

Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon

**Minutes of the Meeting of Provincial Synod
September 25th to 27th, 2009 at the Sorrento Centre**

Friday, September 25th

Synod was called to order at 1:09 pm.

Betty Davidson declared a quorum in all three houses: 4 of 5 Bishops, 11 of 12 Clergy, and 14 of 18 Laity totalling 33 of 42 members being present.

09 01 Moved by Lee Titterington Seconded by Brian Evans

that the privileges of the House be extended to:

Ms. Dorothy Mash

Ms. Melanie Wallace

Mr. Ted Bacegalupo

Rev. Gloria Moses

Rev. Barbara Andrews

Archbishop Fred Hiltz

Archdeacon Paul Feeley

Rev. Juanita Austin

Mr. David Jones

Welcome and greetings were warmly received from the following:

The Right Reverend John Privett Bishop of Kootenay welcomed Synod to his diocese.

The Reverend Barbara Andrews, Director of the Sorrento Centre, extended a warm welcome.

The Reverend Juanita Austin brought greetings from the United Church of Canada.

Mr. Ted Bacegalupo both welcomed and brought greetings from the local government of the region.

The Archbishop introduced the following:

The nominating committee - the Ven. Greg Gilson, Dr. Randall Fairey, Betty Long

09 02 Moved by Julie Foster Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd

That the membership of the committee be accepted

Carried

The Resolutions committee - Lee Titterington, Monte Worthington, Dawn Braithwaite

09 03 Moved by Julie Foster Seconded by Bill Anderson
That the membership of the committee be accepted **Carried**

The Returning Officers - Rob Christie, Melanie Wallace, Dorothy Mash
09 04 Moved by Cathy Wozlowski Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd
That the membership of the committee be accepted **Carried**

09 05 Moved by Dorothy Odian Seconded by Brian Evans
That the minutes of the 34th Provincial synod be accepted as circulated
Carried

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Synod broke for worship.

The Service of Holy Communion was presided over by Bishop Michael Ingham and the Metropolitan addressed the Synod as the sermon.

Synod reconvened with the Primate Archbishop Hiltz addressing synod. He brought a vision of hope by pointing out some of the good things that were happening in the life of the church which are all addressed by the five marks of mission. He spoke of the Vision 2019 program, the 50th anniversary of the PWRDF, and The General Synod in 2010. We have much to celebrate and be thankful for.

Gloria Moses made a report to Synod on behalf of ACIP (see attachment)
09 06 Moved by Lee Titterington Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd
That the report be accepted. **Carried**

Michael Le Noble presented the BCYAYM report (see attachment)
09 07 Moved by Ken Alton Seconded by Barbara Henshaw
That the report be accepted. **Carried**

Dorothy Mash presented the report for ACPO
09 08 Moved by Betty Davidson Seconded by Julie Foster
That the report be accepted.
(See Convening circular) **Carried**

Synod broke for Dinner

When synod re-convened Barbara Andrews gave the Sorrento Centre Report.

09 09 Moved by Ken Ponsford Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd

That the report be accepted.

(See Convening circular)

Carried

09 10 Moved by Laurie Dye Seconded by Paul Stanwood

That the Anglican Provincial Synod of British Columbia and Yukon endorse a grant application to the Anglican Foundation from the Sorrento Centre for their new garden project.

Carried

Melanie Wallace gave the Archives report.

09 11 Moved by Sue Mayoss-Hurd Seconded by Michael LeNoble

That the report be accepted.

Carried

Douglas MacAdam reported on the Hi-Knoll property.

The province has satisfied the requirement of the will that states we are to give assurance that we intend to use the property for either a retreat centre or other religious activity. We gave that assurance. However, after investigating the possibilities of doing so, such a use was not practical. The province is now in a position to dispose of the property in any way it sees fit. The executive has given concurrence to this suggestion. The negotiating committee has not yet moved on this as the present tenants are good tenants and the city of Surrey does not have the money to purchase the land. So the committee is waiting for two things to happen.

