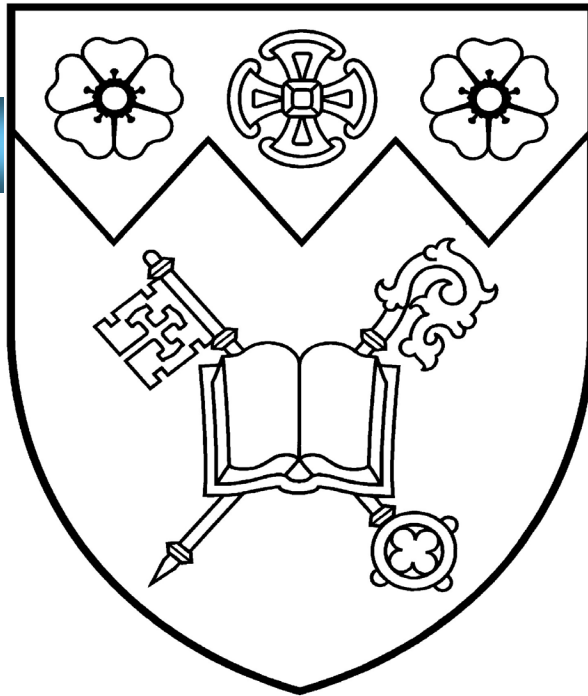


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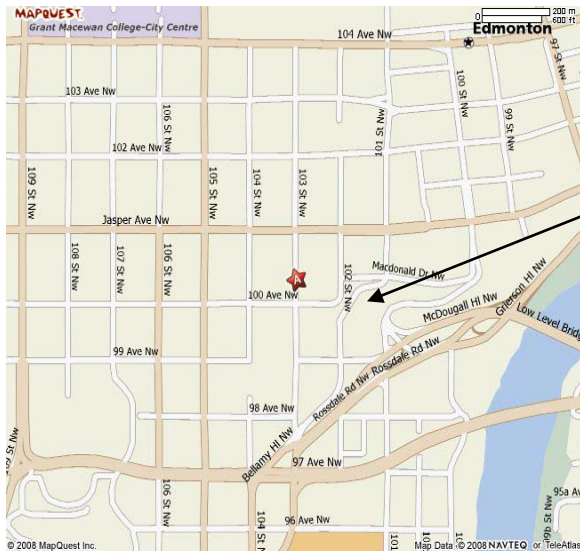


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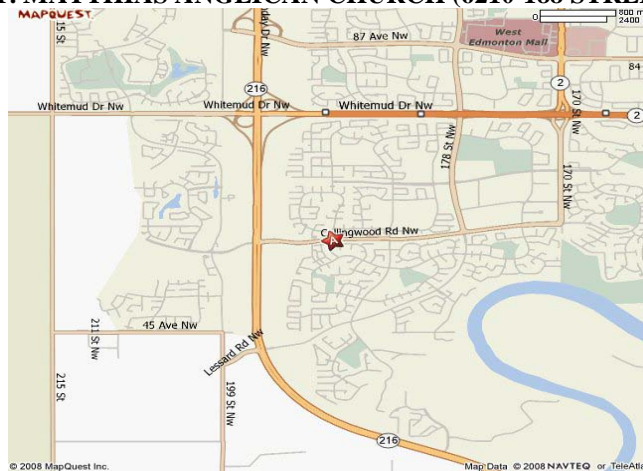
MAP OF SYNOD FACILITIES

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (10035-103 STREET)



The entrances to the parking lot at the Cathedral are located on either 102 or 103 Street. Parking is free after 4:00 pm with a Synod Parking Permit.

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH (6210-188 STREET)



PARKING

Parking is available in the public lot (#284) just south of the Cathedral (enter on either 102 St or 103 St.). **Impark has given us FREE parking, only in this parking lot, provided you display the special parking permit for Synod members.** There are also meters on the neighbouring streets, which are free after 6:00 pm.

There is ample parking at St. Matthias, in their lot or on neighbouring streets. To get to St. Matthias: go East on Callingwood Rd. from the Anthony Henday. St. Matthias will be on the left hand side of the road.

We encourage you to carpool, if possible, to save on parking and mileage expenses.



PRAYERS

Please use these prayers over the coming weeks as we prepare for the 62nd Synod.

