



## THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2021 - Virtual meeting using ZOOM.US platform

### EX OFFICIO

Bishop  
Chancellor  
Vice Chancellor  
Dean  
Registrar  
Lay Secretary  
Clerical Secretary  
Treasurer

The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee  
Bob Gill

### **Vacant**

The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker  
Nathan Lampard R  
Canon Elaine Ellison  
The Rev. Paul Schumacher  
Barbara Underhill

### ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall R  
Don Wilson  
Joan Hoffman  
Ash Blair

The Venerable Clara Plamondon R  
Michael Wolff  
Penny Holt

### ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet  
The Rev. Heather Cutten

Walter Stewart  
Lynn Schumacher  
Denise Ropp R  
Ed Norman

### APPOINTED

Boyd Shaw

### STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, executive officer  
Gail Gauthier, finance officer  
Catherine Pate, communications officer  
Brendon Neilson, vision animator

### GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli

Faith in Foundation: Asset Management • Financial Resources • Effective Communication • Current Ministries  
• Shared and Remote Ministries

RENEWED **H**EARTS RENEWED **S**PIRITS RENEWED **P**EOPLE

## Welcome, Opening Prayer and Team Building

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee opened the meeting at 10:01 AM and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council. The bishop thanked the members of council for joining in this virtual meeting on the ZOOM platform.

Bishop Anna offered a poem as the opening prayer, and then provided these comments:

The bishop asked each member of council to consider this question: "What have we learned as a church during COVID?" Members of council were asked to offer a brief response to this question. This is a summation of their responses:

- 1) Church without walls, a church moving into the world, loneliness of pandemic is 'real.'
- 2) Technology has given us new skill sets, has reduced our carbon footprint, created better social interactions, has brought our diocese closer together through program, events, and study. That which began as a hinderance is now a better way for us to do much of the work, has unified us digitally, has given us much. But what have we missed, who have we missed, what needs have we not met for others? Disparity still exists in internet use.
- 3) Reaching out to new families, the broader community, has brought us closer to our neighbours and friends, has exposed the needs of the marginalized, the homeless, youth, and our church families. Highlighted our fear of COVID, has been humbling – "We don't know what we think we know."
- 4) The "new normal" – a moving target requiring us to be adaptable, creative, flexible, and able to pivot in response to change.

The bishop then asked if there were any changes to the agenda: None

## Consent Agenda

**Regrets for Absence** - The clerical secretary noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting. There were 3 voting members absent, and no youth voting member(s) of council absent. The clerical secretary declared that there was a quorum present.

### Consent agenda approval

- 1) Receive the Diocesan Council minutes for the meeting held on February 25, 2021.

Finance Committee Items: 003-01

- 2) Receive the Finance Committee minutes for the meeting held on March 18, 2021, including:
  - a. Financial Statements and Reports for February 2021 as circulated.
  - b. Property Advisor's activity reports for February 2021.
  - c. Receive the yearend financial statements for Bethlehem Investors Group Ltd.
  - d. Receive the 2021 budget and general operation report for Bethlehem Investors Group.

**Resolved:** *That the consent agenda be approved.*

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Ed Norman

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

## Canons Committee

Diocesan council direction to the Canons Committee to make some changes to the Canons and Regulations. Changes to Canons and Regulations are to be presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Regular Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

Comments: Chancellor Bob Gill provided council with a document outlining the proposed changes to the Canons and Regulations under several Canons. The Canons Committee report to diocesan council is attached as Appendix 1.

**THAT** the Canons Committee minutes from March 8, 2021 be received.

**MOVED BY:** Barbara Underhill

**SECONDED BY:** Ash Blair

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** Regulation 5.6.01, paragraph f. (5) be amended by striking all wording following the first sentence, so it shall read:

If members of the clergy are granted leave of absence of not more than one year's duration for educational purposes, the amount of any stipend received during the absence shall be determined by agreement with the salary paying source.

**MOVED BY:** Joan Hoffman

**SECONDED BY:** Ansley Tucker

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** Canon 3 and Regulation 3.07 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as set out in the attachment – Appendix 2.

**MOVED BY:** Michael Wolff

**SECONDED BY:** Penny Holt

A discussion followed in which comments were made regarding the role of youth representatives to diocesan council, and how youth will need to be represented in the diocese going forward.

A suggestion was made to hold one meeting of diocesan council annually to discuss youth related topics and programs.

A suggestion was made regarding having at least one youth representative from the youth council sit as a member of diocesan council.

The bishop responded to a question regarding the need to make diocesan council smaller. A smaller council can work more effectively, recognizing that council can tie up a lot of time. People are our greatest asset, and there are other places and groups within the diocese where much of this work can be done.

Further questions regarding the value of youth within the diocese were responded to by the bishop. Bishop Anna suggested that Canons provide for the appointment of additional persons to diocesan council, and youth representation could be handled under these provisions.

