

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF SYNOD – MAY 29, 2021

As this synod is being conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing, motions from the floor will not be accepted. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. There will be a short mid-morning break at approx. 11.00am.

8.30	Zoom meeting opens	
9.00	Welcome and territorial acknowledgement	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Opening worship and bishop's charge	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee Brenda Nestegaard-Paul, presider
	Test vote to confirm registration	
	Report of the registrar on behalf of the credentials committee	Nathan Lampard, registrar
	Modifying the rules of order – motion to waive the canonical requirement for Holy Communion; to give voice without vote to those listed	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Election of clerical secretary and lay secretary	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Tribute to Connie Isherwood	Bob Gill, chancellor
	Receiving of reports as provided in the convening circular and the supplementary materials circular	Eric Partridge, chair, resolutions committee
	Approval of the no-debate list	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Report from the treasurer and finance officer	Barbara Underhill, treasurer Gail Gauthier, finance officer
	Amendments to canons and regulations / motion to amend Canon 3 and Regulation 3.02, dealing with size and frequency of diocesan council	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee Bob Gill, chancellor

	Election of diocesan treasurer and Diocesan Court lay member	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Acknowledgement of election of regional representatives to Diocesan Council	Alastair Singh-McCollum, archdeacon, Tolmie
	Election to position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ General Synod – Clergy (3) ❖ General Synod – Lay (3) ❖ General Synod – Youth (1) ❖ Provincial Synod – Clergy (2) ❖ Provincial Synod – Lay (3) 	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
	Transforming Futures update	Walter Stewart, Transforming Futures co-chair
	Report on elections	Ron Dyck and Kat McCann, returning officers
	Motion of thanks	Elizabeth Northcott, archdeacon, Nimpkish
	Closing comments and adjournment	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee
12.30	Blessing	Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

**Next regular meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia
will be held in September 2023.**



MODIFYING THE RULES OF ORDER

Waiver of Requirement for Holy Communion at Synod

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Robert Gill

RESOLVED: That in consideration of the present public health emergency, and in recognition of the corporate act of worship just concluded, strict compliance with the requirement in Canon 2.1 to begin this session of Synod with the public celebration of Holy Communion is waived on this occasion only.

Suspension of the Rules of Order

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Robert Gill

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

Ron Dyck
Gail Gauthier
Kat McCann
Brendon Neilson
Catherine Pate
Tara Saracuse

NO-DEBATE LIST

The motions in this document are placed before Synod for adoption. It is not expected that anything in this list will be contentious or require debate. A single vote (by orders¹) will be taken on the entire package. However, before proceeding with that vote, members of Synod will be invited to request that the Chair remove from this list any item that they wish to address. Each item so removed will then be taken off the no-debate list, and considered separately prior to taking the vote on it, so questions may be asked and debate pursued.

MOVED, by Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee, that the following items on this no-debate list be adopted in a single vote:

1. The synod of the Diocese of British Columbia recognizes that we live within a web of historic and current relationships and that we are accountable to and called to live in right relation with all our neighbours. As an expression of this, we send greetings to the following:

- ❖ **To the hereditary and elected chiefs, elders and councils of all First Nations of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples on these islands.** We, the bishop, chancellor, clergy, and lay members of the 100th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, meeting this 29th day of May 2021, on your traditional lands, greet you in the spirit of our kinship as children of the Creator. We solemnly pledge that the Sacred Journey begun by Bishop Logan will be continued by Anglicans on these islands, as a way of continuing along the path of right relationship and reconciliation.

- ❖ Our international and national church leaders, including:

The Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England,
Her Majesty, Elizabeth II

The Archbishop of Canterbury, **the Most Rev'd Justin Welby**

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, **the Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls**

The National Indigenous Bishop, **the Most Rev'd Mark MacDonald**

- ❖ The bishops of the dioceses and ecclesiastical jurisdictions in British Columbia & Yukon:

Bishop of Caledonia, **the Right Rev'd David Lehman**

Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon, **the Right Rev'd Lesley Wheeler-Dame**

Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon and Archbishop of Kootenay, **the Most Rev'd Lynne McNaughton**

Bishop of the Territory of the People, **the Right Rev'd Lincoln McKeon**

Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, **the Right Rev'd John Stephens**

¹ None of these items except the canon amendments strictly require that the vote be taken by orders. However, to comply with the requirement regarding canon amendments, the vote will be tallied by orders.