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, soon to be assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Alternative Services

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the upcoming Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



AGENDA - FRIDAY

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Friday, October 15th, 2010 – ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL
10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration and Presentation of Credentials <i>(sandwiches will be available)</i> Diocesan Orientation – a time to speak with representatives from Diocesan Committees*, tour the Cathedral
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Youth Delegates – Supper with the Bishop
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Eucharist
8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Call to Order Appointment of Secretary of Synod Election of Clerical and Lay Recorders for 63 rd Synod Report of Credentials Committee Courtesies of the House Report of the Agenda Committee Minutes of the 61 st Synod <i>(see Appendix 1 in the Circular)</i> Appointment of Election Officer and Scrutineers Receiving of Written Reports in Block <i>(see Reports section of the Circular)</i> Financial Report Appointment of Accounts Examiner Report of Resolutions Committee Report of Nominations Committee Closing Prayer
9:15 p.m.	Recess for the Evening

- * On Friday, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the life in the diocese and speak to a representative of the following diocesan committees: Executive Council, Administration and Finance Committee, Ministry Development Committee, Stewardship and Financial Development Committee. Provincial and General Synod delegates will also be on hand to tell you of their experiences.
- * On Saturday, you may learn more about life in the diocese from groups active in the diocese, such as the following: Social Justice, EFM, Lay Readers, Hospital visitors, Canadian Bible Society.

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AGENDA - SATURDAY

62nd SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
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Saturday, October 16th, 2010 – ST. MATTHIAS, 6210 – 188 Street, Edmonton

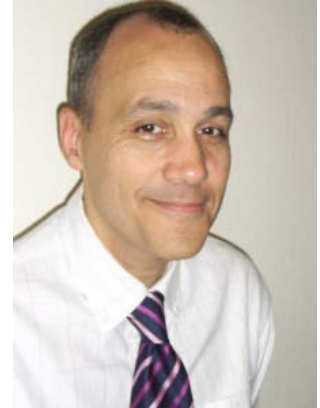
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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Registration and Presentation of Credentials
<i>(for those who did not register on Friday evening)</i> |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | CALL TO ORDER
Report of the Credentials Committee
Balloting Procedure Explained |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Back to Church Sunday: Looking Back – Looking Forward
(Michael Harvey) |
| 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Break |
| 10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Matters Arising from General Synod 2010
[Vision 2019, The Anglican Covenant, Human Sexuality] |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Mid-day Prayer |
| 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30 p.m. | Balloting Closes |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Legislative Committee Report (Chancellor) <i>(see Appendix 5 in the Circular)</i> |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Resolutions (if any) |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Discussion on Sexuality discernment statement from General Synod (Table groups) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. | Break |
| 3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Report of the Elections Committee |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | A Celebration of Church (Rev. Cam Harder) |
| 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Response to the Bishop's Charge |
| 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Courtesy Motions
Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent
Prorogation |
| 5:00 p.m. | Concluding Devotion |

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OUR SPEAKERS

Michael Harvey is the principal consultant for MJH Associates, in the UK. Since 2002, he has worked to grow businesses and organizations, and is a founding Team Member of the largest invitational movement in the world – the “Back to Church” project.



In 2009 over 100,000 people accepted invitations to church through Back to Church Sunday. Research shows that between 12% and 15% of those accepting an invitation become regular attendees at the church to which they were invited. It is estimated that in 2009 between 12-15,000 people have been added to the church in one day across England, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, France, Holland, Belgium, and Spain through the Back to Church Sunday initiative.

More information on the “Back to Church” project in the Diocese of Edmonton can be found on the diocesan web site: www.edmonton.anglican.ca – follow the link to “Back to Church Sunday”.



Rev. Dr. Cameron Harder is Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, SK, and the Director of the Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry (“CiRCLe M”), also in Saskatoon, which equips clergy and lay leaders in rural and remote places to help their churches be catalysts for the development of healthy Canadian communities.

Cam has done a tremendous amount of research in the field of rural ministry and rural community development since the late 1980s, and has taught and published extensively. For more information on Cam and on CiRCLe M, see the following web sites: <http://www.cameronharder.com/> and <http://www.circle-m.ca/index.php>.



SEXUALITY DISCERNMENT STATEMENT

General Synod 2010

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada met in Halifax, Nova Scotia in June of 2010. Together we entered into intentional conversations in order to hear where our Church is at this time in its life in relation to the matter of blessing of same gender unions. Our conversations were marked by grace, honesty and generosity of spirit towards one another. There was robust participation in the conversations. In dialogue we shared our passion for the mission of God in the world and our thoughts, feelings and convictions. We were attentive to each others' perspectives, experiences and stories and we shared a commitment to continued theological reflection and scriptural study as a foundation to our ongoing dialogue and discernment.