- 1) The city of Surrey has the money to purchase the land
- 2) The city has the will and desire to expand the surrounding park.

The negotiating committee has asked Beth Johnson, the ex-mayor of Delta, to assist in the negotiations with Surrey when the time is right to do so.

Douglas went on to say the trustees of the will have no financial interest in challenging the position of the chancellor in the reading of the conditions of the will so he is confident that they would not do so.

He also thanked the Diocese of New Westminster for their continued practical support by putting the property under their insurance policy for the province.

09 12 Moved by Douglas MacAdams Seconded by Lee Titterington

That the report be accepted

Carried

09 13 Moved by John Privett Seconded by Randall Fairey

That a letter of thanks be sent to the Diocese of New Westminster for its continued support of the province by covering the Hi-Knoll property in its Diocesan insurance policy

Carried

09 14 Moved by Paul Stanwood

Seconded by Brian Evans

That the V.S.T. report be accepted as circulated
(See Convening circular)

Carried

The Metropolitan led the Synod into the election of officers for Provincial Synod Executive for the next triennium. The nominees were as follows:

Prolocutor- Rev. Lee Titterington

Treasurer- Laurie Dye

Registrar- Joan Bubbs

Secretary- Greg Gilson

On hearing no further nominations

Bishop Privett moved nominations be closed seconded by Randall Fairey

Carried

All officers were acclaimed.

Douglas gave the Restructuring Committee report.

He reported that the task was overwhelming for the committee and there really seemed no push from Provincial Synod to move on this issue so perhaps if Synod feels this is something to be pursued the next triennium would be the time to do so.

Susan Titterington gave the Eco-Justice and Eco-Stewardship Report

09 15 Moved by Grace Janze

Seconded by Betty Davidson

That the report be accepted
(See Convening circular)

Carried

Synod broke for ten minutes

When we reconvened Laurie Dye on behalf of synod presented Dorothy Mash a book in thanks for the years of work she has given the province as ACPO co-ordinator.

On behalf of Bishop Cowan, Brian Evans presented the book *A Life of George Hills, First Bishop of British Columbia* to all the delegates of synod.

09 16 Moved by Lee Titterington

Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd

That a letter of thanks be sent to Bishop Cowan to thank him for the gift.

Carried

The day was closed with Compline lead by Bishop Anderson.
This was followed by the Metropolitan's reception.

Saturday, September 26th

The Archbishop called the Synod to order and opened with prayer at 8:30 am

Randall Fairey and David Jones gave a presentation on the work of the national Governance Working Group to date. (See attachment.)
David Jones took us through an outline of the files that the working group was responsible for.

This working group was responsible for looking at what changes to National, Provincial and Diocesan structures are needed to help make the mission of the Church work better.

Can we make a structure to support for the ministry of the National Indigenous Episcopal Office? This will require an amendment to the declaration of principles to make space for the Bishop in our Church. They are charged with making proposals for the amendment of the size of General synod and COGS.

There is no will to change the size or membership of General Synod. However, there is an ambiguous will to make COGS smaller.

Primatial Review committee presentation.

Bishop Michael Ingham took us through an exercise on general knowledge of the Primacy.

Nora Bolton took synod through a presentation on the historical changes of leadership model since the 1970's.

Synod was then asked to discuss and report back to the Primatial Review committee. The report will be forwarded to the Synod once the responses to the questions are collated.

Bishop Ingham left the synod with the following a question to think about: "If we want our Primate to be a Bishop what Episcopal ministry do we want the Primate to do?"

Fiona Brownlee gave synod a presentation on the Council of the North. (See attachment.)

The Synod sang Amazing Grace and raised \$125.81 by donation.

Lee Titterington gave the Ministry Report (see attachment).

09 17 Moved by Lee Titterington

Seconded by Ken Alton

That the report be accepted
(See Convening circular)

Carried

The Metropolitan welcomed Jessica Thompson from Camp Owaissi in the Diocese of Kootenay as a guest to synod. She had a display for the members to see.

