

November 2, 2024

To: The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia

Preface:

**For Law is Justice
To those the Law
By Love makes just.**
(Susan McCaslin Beauty of the Law)

For I the Lord love justice...
(Isaiah Chapter 61, Verse 8)

Report of the Canons Committee:

The existing canons were written over one hundred years ago with various additions along the way. In this time and place it was felt that a wholesale refresh was warranted. Beginning in June of 2023, a committee comprised of:

Retired Ontario Superior Court Justice the Honorable Timothy Ray;
The Venerable Eric Partridge, Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese;
Brian Rendell, retired lawyer;
Bob Gill, retired lawyer and Chancellor Emeritus
Isabel Weeks, Chancellor.

took up the challenge of a complete rewrite of the canons of our diocese. The collective experience in the practice of law of this committee exceeds 185 years.

The result of our work is presented to this Synod. We have strived to reflect current policy and practice in this time and place. The proposed canons are intended to be a living document, to be revised and updated as appropriate, but in the meantime, to serve as a clear and relevant tool to assist us in our work as a faithful community of the Anglican church.

All of which is respectfully submitted to this Synod on behalf of the canons committee.

Isabel Weeks
Chancellor