We engaged these conversations within the particularity of our Canadian context – a country that is diverse and many cultured. Canadians have been learning how to dialogue across their diversities over the course of our national life. We do so with deeply held commitments to transparency and openness, an approach that is not without risk and that we affirm as a great gift. Often, in processes of discernment, the task is to see our way through a paradox.

Our conversations affirmed the full inclusion of gay and lesbian members in our churches, aboriginal voices in our midst, and the wide range of perspectives on the issue of same gender blessings across all dioceses. Our dialogue has been a positive and helpful step in our discernment. At this time, however, we are not prepared to make a legislative decision. Above, in and through all of this, and despite all our differences we are passionately committed to walking together, protecting our common life.

We acknowledge diverse pastoral practices as dioceses respond to their own missional contexts. We accept the continuing commitment to develop generous pastoral responses. We recognize that these different approaches raise difficulties and challenges. When one acts there are implications for all. There can be no imposition of a decision or action, but rather we are challenged to live together sharing in the mission of Christ entrusted to us, accepting that different local contexts call at times for different local discernment, decision and action.

We are in a time of ongoing discernment which requires mutual accountability through continuing dialogue, diocese to diocese and across the wider church. It also requires continued theological and scriptural study and dialogue on the wide range of matters relating to human sexuality.

For many members of General Synod there is deep sadness that, at this time, there is no common mind. We acknowledge the pain that our diversity in this matter causes. We are deeply aware of the cost to people whose lives are implicated in the consequences of an ongoing discernment process. This is not just an 'issue' but is about people's daily lives and deeply held faith commitments. For some, even this statement represents a risk. For some the statement does not go nearly far enough.



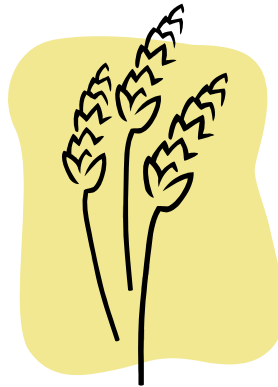
In the transparency and openness we have experienced with one another, we have risked vulnerability but it is in such places that we grow closer in the body of Christ and behold each other as gift. Abiding with each other, and with God we are sustained through struggle, patient listening, and speaking from the mind and heart together. We have experienced these conversations as a gift for us here at Synod and hope that they will be a further gift to the Anglican Church of Canada and to the wider Church.



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NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS



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GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: 62nd Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Elections will be held for the following positions:

- * **Executive Council**
1 clerical and 2 lay delegates from each region
- * **Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton**
2 clerical and 2 lay delegates (1 to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)
- * **General Synod (to be convened in Ottawa, Ontario in June 2013)**
4 clerical, 4 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate

Those nominated as youth delegates to General Synod must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of General Synod.

Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend General Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

Please Note: if we have another Regular Synod before General Synod is held in 2013, we will elect new delegates to attend General Synod. Therefore, there is a possibility that those elected at this 2010 Diocesan Synod might not attend General Synod 2013.

- * **Provincial Synod – Province of Rupert’s Land (to be convened in Brandon, Manitoba in June 2012)**
4 clerical, 3 lay members and 1 youth delegate

Those nominated as youth delegates to Provincial Synod must be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of May 1, 2012.

Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend Provincial Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

Please Note: if we have another Regular Synod before Provincial Synod is held in 2012, we will elect new delegates to attend Provincial Synod. Therefore, there is a possibility that those elected at this 2010 Diocesan Synod might not attend Provincial Synod 2012.

- * **Clerical Recorder of Synod (for the 63rd Synod)**



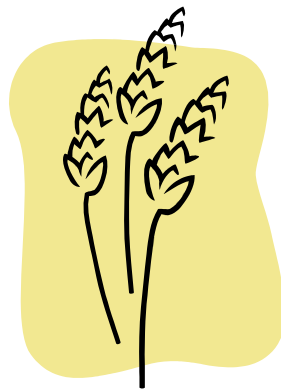
* **Lay Recorder of Synod (for the 63rd Synod)**

Nominations can be received until ***Friday, October 1st***. There will be no nominations from the floor of Synod except with the consent of Synod. If you wish to nominate someone for any of these positions, please obtain their consent and forward their name and a short one paragraph biography to Rev. Joanne Webster ***at the Synod Office no later than October 1st***.