Election of the Constitution and Canons committee

Elected by acclamation

James Hamar

Monte Worthington

The Memorials Committee reported that the Rev. Harold McSherry passed away since last Synod.

Response to the Metropolitan's Charge was presented by Betty Long.
(See attachment.)

Treasurer's Report

09 18 Moved by Mr. Laurie Dye

Seconded by Bishop Anderson

That synod accept the review and engagement report.

Carried

09 19 Moved by Mr. Laurie Dye **Seconded by Julie Foster**

That the 35th session of Provincial Synod appoint Green Horwood & Co. to be auditors of the Anglican Provincial Synod of B.C.

Carried

09 20 Moved by Mr. Laurie Dye **Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd**

That the 35th session of Provincial Synod approve and adopt all action taken and decisions made by the executive committee since the adjournment of the 33rd session of provincial synod.

Carried

09 21 Moved by Mr. Laurie Dye **Seconded by Douglas**

That the 35th session of Provincial Synod authorize the Executive Committee to name persons to have signing authority on all bank accounts of the Anglican Provincial Synod of British Columbia.

Carried

09 22 Moved by Mr. Laurie Dye Seconded by Bishop Anderson
That the budget for 2007 be adopted.

Carried

09 23 Moved by Bishop Privett Seconded by Brian Evans
That a vote of thanks be given to Laurie Dye for all his work.

Carried

Executive Council of Synod was **elected by acclamation.**

Provincial Council:

Diocese	Clergy	Lay
Yukon	Lee Titterington	Timothy Liverton
Caledonia	(Greg Gilson, Secretary)	Grace Janze
British Columbia	Brian Evans	Barbara Henshall
New Westminster	Roger Cooper	Monte Worthington
Kootenay	Michael Stuchbery	Randall Fairey
APCI	Mark Moote	Cathy Wozlowski

09 24 moved by Laurie Dye Seconded by Douglas MacAdam
That the bank signing officers for the Anglican Provincial Synod of British Columbia be any two of

The Metropolitan	The Most Rev. John Privett
The Prolocutor	The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington
The Chancellor	Mr. Douglas Q.C.
The Treasurer	Mr. Laurie Dye
The Secretary	The Ven. Dr. Gregory Gilson

Carried

Vancouver School of Theology Board (4) by acclamation

Jeanette Muzio Bishop John Privett Ted Celiz John McLaren

Social Justice & Eco-Stewardship Committee (2):

Betty Long
Dick Hamakawa

Ministry Committee (2)

Sue Mayoss-Hurd
Markus Duenzkofer

09 25 Moved by Randall Fairey Seconded by Luke Anker
That the ballots be destroyed.

Carried

09 26 Moved by: Dr. Randall Fairey Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd
[Regarding the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop]

That this Synod direct the secretary to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:

“The Synod of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon gives its consent to the Resolution to add clause r to Section 6 of the Declaration of Principles, as published in Appendix L of the Handbook of General Synod, page 156.”

That this Synod direct the secretary to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:
Carried

09 27 Moved by Dr. Randall Fairey Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd

That this Synod direct the secretary to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:

“The Synod of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon does not give its consent to the Resolution to add clause r to Section 6 of the Declaration of Principles, as published in Appendix L of the Handbook of General Synod, page 156.”

Carried

09 28 Moved by: Dr. Randall Fairey Seconded by Sue Mayoss-Hurd
[Regarding the Bishop Ordinary to the Armed Forces]

That this Synod direct the secretary to send the following memorial to the General Secretary of the General Synod:

“The Synod of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon gives its consent to the Resolution to add clause s to Section 6 of the Declaration of Principles, as published in Appendix L of the Handbook of General Synod, page 156.”

Carried

Andrew Hall gave a presentation for Ecclesiastical Insurance (see attachment)

Synod broke for dinner.

The Prolocutor called synod to order at 7:04 pm.

