Minutes for 101st Synod - May 13, 2023

The 101st Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia was conducted using the Zoom video and web conferencing platform, allowing members to meet virtually. The meeting space opened at 8:30am to allow delegates time to access the Zoom platform. Paula Brundell welcomed delegates during this time. Paula and Meghan Thonger managed delegates' attendance and use of the Zoom platform for this gathering.

The meeting opened at 9:00am.

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Bishop Anna welcomed delegates and provided instructions for delegates regarding this session of Synod.

A pre-recorded welcome and Territorial acknowledgement, received from many parishes, from the unceded territories of the first peoples on which we gratefully live, work, worship and play on, was viewed.

On Friday, May 12th, 2023, at 5PM, a celebration of Holy Communion took place at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. This service was livestreamed across the Diocese of Islands and Inlets. During this service, Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee gave the "Charge to Synod". The Bishop's "Charge to Synod" may be found in the attached document. (Appendix 1).

Agenda for the 101st Synod was accepted (Appendix 2)

Registration

Data on the Spot provided the voting platform for Synod. A short video concerning voting instructions was presented for delegates' benefit.

Open and test vote to confirm registration – A vote to confirm registration was opened for delegates to register and test their voting connection.

Registration closed.

Report of the Registrar on behalf of the Credentials Committee

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff – registrar

SECONDED BY: Paul Schumacher – clerical secretary

THAT the report of the Registrar be received as presented:

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

I confirm that 39 clergy and 73 laity have registered as present for this synod, and therefore, the synod has quorum and is organized for business.

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 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 May 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Wolff, Registrar"

The Bishop then recognized the Reverend Canon John Steele who presented the following motion:

MOVED BY: John Steele SECONDED BY: Laura Dey

That the following message of loyalty be conveyed to His Majesty the King.

Most Gracious Sovereign, We, the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Clergy, and Lay members, your most loyal subjects, meeting as the Diocese of Islands and Inlets in British Columbia, this 13th day of May 2023, send warm and loyal greetings. We pray for the health of your Majesty and for all the members of the Royal Family. God save the King.

Bishop Anna asked the Executive Archdeacon, Eric Partridge, to assume the chair of the meeting. The Bishop spoke to the motion, outlining several areas of concern with the 'expression of loyalty' contained in the motion. Bishop Anna presented an amendment which would remove all references to "loyalty" contained in the original motion. The amendment was accepted by the mover, John Steele, and the seconder, Laura Dey.

The amended motion then read:

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THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AS AMENDED

The Bishop then resumed the chair of this Synod meeting.

Message to First Nations Brothers and Sisters

The Reverend Canon John Steele proposed a second motion to Synod:

MOVED BY: John Steele SECONDED BY: Laura Dey

That the following message be conveyed by the regional archdeacon in each of the diocesan regions to the hereditary and elected chiefs, elders, and councils of the First Nations of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chahnulth, and Kwakwaka'waka peoples on whose territory the respective regional parishes live, work, and pray.

We, the bishop, clergy and lay members of the 101st Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets, meeting this 13th day of May 2023, on your traditional lands greet you I the spirit of our sisterhood and brotherhood as children of the Creator. We solemnly pledge that the Sacred Journey we are on will be

continued by Anglicans on these islands and inlets, as a way of continuing along the path of right relationship and reconciliation.

A friendly amendment was proposed, changing "brothers and sisters" to "siblings". A second friendly amendment using the words 'spirit of unity as children" was also proposed and accepted by the mover John Steele, and the seconder Laura Dey.

The amended motion then read:

That the following message be conveyed by the regional archdeacon in each of the diocesan regions to the hereditary and elected chiefs, elders, and councils of the First Nations of the Coast Salish, Nuu-chahnulth, and Kwakwaka'waka peoples on whose territory the respective regional parishes live, work, and pray.