* ***Please note that any persons nominated for Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Court must be members of our Diocesan Synod.***



REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF SYNOD



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SECRETARY OF SYNOD

As Secretary of Synod, I provide the following information as it has been collected from the councils, committees and staff responsible for it.

The minutes of the 61st Synod (October 17-18, 2008) were duly recorded and properly filed in the Official Minutes book of the Diocese. They are included in this circular, along with the Bishop's Charge from that Synod. You may also note that the Bishop's Report, included in the Reports section of the Circular, reports on the progress and actions associated with the items in her charge from the last Synod.

I have recorded the minutes of the ten Diocesan Executive Council meetings since the 61st Synod. The matters related to the business transacted at these meetings have been acted upon. Following the report of the Secretary of Synod is a list of the Council's acts, rules, by-laws and resolutions undertaken or adopted since the last regular meeting of Synod.

The Diocesan Executive Council has future council meetings planned for the following dates: November 18th, 2010; January 20th, 2011; March 17th, 2011; May 19th, 2011.

Should any parish corporation, clergy or diocesan committee have business they wish to have considered by the Executive Council, please feel free to contact the Bishop, Executive Officer or your Regional Representative. We would appreciate it if items to be included on the Council agenda are submitted at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH STATISTICS

Each year parishes are required to complete Annual Parish Statistics and Financial Statistics forms. These figures are compiled into the Diocesan Statistical Return, which is then forwarded to the National Church. Following are the reports filed for the fiscal periods of 2008 and 2009.

	2009	2008
Clergy		
Bishops (Diocesan)		
Diocesan	1	1
Coadjutors, Suffragans, Assistants	0	0
Retired	1	1
On Leave or other	0	0
Priests (Parish) Stipendiary	52	51
Non-stipendiary	2	0
Diocesan staff	1	0
Chaplains/Special Ministries	7	5
Other Active	0	0
Retired	41	43



	2009	2008
On Leave	9	6
Deacons	4	4
TOTAL Clergy	118	111
 Other Ministries		
Church Army	2	1
Lay Readers	122	105
TOTAL	124	106
 Salaried		
Diocesan Staff Lay Employees	5	5
Parish Lay Employees	22	17
 Consecrations/Ordinations, etc.		
Bishops	0	1
Priests	7	2
Deacons	1	1
 Parishes		
Self-supporting	50	48
Aided	7	7
Congregations that make up total parishes	57	58
 Parish Statistics		
Total members on parish rolls	10,394	10,759
Confirmed persons on parish rolls	5,338	5,355
Average Sunday attendance	3,190	3,849
Identifiable regular givers	3,754	4,084
Church/Sunday Schools	39	41
Number of teachers	248	185
Number of pupils	696	694
Baptisms	229	252
Confirmations	43	50
Received from other communions	28	26
Marriages	102	99
Funerals	218	229
Anglican Church Women membership	335	314
Other women's groups membership	573	556
Men's groups membership	266	247



	2009	2008
Other adult groups membership	839	929
Youth groups membership	257	224
Church sponsored youth (Guides, Scouts, etc.)	189	133
Church sponsored adult (AA, etc.)	446	513

Parish Financial Statistics

Members' givings	\$5,753,497	\$5,913,328
Parish endowments	102,058	279,488
Grants received from the Diocese	331,967	67,693
Other income	1,495,761	830,756
Appeals, PWRDF, etc.	291,296	312,053
TOTAL	\$7,974,579	\$7,403,318
General operating costs	\$5,585,241	\$5,588,971
Capital expenses	729,742	308,022
Repayment of loans (principal & interest)	212,443	157,373
Apportionment & Assessment to Diocese	917,910	892,420
Special and other expenses	12,036	72,633
Appeals, PWRDF, etc.	385,048	463,114
TOTAL	\$7,842,421	\$7,482,563
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	\$132,158	(\$79,245)
Insured value of parish property	\$99,650,900	\$99,650,900

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Diocese's Financial Statements for 2008 and 2009 as audited by Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, have been adopted by Executive Council. Thank you, clergy, wardens, treasurers, vestries and every congregation of the Diocese for your faithful remittance of Assessment/Apportionment payments which permit us to continue our shared ministries in the Diocese. Statistical information for the Diocese of Edmonton is also provided to the National Church regarding its financial operation.

