]



Imelda Secker (right), executive
assistant to the bishop
2000-2018.

Shown with Judith Colman, synod staff

FAITH IN ACTION

The areas of our shared work where we bring the healing hands of the church out into a hurting world and celebrate what God is already up to in our communities.

FAITH IN FORMATION

The areas of our life together where we are fed and enabled as disciples of Christ for his service.

FAITH IN FOUNDATION

The ongoing work of the diocese; work we are currently doing that we need to continually be nurturing and enhancing.