- ❖ Our Ecumenical Partners with whom we are in shared ministry:

The bishop of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada,
the Rev'd Dr. Greg Mohr

The Pacific Mountain Regional Council of the United Church of Canada, **the Rev'd
Treena Duncan**

2. That the appointment and membership of the following Sessional Committees be ratified:

Agenda

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee – Chair
Ronald Dyck
Elaine Ellison
Barry Foster
Robert Gill
Craig Hiebert
Kathleen McCann
Eric Partridge
Catherine Pate
Tara Saracuse
Paul Schumacher
Ansley Tucker

Nominations

Alastair Singh-McCollum - Chair
Penelope Kingham
Elizabeth Northcott
Clara Plamondon
Dawna Wall

Resolutions

Eric Partridge – Chair
Barry Foster
Robert Gill

3. That the reports and notices of motion printed in the 100th Synod Convening Circular and the supplementary materials be received.
4. That the minutes of the 98th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia held September 28-30, 2018 be approved.
5. That the minutes of the 99th Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia held September 26, 2020 be approved.
6. That the Report of the Diocesan Council and the Finance Committee from August 2018 to April 2021 be received, and the actions be approved.



(Episcopal Election)

7. That Canons 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 be repealed and in their place be enacted Canons 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 in the form attached.
8. That Canon 1.7 be renumbered Canon 1.5.
9. That Synod ratify the repeal by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 1.2.01** and Appendix C to the Canons and Regulations, and their replacement with **Regulation 1.4.01** in the form attached, to come into effect upon the adoption of the amendments to Canon 1.
10. That **Regulations 1.7.01, 1.7.02, 1.7.03 and 1.7.04** be renumbered Regulations **1.5.01, 1.5.02, 1.5.03 and 1.5.04**.

(Electronic Meeting and Voting)

11. That Synod ratify the enactment by Diocesan Council of **Regulations 1.2.01A, 1.7.05, 2.1.05, 3.02A**, paragraph b.(5) to **Regulation 3.03**, and **Regulation 6.7.02** to the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia, in the form attached**, and that **Regulation 1.7.05** be renumbered **1.5.05**.

(Camp Columbia Management Team)

12. That Canon 3 of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended by striking "The Camp Columbia Management Team Chair" from clause 3.a.1.
13. That Regulation 3.07 to Canon 3 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended by striking Article i., "Camp Columbia Management Team (CCMT)" in its entirety.

(Diocesan Executive Officer)

14. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 3.06** in the form attached.

(Finance Committee Size and Meeting Frequency)

15. That **Canons 4.1 and 4.5** be amended in accordance with the form attached.
16. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 4.2.01** in the form attached.



(Clergy Educational Leave)

17. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 5.6.01**, paragraph f.(5) 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.

(Capital Projects)

18. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 6.3.05** in the form attached.

(Cemetery Committees)

19. That subparagraph a. of **Canon 6.5** of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended to provide for not more than four parishioners to sit on a parish cemetery committee, so the Canon will read as follows:

- a. The incumbent and churchwardens shall have the responsibility for the management and control of the cemetery, subject to provincial legislation and regulation. This cemetery committee may add to its number not more than four parishioners for the purpose of administration.

(Capital Property Trusts)

20. That **Canon 6.11** of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended 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.

21. That **Regulation 6.11.01** be amended by striking paragraphs (1) and (2), and by replacing paragraph (3) with the following:

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.



(Quorums at Vestry Meetings; responsibilities of churchwardens)

22. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulations 6.7.01 and 6.8.01** in the form attached.

(Educational Trusts Board)

23. That **Canon 7** be amended in accordance with the form attached.

(Order of the Diocese)

24. That **Canon 10** be amended in accordance with the form attached.
25. That Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of **Regulation 10.1** in the form attached.



AMENDMENTS TO CANONS & REGULATIONS

Motion to amend Canon 3 and Regulation 3.02, dealing with size and frequency of diocesan council.

MOVED by Diocesan Council:

RESOLVED that Canon 3 of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as follows:

1. By striking clause 3.a.2.b [*clerical and lay persons elected by Synod*]
2. By striking subclauses a and b of clause 3.a.3, and replacing clause 3 with:
 3. Appointed: At any time between regular sessions of the Synod, the bishop and council may appoint up to three additional members, who shall serve until the next Synod.
3. By striking clause 3.d, and replacing it with:

The council shall meet at least five times per year, or more frequently at the initiative of the bishop or as may be requested by any two members, for the transaction of the ordinary business of Synod and, in particular, to take necessary action upon the reports of the committees of Synod.

RESOLVED that Canon 3 of the canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as follows:

By striking clause 3.a.2.c [*youth representatives elected by Synod*]

RESOLVED that Synod ratify the amendment by Diocesan Council of Regulation 3.02.a to read:

The diocesan council shall meet at such place as the secretaries shall direct.