Following is a comparative report for the past two years (2008 and 2009) as taken from the audited Financial Statements:



	2009	2008
DIOCESAN INCOME (General Fund, C.T.F. and D.D.T)		
Apportionments / Assessment from parishes	\$874,254	\$836,453
Donations for Diocesan use	33,970	14,952
Endowments and trusts income	9,450	22,289
Grants from outside the diocese (General Synod / ACW)	47,337	61,742
Donations for non-diocesan charitable programs (e.g. PWRDF, Canadian Bible Society)	4,321	4,321
Other income		
Settlement Fund Refund		196,645
Other income (including Barnabas Initiative in 2009)	225,461	23,605
TOTAL	\$1,194,793	\$1,160,007
DIOCESAN EXPENDITURES (General Fund, C.T.F. and D.D.T)		
Diocesan Administration	454,848	427,507
Grants to aided parishes	94,990	136,493
Special ministries	3,500	13,642
Diocesan programs	415,153	287,743
Provincial Synod	11,696	11,695
General Synod	212,440	212,440
Other expenditures		22,988
TOTAL	\$1,192,627	\$1,112,508
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$2,166	\$47,499

DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

Much time is invested in committee meetings and in carrying out their responsibilities and functions. Throughout the year various task forces also contribute to the development of diocesan ministries and policies. Some of these committees and groups have provided printed reports to this Synod, and are in this circular.

The Administration and Finance Committee regularly meets to oversee the administrative matters of this diocese. Following the list of Executive Council acts is a list of the essential resolutions adopted by the Administration and Finance Committee since the last regular meeting of Synod.



Without the sacrificial participation of members of these committees, the operation and ministry of the diocese would never be accomplished. Many sincere thanks and may God bless each of you for your involvement in the life of this diocese.

DIOCESAN STAFF

In the time since the last Synod, three staff members have retired. Barbara White, Executive Secretary to the Bishop; Dale Purkis, Financial Officer; David Connell, Executive Officer. David continues part time in his capacity as Planned Giving Officer.

We have welcomed new staff also: Sarah Kemp, Personal Assistant to the Bishop; Jeannette Madill, Treasurer; Brian Popp, Executive Officer.

Following is a list of the Diocesan Synod Office staff:

Bishop	Right Reverend Jane Alexander
Personal Assistant to the Bishop.....	Sarah Kemp
Executive Officer	Brian Popp
Treasurer	Jeannette Madill
Communications Director	Margaret Marschall
Planned Giving Officer	David Connell

COMMUNICATION

The staff continues to seek ways of enhancing communication between the Synod Office, parishes, clergy and congregations. A regular feature of the e-mail system is the weekly SYNOD SCENE, which highlights events and notes of diocesan interest. If you would like to receive the Synod Scene by e-mail, just let the Diocesan Communications Director know. The Synod Scene is available on the Diocesan web site, www.edmonton.anglican.org.

The web site also contains parish listings, information on programs and youth events throughout the Diocese, and links to other helpful sites. It is an important place to look to find current information on what is happening throughout the Diocese.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Burrows
Secretary of Synod*

ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Since the 61st Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

This report, compiled from minutes of Executive Council meetings taken by Canon Barbara Burrows, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by Executive Council. Procedural motions have not been included in the report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of Executive Council are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Executive Officer, Brian Popp.

Members of Executive Council at October 1st, 2010 are the following:

*The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Chair
The Very Rev. Neil Gordon, Dean
The Venerable Kathy Bowman, Archdeacon of Vermilion River
The Venerable Michael Sung, Archdeacon of Strathcona
The Venerable Michael Rolph, Archdeacon of McLeod River
Mr. David Jones, Q.C., Chancellor
Mr. Brian Popp, Executive Officer
Ms. Jeannette Madill, Diocesan Treasurer
Canon Barbara Burrows, Synod Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Webster, Chair Administration and Finance
Mrs. Carol Blair (Whitemud), Chair, Mission Development Committee
Ms. Sandy Van Riper (Battle River)
Mr. Don Robertson (Battle River)
The Rev. Travis Enright (Cold Lake)
Mrs. Suzanne Brown (Cold Lake)
Mrs. Patsy Hawryluk (Cold Lake)
The Rev. Rene Faille (Edmonton West)
Mr. Cliff Cottingham (Edmonton West)
Mr. Rob Wilbur (Edmonton West)
The Rev. Don Aellen (Whitemud)
Mr. Ian Thomas (Whitemud)
The Rev. Joseph Walker (Yellowhead)
Mr. Rick Bambrick (Yellowhead)
Dr. Tom Snyder (Yellowhead)*



Ms. Lois MacLean (Bishop's Appointment)
Dr. Mark Pepler (Bishop's Appointment)
Mr. David Connell, Planned Giving Officer

Resolution #EC-28-08

Be it Resolved that the average of the three most recent completed fiscal years be used to calculate assessment and apportionment, using the existing formula as approved by Synod. Carried.

