

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
SYNOD COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI – 6pm**

Present: Michael Oulton, Heather Grimshaw, Wayne Varley, Alex Pierson, Valerie Kelly, Anne Patterson, Audrey Doliszny, Sharon Dunlop, Michael Read, Viren Oogarah, Doug Cowley, Doug Green, Al Danford, Nancy Beal, Michael Rice, Roy Conacher, Don Davidson

Absent: Don Bailey, Garth Allen

Regrets: Robin Jones, Charles Morris, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Brenda Hobbs, Voila David

Guest: Bob Wright, Mark Hauser

Opening Devotions:

Al Danford

Al opened with the prayer for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, whose theme is *Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*.

Agenda Review and Adoption

Chair

Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update

Chair

-wonderful open house and celebration of Canon John Secker's retirement after 27 years as Diocesan Chief Financial Officer on 14 December 2017; a staff dinner was held at a later date; John will continue on a contractual basis during the transition

-Archbishop Colin Johnson of the Diocese of Toronto and of Moosonee, will retire December 2018. An election to replace him to take place; he will be replaced as Metropolitan of the Ecclesial Province of Ontario; a financial purse is being collected from the diocese in the ecclesial province as well as gifts endemic to diocese (such as maple syrup, ice wine)

-The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz's retirement as Primate was announced 10 January; he was elected 13th Primate in 2007. The Primate is planning to visit the Diocese between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. His visit will include visits to St. Thomas Belleville, 200th anniversary (Sun); Monday at All Saints (Tyendinaga) including Evensong; (Tues) Quiet day with diocesan clergy and annual Renewal of Vows liturgy; (Wed) at the Diocesan Centre & visit to the Habitat for Humanity/Good Shepherd Legacy site; then visit Lyndhurst's outreach ministry and Camp Hyanto; (Thurs) visit the Tamworth Legacy Centre in Tweed and to Sterling for St. Martha's weekly Supper and a Maundy Thursday service; (Good Friday) join the annual walk from St. Paul's to St. George's. (Sat vigil) St. Lawrence, St. Paul's & Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Brockville) for service; Easter Sun in Grenville North Regional Ministry; then the Primate leaves

- funeral for Deacon Jack Beer was held at Christ Church, Cataraqui, on Saturday, 13 January; holding Barbara and his family in prayers
- hold Mary Raddon in prayers who developed a brain aneurysm and is currently in Ottawa Civic recovering from surgery
- Holding Canon Chris Carr in prayers as his cancer is progressing
- Celebration of New Ministry for Jonathon Kouri, incumbent of Parish of North Hastings, was held Nov. 26, 2017 at 5pm
- a service of Ordination of Noel Henry to the diaconate at St. John's (Bath) was held on Sunday, Nov 19, 2017; Rev. Greg Long, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge and will serve as mentor along with Archdeacon Wayne Varley
- Rev. John van Stone, has been appointed Associate Priest at St. Paul's Kingston
- an up-date on the Marriage Canon discussion: following reading of Canon XXI at General Synod, consideration is at the diocesan level; the Bishop is seeking feedback to send to General Synod. A Clergy Day is planned at the Providence Spirituality Centre for February 22 with Bishop Linda Nichols, Diocese of Huron, who is on the marriage commission
- the Cathedral of St. George became a partner in the Community of Cross of Nails on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 with Canon Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, presenting a Cross of Nails at a Celtic Eucharist. Christ Church Cathedral (Ottawa) also became a partner. <https://www.anglicanjournal.com/articles/canadian-anglican-cathedrals-join-international-reconciliation-network/> The weekly Litany of Reconciliation is held at the footsteps of St. George's Cathedral at noon on Fridays

Approval of October 2017 Minutes

Chair

MOTION:

DDavidson/APatterson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Minutes of 24 October 2017 be approved.**Carried**

Note the inconsistency of the surname throughout the Minutes, Michael Read not Reid.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Nothing

St Paul's, Marmora

Bob Wright

Bob is Priest-in-Charge of the two congregations St. Paul's (Marmora) & St. Mark's (Bonarlaw) and presented on the process of making St. Paul's church and hall fully accessible with the

installation of a new wheelchair accessible ramp, new washroom and kitchen area and new doors leading to the parish hall; Bob highlighted a group of individuals walking for Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights followed by a flood in St. Paul's Church Hall; re-construction was required. The Diocese is allowed three grant applications to the Anglican Foundation per calendar year. Congratulations extended to Bob and the congregation for their work and commitment.