Joan Hoffman and Ash Blair will meet with the bishop to further explore the role of our youth within the diocese.

Ash Blair wished to be recorded as opposed.

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** Canon 4 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as set out in the attachment – Appendix 3, with the added note that either the clerical secretary or the lay secretary is to take minutes. (Friendly amendment suggested by Ansley Tucker)

**MOVED BY:** Paul Schumacher

**SECONDED BY:** Heather Cutten

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** Regulation 4.2.01 to Canon 4.2 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as set out in the attachment – Appendix 3.

**MOVED BY:** Paul Schumacher

**SECONDED BY:** Heather Cutten

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** Canon 7.1 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as set out in the attachment – Appendix 3.

**MOVED BY:** Bob Gill

**SECONDED BY:** Ansley Tucker

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

*Diocesan council took a ten-minute break at 10:55 AM, returning at 11:05 AM*

**THAT** Canon 6.11 of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended – Appendix 4, by adding the following as paragraph c:

c. The diocesan council may make regulations governing the use of capital from the proceeds of the sale of property.

**MOVED BY:** Michael Wolff

**SECONDED BY:** Ed Norman

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

**THAT** the following **Regulation 6.11.01** be adopted:

**REGULATION 6.11.01 – CAPITAL PROPERTY TRUSTS**

In the case of rectory property, Appendix “L” applies unless express permission is given by the diocesan council.

If implemented, a further policy should still be added to add to Reg 6.11.01 to apply to capital property other than rectory trusts. This will have to be addressed in the future, until then, any such considerations would be left up to Diocesan Council under Canon 6.11.b.

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Don Wilson

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

Canon 1.2.3b

'The administrator shall account and report fully to the bishop, following upon the bishop's installation' be amended to add "or the return of a bishop".

**THAT** Canon 1.2.3b be amended to add the phrase "or the return of a bishop"

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Ansley Tucker

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

### **Refugee Sponsorship Program – task force**

The bishop announced the appointment of a task force led by Brendon Neilson, with refugee staff members Tony Davis and Eulala Mills, and the Rev. Ruth Dantzer. The task force will make recommendations to diocesan council at the April 29, 2021 meeting of council.

### **Vision Implementation Report**

This is a time of renewal with our diocese. The task set needed to move our Vision Implementation program forward is itself not the destination. The targets we are aiming for are in constant motion.

Diocesan council agreed by consensus to receive the Vision Implementation Report – Appendix 5, and to affirm the move to a single Vision oversight implementation team for the diocese.

### **Anglican Foundation Applications + Capital Works**

Capital Works in excess of \$20,000 + two Anglican Foundation Grant tied applications

- 1) Motion of approval for St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill application for funding from the Anglican Foundation

**THAT** the Diocesan Council approves the Capitol Works project for re-roofing and approves the application of St John the Baptist, Cobble Hill, to the Anglican Foundation for funding (up to \$15,000) to replace its roof.

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Ed Norman

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

- 2) Motion of approval for St. Stephen, Parish of Central Saanich application for funding from the Anglican Foundation

**THAT** the Diocesan Council approves the Capitol Works project to re-paint the church building exterior and approves the application of St Stephen, Parish of Central Saanich, to the Anglican Foundation for funding (up to \$15,000) to repaint the exterior of its church.

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Ed Norman

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

- 3) St. Paul's Nanaimo – Outstanding CS&P loan \$358,000

**THAT** Diocesan Council approves the Finance Committee recommendation to forgive St. Paul's Nanaimo Church the outstanding balance of the CS&P loan in the amount of \$358,000 held by the Diocese of British Columbia as of March 25, 2021. A discussion followed the moving of this motion.

**MOVED BY:** Boyd Shaw

**SECONDED BY:** Heather Cutten

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

- 4) St. Mary's Oak Bay – Draw from the parish Rectory Trust Fund – funds to cover cost of upgrading the fire panel as an improvement to the building.

**THAT** Diocesan Council approves the Finance Committee recommendation for the Parish of St. Mary's Oak Bay to draw \$6866.30 from the Rectory Trust Fund (part of the Consolidated Trust Funds held by the Diocese of British Columbia for upgrades to the building fire panel, as a building improvement.

**MOVED BY:** Walter Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Michael Wolff

**THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

#### **Other Business –**

- 1) Amber indicated that the youth in our diocese take pride in having a place as members of diocesan council. She felt that the youth will find it difficult should they not have any representation to diocesan council. The bishop indicated that our youth will still be represented as delegates to provincial and general synod and as regional youth delegates to diocesan synod.

#### **Closing Reflection**

The bishop thanked Bob Gill and the Canons Committee for their work on the Canons and Regulation. She also thanked everyone in attendance for their commitment to the life of the Diocese. The bishop blessed the members of diocesan council.

Bishop Anna moved the conclusion of the meeting at 11:50 AM.

**Next Scheduled Diocesan Council meeting**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 10:00 am by ZOOM Platform**