We, the bishop, clergy and lay members of the 101st Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets, meeting this 13th day of May 2023, on your traditional lands greet you in the spirit of unity as children of the Creator. We solemnly pledge that the Sacred Journey we are on will be continued by Anglicans on these islands and inlets, as a way of continuing along the path of right relationship and reconciliation.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED AS AMENDED

The Bishop indicated that Synod staff would work with the regional archdeacons to enact the above decision of Synod.

Election of clerical and lay secretaries

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee put forward the names of the Reverend Paul Schumacher as Clerical Secretary, and Susan Rand as Lay Secretary.

Bishop Anna asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

The bishop declared the Reverend Paul Schumacher acclaimed clerical secretary, and Susan Rand acclaimed lay secretary for this session of Synod until the 102nd regular Synod.

Receiving of reports as provided in the Convening Circular and the Supplementary Materials Circular (Appendix 3, 2.2, 2.3)

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

THAT the reports as provided in the Convening Circular and the Supplementary Materials Circular be received by Synod on this day, May 13, 2023.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Appointment and membership of the following Sessional Committees:

The Bishop announced the following appointments:

Agenda Committee: Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

Paula Blundell Eric Partridge Paul Schumacher

Nominations Committee: Lon Towstego

Elizabeth Northcott

Clara Plamondon

Alistair Singh-McCollum

Eric Partridge

Resolutions Committee: Eric Partridge

Isabel Weeks

Approval of the No-Debate List (Appendix 4)

MOVED BY: Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

That the items on this no-debate list (attached document- Appendix) be adopted through a single motion to approve.

The Bishop asked if there were any items to be removed from the no-debate list?

The Reverend Canon John Steele requested that the motion regarding Canon 2.1, Synod beginning with Holy Communion, be removed from the no-debate list; and the Minutes of the 100th Synod be removed, both for later consideration by this Synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED with two items removed.

Financial Report (Appendix 5)

Gillian Astbury-Henke, finance officer for the Diocese, presented two short video presentations outlining the 2022 diocesan financial picture, and the 2023 budget. Bishop Anna asked if there were questions from the synod delegates. The Bishop responded to questions regarding the need to maitain continued checks on contractors and consultants being contracted by the Diocese.

A note of appreciation was received from Marilyn Taylor regarding the high degree of clarity provided in this presentation from the finance officer.

Canon Ian Alexander also expressed his appreciation for the clarity in the presentation. He went on to request further information regarding the amount of funds still being held in the Vision Fund account.

The finance officer reported on the investment interest from last year.

Bishop Anna thanked Gillian Astbury-Heinke for her work as finance officer during these recent months of change in the synod office. The Bishop described Gillian as being someone who can work with "grace and dignity" under pressure.

MOVED BY: Helen Love

SECONDED BY: Sharon Wickware

That the financial reports for 2022, and diocesan budget for 2023 by received by Synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Amendments to Canons and Regulations (Appendix 6.1, 6.2)

Chancellor Isabel Weeks offered a brief introduction to the changes proposed to the Canons of the diocese. The Canons Committee has begun the work of updating the Canons and will continue in this work aiming to the complete revision of Canons to be ready for presentation to Synod in 2024-25.

Canons will be revised such as to be presented in plain language, with consistency of all provisions, reflecting the current reality of diocesan existence, and division of items into Canons, Regulations, and Policies, as is best determined by the Canons Committee and approved by Synod.

Motion A (1):

Amend the Table of Contents by deleting the reference to Canon 1.5 and inserting in its place the following:

Canon 1.5- REGIONS AND ARCHDEACONS

Motion B (2):

Amend the definitions section of the canons by deleting the following:

"Regional dean" is the cleric appointed by the bishop as the head of the region.

Motion C (3):

Amend the canons and regulations by deleting Canon 1.5 and its regulations in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

CANON 1.5 – REGIONS AND ARCHDEACONS

a. Regions

The parishes of the Diocese shall be grouped in regions for the purpose of

- promoting the spiritual life within each region,
- supporting common ministries within the region, and considering matters affecting the Diocese as a whole.
 - 1) The regions shall be defined by the bishop.
 - 2) Primary funding for regional ministries shall be from the parishes of the region, and some funds may be made available from the diocesan budget.