Resolutions

09 29 Moved by Monte Worthington Seconded by Laurie Dye

That pursuant to article 10(a) and upon the recommendation of the Constitution and Canons Committee, the following amendments to the Constitution of the Anglican Provincial Synod of British Columbia be made:

A in Article 6(b) by deleting the words “or in his or her absence the Registrar” and inserting the words “the Registrar”; and

B in Article 7 by deleting the words “or in his or her absence the Registrar” and inserting the words “the Registrar”

These amendments to take effect upon the adjournment of the 35th Session of Synod on September 27th, 2009

Carried unanimously

09 30 Moved by Joan Bubbs Seconded by Douglas

That this Synod request that the Constitution and Canons Committee:

A review the electronic balloting procedures utilized by the Provincial Electoral College in the June 26, 2009 episcopal election and in the September 25, 2009 metropolitanical election;

B develop standard procedural rules for future balloting and decision making by electronic means; and

C report to the Provincial Executive Council by December 31, 2010

Carried

09 31 Moved by Susan Titterington Seconded by Julie Foster

That this Synod undertake a canonical review by the Constitution and Canons committee to identify ways of increasing Indigenous full representation on Provincial Synod by December 2010.

Carried

09 32 Moved by John Privett Seconded by Lee Titterington

That this Synod direct the Executive Council in consultation with the Ministry Committee and Committee on Social Justice and Eco-Stewardship to review the mandate and budgets of these two committees and recommend to the next synod any changes in the terms of reference or to the constitution deemed necessary to respond to the conditions of our present time.

Carried

09 33 Moved by Douglas McAdam Seconded by Joan Bubbs

That this Synod seek to understand how the mission of the church in this province can be best advanced, being mindful of the work of the Governance Working Group of General Synod and of the decisions anticipated to be taken at the 2010 session of General Synod, and

pursuant to Articles 8(d) and 8(e) of its constitution, establish a Committee on Restructuring (COR) with terms of reference as follows:

MEMBERSHIP: The members of COR shall be three (3) persons appointed by the Metropolitan after consultation with members of Executive Council, with any vacancy in membership to be filled by appointment by the Metropolitan after consultation with the Executive Council.

CO-OPTION: COR may call on assistance from others as COR thinks necessary to carry out its tasks.

CONSULTATION: COR shall consult widely and in particular shall consult with Provincial House of Bishops, the Diocesan Councils of each of the Dioceses of the Anglican Provincial Synod of British Columbia (APSBC), the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP), the Council of General Synod (COGS), committees and working groups of General Synod as COR may consider appropriate, and the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, APSBC's ministry committee and the BCYAYM.

TASK: COR shall;

- a) Study the structures, resources, demographics and needs of the territories included within the boundaries of the Dioceses forming APSBC; and
- b) Prepare a report or reports regarding how resources might be reallocated and how structures might be designed to meet the present and future needs of those served by APSBC.

EXPENSES: COR shall have such budget as Executive Council shall determine

REPORTING: COR shall report as follows:

- a) In January 2010 and quarterly thereafter to the Executive Committee;
- b) To the Executive Council at each of its meetings; and
- c) To the 36th session of Synod anticipated to be held in 2012

DISCHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE: COR shall be discharged at the adjournment of the 36th session of Synod anticipated to be held in 2012

Carried

Betty Long made the response to the Metropolitan's Address.
(See attachment.)

Presentations were made by Lee Titterington on behalf of Synod

- 1) To Archbishop Buckle
- 2) To Blanche Buckle
- 3) Julie Foster made a presentation to Rob Christie on behalf of synod
- 4) Lee Titterington made a presentation to Barbara Andrews, the Director of the Sorrento Centre, to thank the Centre for the wonderful facilities and welcome Synod has received.

Michael LeNoble thanked everyone at Synod for their support of the work of BCYAYM and for paying attention to the work of the youth.

Archbishop Buckle closed the business section of synod with a prayer.

Sunday, September 27th

Sunday morning Synod gathered for the service of installation of the new Metropolitan with Archbishop Fred Hiltz preaching.

The New Metropolitan, Archbishop John Privett, closed the 35th Session of Synod with his blessing at the conclusion of the service.

The 35th Session of Synod adjourned.

Ven. Dr. Gregory C. Gilson
Secretary