MOTION:**MRead/ADanford**

THAT THE Parish of St. Paul's Marmora be given permission to apply to the Anglican Church of Canada Foundation for a grant to install new parish hall doors.

Carried**Updates:****DEO/CFO**

- **Finance Department** – John Secker's official retirement was acknowledged and celebrated at December end 2017; he is presently contractual through the transition of "closing the books" and the year-end audit and will assist when needs arise. As of 1 January 2018, the DEO is now also the CFO. Joyce Williams handles the transactional work and the new financial analyst Candice Hartley will assist the finance department in a range of areas including financial reporting, income and expense statements, cash modelling, support of the consolidated investment fund and parish support for green sheets and CRA forms. The position was advertised receiving 145 applications.

- **2017 Financials and Audit** - Currently "closing the books" of 2017, audit scheduled for March 2018. Year-end Receivables at a record low.

- **Diocesan Center** – Council received an update on the status of the Synod Office following flooding as result of a frozen pipe in the kitchen area. Appliances in the kitchen sustained water damage along with the TV and conference equipment in the boardroom.

-Diocesan Website Re-development-**Mark Hauser**

The current website is 4-5 years old. Mark Hauser, Communications Officer, updated Council on the current website redevelopment project for 2018. Council was informed of the current results of the website user survey and provided feedback on goals and objectives for the new diocesan website. Mark hopes to make a presentation at Synod 2018 of the new website.

Canons & Governance**Chancellor Roy Conacher**

- **Update** – process underway of re-writing Canons as a result of the Province of Ontario's legislative changes; significant revisions have been made to the canons. A new diocesan constitution is being written.

- Discussion on the Constitution

The constitution provides same provisions as in canon A1 with new items: Archdeacon of Ministry of Program position; process for election of lay delegates; certificates and declarations; change in some terminology; provision that deals with appointment of an administrator in Bishop's absence under certain conditions (section 11). Most of Canon A1 remains the same. With thanks to the considerable work involved in the re-writing of the Canons. Consultation

sessions will be scheduled for June to gather diocesan feedback on the new canons and constitution in lead up to Synod 2018

Stewardship & Congregational Development Update Doug Cowley/Wayne Varley

The committee is exploring a pilot project with M&M Consulting that would see three parishes work with M&M on stewardship investing in currently healthy and viable parishes. The stewardship committee would also see the establishment of three working groups that would focus on stewardship education, congregational development and a communications strategy group. Doug Cowley will be stepping down as the chair of the Stewardship and Congregational Development committee. The Bishop generously thanked Doug for his leadership and support.

Covenant Celebration Team Update Doug Green

2018 is the fourth year of covenants. A data base is being developed to track programs started/renewed by covenant grants with the aim of presenting at Synod 2018. Synod Council spoke of the positive impact of the grants.

Consent Agenda

No Items Identified

Other Business

-nothing

February 2018 Meeting – Input on Agenda Items – (1) Hyanto Ministries’ written report will be presented for information; the Committee asked that April 15 be declared Hyanto Sunday (2) presentation from Worship Committee (3) up-date on Canons

Devotions Leaders

Feb – Michael Read

Mar – Valerie Kelly

Apr - Sharon Dunlop

May – Audrey Doliszny

June – Doug Green

Meeting Evaluations – were distributed, filled out and returned

Adjournment

Adjournment was moved by Don Davidson at 8:34pm. The meeting concluded with the Grace.

Date of Next Meeting: TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 27th 2018 6 pm
Location Christ Church, Cataraqui

Devotions: Michael Read

Bishop Michael Oulton

Rev. Valerie Kelly, Clerical Secretary

Date