Resolution #EC-30-08

Be it Resolved that Executive Council has received and considered the Legislative Committee's Report to the 61st Synod. Carried.

Resolution #EC-31-08

Be it Resolved that the draft agenda for the 61st Synod be approved. Carried.

Resolution #EC-32-08

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approves the appointment of Ian Thomas as the Lay Recorder for the 61st Synod for the Diocese. Carried.

Resolution #EC-33-08

Be it Resolved that Executive receive the Financial Report for information only. Carried.

Resolution #EC-34-08

Be it Resolved that the following young people be appointed as Youth Delegates to the 61st Synod, with the remaining four being added as they are appointed. Those appointed to date are: Natalie Webster, Mary Kinloch, Bridget Kinloch, Noelle Byer, Casey Lester, Ian Armstrong, Natasha Enright, Luke Armstrong, Sarah Alexander, Dakota Trantor, Christopher Fletcher. Others added since the meeting are Laura Dzikowski, Carl Latonas, Taryn Wycott, Carl Latonas. Carried.

Resolution #EC-35-08

Be it Resolved that the following lay members be appointed by the Bishop to attend the 61st Synod: Ian Thomas, Kelly Fowler, Mark Pepler, John Matthews, Jane Samson, Susan Fredette, Anne Palmer, Percy Palmer, Scott Peacock. Carried.

Resolution #EC-38-08

Be it Resolved that the 2009 Stipend (including Housing) Schedule be adjusted to reflect a 3.0% increase effective January 1, 2009. Carried.



Resolution #EC-39-08

Be it Resolved that the tax exempt automobile allowance for 2009 paid by the Diocese and its parishes be set at \$0.44/km. Carried.

Resolution #EC-40-08

Be it Resolved that, effective January 1, 2009 the Sunday supply honorarium rate be increased to \$125.00 for one service and \$175.00 for two services at the same location. Carried.

Resolution #EC-41-08

Be it Resolved that Bank Signing Officers of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for banking purposes only be any two of five: Dale Purkis, David Connell, Bishop Jane Alexander, Sarah Kemp and the Very Rev. Lee Bezanson, except in the case of cheques totaling \$50,000 or more, one of the two signatories must be either Bishop Jane Alexander or the Executive Officer, David Connell. Carried.

Resolution #EC-42-08

Be it Resolved that Executive Council agrees to transfer the 0.271 hectare 0.67 acre parcel of land in MacKay (legal W5; 11; 54; 8; NE) to the St. George's Cemetery Company of MacKay for the sum of \$1.00. Carried.

Resolution #EC-43-08

Be it Resolved that St. Savior's, Vermilion be permitted to sell its rectory. Carried.

Resolution #EC-46-08

Be it Resolved that the 2009 budget be reduced by reducing item #1 Receipts by \$14,560 and reducing #2 Expenses by \$14,560. Carried.

Resolution #EC-06-09

Be it Resolved that the loans to St. James Bonnyville by the DDF in the amounts of \$4831 and \$6050 (total \$10,881) be transferred from the DDF to the General Fund, "Invested in Capital Assets" account in respect of St. James' Bonnyville. The effect of this transfer will be to increase the amount from \$27,344 to \$38,225, in the General Fund "Invested in Capital Assets" for St. James Bonnyville. Carried.

Resolution #EC-11-09

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council welcomes, celebrates and supports the vision for mission as presented by the Bishop. Carried.

Resolution #EC-12-09

Be it Resolved that the parishes of St. George, Edmonton, and St. Luke, Edmonton, be permitted to enter into negotiations with the City of Edmonton with respect to seeking Municipal Historic Designation. Carried.



Resolution #EC-13-09

Be it Resolved that St. Matthew's Anglican Church at Ashmont be deconsecrated and donated to the "Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society" who will move the church building to the Society's site at Mallaig. Carried.