- 3) Priorities for regional ministry shall be established at the annual conference of clergy and laity within the region.
- b. Authority and Governance
 - 1. Each region accedes to the authority of the bishop of British Columbia, the actions of the Diocesan Synod, the constitution and canons of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada.
 - 2. Each region shall be governed by an executive committee the composition of which shall be set out in the regulations to this canon.

d. Archdeacons

- 1) The bishop shall appoint regional archdeacons. Regional archdeacons shall hold office at the pleasure of the bishop. However, all appointments shall terminate upon the accession of a new diocesan bishop. Regional archdeacons shall be assigned to one or more regions (which may then be called an archdeaconry.
- 2) In consultation with the diocesan council, the bishop may appoint an executive archdeacon, who will assist the bishop directly in the oversight of the Diocese.
- 3) In consultation with the diocesan council, the bishop may appoint the executive archdeacon as executive officer.
- 4) Archdeacons shall be installed by the bishop, or by the dean under the mandate of the bishop.

REGULATION 1.5.01 REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- 1) In each region there shall be a conference which shall meet at least once during the calendar year, on a date to be set by the regional archdeacon after consulting with the regional chapter and the lay vice-chair. The conference shall comprise:
 - All active clergy in the region holding the licence of the bishop;
 - The churchwardens, treasurer, and the lay delegates and alternates to Diocesan Synod from each parish within the region.
 - Up to four additional lay delegates from each parish within the region.
- 2) The regional archdeacon shall convene and preside at all meetings of the conference, except that at the request, or in the absence of the regional archdeacon, the lay vicechair may convene and preside at meetings of the conference.
- 3) The regional conference
 - shall elect from the persons nominated by its constituent parishes at their annual general meeting a youth lay delegate or delegates to Synod as set out in article III (g) and shall notify the diocesan office of such election;

- shall prior to a Diocesan Synod nominate one clerical and one lay person from among its members who are members of Synod to serve on the diocesan council as set out in canon 3 a. 2 a.;
- may consider any matters of common concern relating to the parishes within the region, and make pertinent recommendations to diocesan committees;
- may allocate funds to support regional ministries and projects;
- shall send copies of its minutes, and notices of forthcoming meetings, to the bishop.
- 4) If necessary, the region shall have a special conference to nominate a person to fill any vacancy of a representative to the diocesan council.

REGULATION 1.5.02 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Each region shall be governed by an executive committee comprising: the regional archdeacon, the
regional lay vice-chair, a second lay person, and another cleric chosen by regional clergy. The
regional lay vice-chair and second lay person will be elected at the first meeting of the regional
conference following a regular Synod.

REGULATION 1.5.03 REGIONAL CHAPTER (CLERICUS)

The regional archdeacon shall convene and chair the regional chapter, which consists of all of the active clergy within the region holding the licence of the bishop. The regional chapter will meet at the call of the regional archdeacon.

REGULATION 1.5.04 - ARCHDEACONS

- a. The duties of a regional archdeacon may include:
 - 1) Welcoming and orienting new incumbents and other clergy to the archdeaconry.
 - 2) Installing a new incumbent in "The Celebration of a New Ministry," and, in the absence of the bishop, preside at the service.
 - 3) In general, providing pastoral support to clergy in their work, and especially in times of crisis.
 - 4) Providing pastoral support to parishes in a time of crisis, especially when clergy are suspended, removed, or die.
 - 5) When an incumbency comes to an end, meeting with the cleric for an "end of ministry" interview.
 - 6) Within their archdeaconries, the archdeacons, after consulting with the appropriate regional and parish wardens, shall ensure that the ministrations of the church are carried out regularly in parishes where there is no incumbent.