Resolution #EC-14-09

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council welcomes and supports our partnership with the Diocese of Buye in Burundi. Carried.

Resolution #EC-16-09

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approves the move of the parish of St. Stephen the Martyr Edmonton to a shared space with St. Faith's parish Edmonton and that following the move the parish building of St. Stephen's will be deconsecrated, demolished and the land subsequently sold. Carried.

Resolution #EC-21-09

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council consents to the disestablishment of St. Matthew, Ashmont and instructs the Diocesan Registrar to enter a memorandum of the Deed of Disestablishment issued by the Bishop into the Diocesan Register. Carried.

Resolution #EC-22-09

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council consents to the disestablishment of St. Peter, Paradise Valley and St. Paul, Provost and instructs the Diocesan Registrar to enter a memorandum of the Deed of Disestablishment issued by the Bishop into the Diocesan Register. Carried.

Resolution #EC26-09

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council rescind the applicable portion of Resolution EC-37-05 so that there will be a single Automobile Allowance rate (currently \$0.44/km). Carried.

Resolution #EC27-09

Be it Resolved that Executive Council support the designation of St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda Anglican Church as a Provincial Historic Resource, and its listing on the Alberta and Canadian Register of Historic Places. Carried.

Resolution #EC28-09

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approve the Maternity and Parental Leave Policy dated November 2009, which will be included in the Employee Manual. Carried.

Resolution #EC29-09

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approve the Short- and Long-Term Disability Policy dated November 2009, which will be included in the Employee Manual. Carried.



Resolution #EC03-10

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council approve the St. Paul's Leduc application for an Anglican Foundation of Canada grant, with respect to a building addition that will resolve access issues. Carried.

Resolution #EC06-10

Be it Resolved that the Diocese of Edmonton will participate in the Bequest Identification Initiative of the National Church. Carried.

Resolution #EC09-10

Be it Resolved that the financial statements for the year ending December 31st, 2009 Agenda be approved. Carried.

Resolution #EC10-10

Be it Resolved that Christ Church Mannville be deconsecrated and the property be put up for sale. Carried.

Resolution #EC13-10

Be it Resolved that Executive Council has received and considered the Legislative Committee's Report to the 62nd Synod. Carried.

Resolution #EC14-10

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council approves the draft agenda for the 62nd Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. Carried.

Resolution #EC15-10

Be it Resolved that the following lay members be appointed by the Bishop to attend the 62nd Synod: Dennis Gushuliak, Paul Nahirney, Margaret Marschall, John Bloxham, Arthur Dyck; with the remaining five to be added as they are appointed by the Bishop. Carried.

Resolution #EC16-10

Be it Resolved that the following young people be appointed by the Bishop to attend the 62nd Synod: Lauren Milner, Jeremy Reid, Alyssa Steinwand, Jemima Christian; with the remaining eleven to be added as they are appointed by the bishop. Carried.



ACTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE: Since the 61st Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

This report, compiled from minutes of Administration and Finance Committee meetings, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by Administration and Finance Committee. Procedural motions have not been included in this report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of Administration and Finance Committee are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Executive Officer, Brian Popp. Please note that the previous month(s) financial statements are received for information at each meeting of Administration and Finance Committee.

Members of Administration and Finance Committee at October 1st, 2010 are:

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander

Mr. Jeremy Webster, Chair

Ms. Jeannette Madill, Treasurer

Mr. Brian Popp, Executive Officer

The Ven. Michael Rolph

Mr. Neil Calhoun

Mr. Ken Holmstrom

Ms. Maida Kellgren

The Rev. Matthew Oliver

The Very Rev. Neil Gordon, Property and Planning Sub-committee Chair

Mr. Roger Thomson, Diocesan Development Fund Sub-committee Chair

Ms. Margaret Marschall (Recorder)

Resolution AF 30-08

That the A&F Committee recommend to Executive Council that the 2009 Stipend (Including Housing) Schedule be adjusted to reflect a 3.0% increase effective January 1, 2009. Carried.

Resolution AF 31-08

That the A&F Committee recommend to Executive Council that the tax exempt automobile allowance for 2009 paid by the Diocese and its parishes be set at .44/km. Carried.

Resolution AF 32-08

That the A&F Committee recommend to Executive Council that, effective January 1, 2009 the Sunday Supply honorarium rate be increased to \$125.00 for one service and \$175.00 for two services at the same location. Carried.