- 7) Inspect rectories during vacancies.
- 8) Conduct "transition days" in parishes.
- 9) As members of the cathedral chapter, archdeacons shall assist, as best they may, in the worship and work of the cathedral.
- 10) Serve on committees as the bishop's appointee.
- 11) Meet with the bishop, the dean, and the other archdeacons on a regular basis.
- b. Where a territorial archdeacon is unable to carry out a duty for any reason, the bishop shall ask the diocesan archdeacon or another archdeacon to act for them.
- c. The bishop may assign the title of archdeacon emeritus to an archdeacon who has ceased to hold office.

REGULATION 1.5.05 - REGIONAL LAY VICE CHAIR

- a. Purpose: The regional lay vice chair works in partnership with the regional archdeacon in the planning of regional mission and ministries, regional conference, and regional programs.
- b. The regional lay vice chair is a volunteer position elected by regional conference after each synod.
- c. The term of office of the regional lay vice chair is from Synod to Synod and may be renewed once.
- d. The duties and responsibilities include:
- working with regional chapter for setting of agenda and discussion of regional mission
- responsible to the bishop and regional archdeacon
- chairs regional conference in absence of regional archdeacon
- empowering greater communication between the parishes of the region, and from the regional executive committee and the regional conference to parishes and parish councils.
- e. Travel costs will be paid in accordance with the diocesan standard from the diocesan travel budget.
- f. The qualifications for the lay vice-chair shall be the same as for delegates to Synod.

REGULATION 1.5.06 – CONDUCT OF REGIONAL CONFERENCES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

a. The regional archdeacon may direct that at any regional conference a member may participate by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to

communicate adequately with each other during the meeting. A member so participating in a meeting is deemed for the purposes of the Canons to be present at the meeting.

- b. The regional archdeacon may direct that any regional conference shall be held entirely by means of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.
- c. In any regional conference where members participate by electronic means, those provisions of Regulation 2.1.05 that are not in conflict with this Regulation shall apply, with the necessary grammatical and contextual changes.

Policy - FINANCES FOR REGIONAL MINISTRY

- 1. Regional ministry will normally be funded by the parishes of the region who are proposing the work, project, program or outreach. A cost sharing formula should be established between the parishes and each parish council should formally agree to its portion. Some funding may be made available from the diocesan budget but only when the majority of the cost is committed to by the participating parishes or other funding sources.
- 2. Applications should be made to the program sub-committee of diocesan council through the diocesan office and must indicate a breakdown of the total cost of the planned ministry, the amount of funding already agreed to by each parish and other funding sources and the amount expected from the Diocese. Diocesan financial support should not be assumed and approval may not be a commitment longer than the current year.

Motion D (4)

That canon 3.g be deleted in its entirety and in its place be inserted the following:

g. The bishop shall make nominations for the diocesan executive officer and the diocesan finance officer respectively to the council, and upon approval thereof, diocesan council shall appoint the persons so nominated. They shall serve at the pleasure of both the bishop and the diocesan council.

Motion E (5)

That regulation 3.07 b (1) be amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

(1) The membership shall consist of a convener (who shall be the archdeacon chosen by the bishop) and the regional lay vice chairs.

And that regulation 3.07 g (1) be amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- (1) Membership shall consist of:
 - a. The diocesan executive officer
 - b. One regional archdeacon
 - c. The finance officer
 - d. Three or more lay people, at least two of whom shall be members of synod
 - e. One additional priest of the diocese

Motion F (6)

That canon 4.1 a. (4) be deleted.

Motion G (7)

That canon 3. a. be amended by adding to the list of ex-officio members the registrar such that 3. A. shall read:

- a. The council shall consist of:
 - 1. Ex-officio: The bishop (chair)

Bishop coadjutor, bishop suffragan and bishop assistant

The dean

The chancellor

The vice chancellor

The clerical secretary

The lay secretary

The treasurer

The registrar (with voice but no vote)

And that canon 4.1 a. (1) be amended by deleting the parenthetical phrase "(or registrar in absence of the chancellor)"

Motion H (8)

That Appendix H be removed from the canons and moved to policy.

Motion I (9)

That the canons committee as constituted from time to time undertake a complete review and redrafting of the canons and regulations with the intention that the canons committee present to Synod 2025 a revised set of canons and regulations that:

- 1. Is in plain language;
- 2. Is internally consistent in terms, process and formatting;
- 3. Reflects the current experience of the diocese;
- 4. Reflects the appropriate division among issues that belong in the canons, those that belong in the regulations and those that belong in a policy manual;
- 5. Is forward looking and allows for future flexibility where flexibility is appropriate.

Motion J (10):

That an amendment to the constitution deleting from Article 1 (b) the definition the following:

"regional dean" is the cleric appointed by the bishop as the head of the region

be laid before this synod pursuant to Article XVI of the constitution, so that, if approved in accordance with Article XVI, it shall lie over to the next regular session of synod for consideration.

MOVED BY: Timothy Ray MOTION: Elizabeth Northcott

That the amendments to the canons numbered 1 through 10 in the convening circular under "Lists of Motions" (Appendix 6.2) all be dealt with as a single motion, and that those motions be renumbered alphabetically from A to J for ease of reference.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Isabel Weeks

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the omnibus motion (A-J) be passed.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Motion #K (#11a)

MOVED BY: Isabel Weeks SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That paragraph a. of Canon 2.1 be amended to read:

Each session shall normally begin with a public celebration of the Holy Communion. And upon adoption of the above amendment to Canon 2.1 by the next session of Synod, that the following regulation come into force as paragraph 'a' of Regulation 2.1.01 (Order of Business), and that the remaining paragraphs a-d of Regulation be re-lettered accordingly: "a". Where the public celebration of the Holy Communion is deemed impractical (friendly amendment) not viable, a session may begin with an alternative public service of worship in a form authorized by the Bishop.

A period of discussion followed. A friendly amendment to the motion is noted in the text of the above motion. Comments for and against the motion were expressed by Synod delegates.

The bishop called for the vote.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED (eight delegates total from both laity and clergy voted against the motion)

Motion #L (#11b)

MOVED BY: Isabel Weeks

MOTION: Eric Partridge

That the second "bullet point" in paragraph a.c.(3) of Canon 1.5 be amended by striking the word "nominate" and replacing it with "elect", and by correcting the reference to Canon 3.a.2, so that the revised bullet point shall read as follows: - shall prior to a Diocesan Synod elect one clerical and one lay person from among its members who are members of synod to serve on the diocesan council as set out in canon 3.a.2. And that paragraph a.2 Canon 3 be rescinded and replaced with the following: e.2. Elected: One clerical and one lay, being members of the Synod, elected from each Region, who shall be confirmed by motion at a regular Synod to save on the Council until the next regular Synod.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Election of Treasurer

The bishop announced the nomination of Joel Hefty as Treasurer until the next regular Synod in 2025.

The bishop called for any further nominations. None were forthcoming. Joel Hefty was acclaimed as Treasurer until the next regular Synod in 2024-25.

Election to Diocesan Court

The bishop announced the nomination of Walter Stewart and Jane Morley as lay members to the Diocesan Court. Bishop Anna also nominated Elizebeth Northcott as clergy member to diocesan court.

The bishop called for any further nominations. None were forthcoming. Elizabeth, Jane, and Walter were acclaimed as members of the Diocesan Court until the next regular Synod in 2024-25.

Acknowledgement of Election of regional representatives to Diocesan Council (Appendix 7)

Archdeacon Lon Towstego, chair of the Nominations committee, acknowledged the election results from each of the five Regions within the Diocese. Does not require a motion – for information only. The following Regionals Representatives to Diocesan Council are:

Lay Vice Chair	Clergy Representative Trish	Lay Representative Laura Dey
Philippa (Pip) Woodcock	Vollmann-Stock	
Western, Peninsula, Gulf		
Islands—elected		
Lay Vice Chair	Clergy Representative	Lay Representative Helen
Walter Stewart	Juli Mallett	Love
Mid-North—		
Lay Vice Chair	Clergy Representative	Lay Representative
Barbara Henshall	Marion Edmondson	Elizabeth Murphy

Greater Victoria- elected

Lay Vice Chair	Clergy Representative	Lay Representative
Debra Brown	Heather Robinson	lan Alexander

Nominations for Provincial and General Synod representatives received from the Synod (Appendix 8)

The slate of nominations for diocesan representatives to Provincial and General Synod were presented to Synod. The bishop asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Opening of voting for Provincial and General Synod

Voting for members of Provincial and General Synod was declared open at 10:38AM.

Break: 10:38AM for 15 minutes.

Meeting re-convened: by Bishop Anna at 10:53AM

Motion to receive the amended minutes of the 100th Synod

MOVED BY: Isabel Weeks
SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the minutes of the 100th Synod of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets be received with of all attached supporting documents including the "list of motions" and the Bishop's concurrence with the Acts and resolutions of Synod on that day.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ministry Presentations

Three video presentations were provided to Synod, each dealing with a different area of ministry within the diocese.

Sheila Cook – North Island
Jibril Mohamed – Refugee Program
Brendon Neilson - Property Development

Bishop Anna then asked the delegates to join breakout rooms to discuss:

- a) How do you feel about the future of the diocese?
- b) Where do you see "hope"?

c) Where do you see new possibilities in our midst, knowing that the "future will not look like the past" for our denomination and our parishes?

The general session reconvened at 11:31 AM

Election of diocesan representatives to Provincial and General Synod

Balloting for Provincial and General synod representative from the Diocese closed at 11:16AM

Report of Election Results

Results reported to Synod by Returning Officer Cat McCann. The results of the elections are reported as follows:

Provincial Synod	
Lay (3) elected	Elizabeth Murphy, St Anne and St Edmund, Parksville (Mid-North Island)
	Anna Van Der Hooft Synod Office (Greater Victoria) Julie Foster, St Paul, Nanaimo (Cowichan mid-island)
Clergy (2) elected	Julie Poster, Se Paul, Ivalianilo (Cowienan Inia Islana)
	Alastair Singh-McCollum, St John the Divine, Victoria (Greater Victoria)
General Synod	Stephanis Wood, St Peter, Campbell River (Mid-north Island
Youth (1) elected	
Lay (3) elected	Ian Alexander, Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria (Greater Victoria) Gloria Hockley, Parish of Pender and Saturna Is. (Western, Peninsula, Gulf Islands)
	Elizabeth Murphy, St Anne and St Edmund, Parksville (Mid-North Island)
Clergy(3) elected	Christine Conkin, St George, Cadboro Bay, (Greater Victoria) Alastair Singh-McCollum, St John the Divine, Victoria (Greater Victoria)
	Clara Plamondon, St Paul, Nanaimo (Cowichan Mid-Island)

Destruction of ballots

Bishop Anna stated, "Having completed the elections, and before I direct that the ballots be destroyed, I ask if any voter wishes to challenge any ballot." No challenge was forthcoming. "Hearing no challenge, I order that the ballots be destroyed."

Motion of Thanks

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

THAT this Synod thank all who have contributed to ways for the planning, organization, operation, and success of this 101st Synod, especially Paula Blundell, Anna Van Der Hooft, Brendon Neilson, Meghan Thonger, Gillian Astbury-Heinke, and the Venerable Eric Partridge. We give thanks for the dedication and leadership of our Bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee. We thank the out-going members of Diocesan Council, and we thank those who offer themselves in leadership throughout our diocese, and at provincial and national church. And we thank Data On the Spot for assisting us in the technical aspects of voting at this Synod.

The bishop asked for all those in favour to indicate so.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Acts and Resolutions of the 101st Synod ratification

MOVED BY: Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

THAT the acts and resolutions of the 101st Synod of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets (the Diocese of British Columbia) be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

The Bishop concurs with the decisions and motions contained herein.

Closing Comments and Blessing

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee thanked the members of Synod for their commitment to the life of the Diocese. The bishop then gave a blessing.

Adjournment at 11:47AM