Resolution AF 33-08

That the A&F Committee authorize St. Catherine's, Edson to obtain at least two competitive quotes for Phase 1 of their proposed building project, as the first step towards developing a comprehensive future plan for the parish, which shall include a plan for sustainable ministry. This authorization extends only to obtaining quotes, and not to turning sod. Carried.

Resolution AF 37-08

That the A&F Committee endorse a three-year ministerial support program. Carried.

Resolution AF 40-08

The committee agreed unanimously not to give its approval to St. Luke's to proceed with its application for municipal historical designation. Carried.

Resolution AF 41-08

That the 2009 General Fund Operating Budget be presented to Executive Council for approval. (Committee support was unanimous, including Ken Holmstrom's support, indicated via email.) Carried.

Resolution AF 42-08

Be it resolved that Bank Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for banking purposes only be any two of the following five: Dale Purkis, David Connell, Bishop Jane Alexander, Sarah Kemp, and the Very Rev. Lee Bezanson. In the case of cheques totaling \$50,000 or more, one of the two signatories must be Bishop Jane Alexander or the Executive Officer, David Connell. Carried.

Resolution AF 43-08

Be it resolved that: St. Saviour's, Vermilion be permitted to sell its rectory. The rectory was constructed in the 1940s and was last occupied by clergy in 1981. The current tenants have offered to purchase the house, and the parish cannot afford the substantial renovations that it requires. Carried.

Resolution AF 44-08

Be it resolved that: Executive Council agrees to transfer the 0.271 hectare 0.67 acre parcel of land in MacKay (legal W5; 11; 54; 8; NE) to the St. George's Cemetery Company of MacKay for the sum of \$1.00. The Cemetery Company administers a cemetery on 0.405 hectares (1 acre) adjacent to our land. The cemetery is almost full and contains a large section specifically for aboriginal burials. The Cemetery Company is not permitted to sell plots, i.e., it has no money and will be faced with having trees removed and fencing our site. The Cemetery Company has been asked if it can arrange the transfer at no cost to the Diocese. Carried.



Resolution AF 04-09

Be it resolved that Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for bank signing purposes only be any two of: the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Dean, The Very Rev. Lee Bezanson in the Bishop's absence, the Executive Officer, David Connell, the Personal Assistant to the Bishop, Sarah Kemp and the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill, except for cheques greater than \$50,000.00, one of the two signatories must be either the Bishop, Jane Alexander or the Executive Officer, David Connell. Carried.

Resolution AF 05-09

Be it resolved that the Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for cheque signing on the Bishop's Fund be the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander or the Dean, The Very Rev. Lee Bezanson in the Bishop's absence, and either the Executive Officer, David Connell or the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill. Carried.

Resolution AF 06-09

Be it resolved that the Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for dealings with the Investment Accounts managed by RBC Dominion Securities be:

1. Authority to enter orders: any two of the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Executive Officer, David Connell or the Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee, Jeremy Webster.
2. Authority to sign documents: any two of the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Executive Officer, David Connell and the Chair of the Administration & Finance Committee, Jeremy Webster.
3. Authority to make withdrawals on behalf of the Diocese: any one of the Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Executive Officer, David Connell or the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill.

Carried.

Resolution AF 09-09

That A&F recommend to Executive Council that the parishes of St. Peter, Paradise Valley and St. Paul, Provost be formally disestablished. Carried.

Resolution AF 10-09

That A&F accept DDF's recommendation to transfer the \$11,000 loan balance owed by St. James, Bonnyville, to Diocesan General Fund Investments in Property. Carried.

Resolution AF 15-09

That the committee approves the draft financial statements, deferring approval of the audit report to a future date, pending further discussion. Carried.



Resolution AF 17-09

That A&F recommend to Executive Council that St. George, Edmonton and St. Luke, Edmonton be permitted to enter into negotiations with The City of Edmonton with respect to seeking Municipal Historic Designation. Carried.

Resolution AF 18-09

That we recommend to Executive Council that we donate the church [St. Matthew's, Ashmont] to the Haying in the 30's Cancer Support Society. Carried.

Resolution AF 19-09

That St. George, Fort Saskatchewan be permitted to proceed with its proposed renovations. Carried.

Resolution AF 25-09

That the committee approve the 2008 financial statements and recommend them to Executive Council. Carried.

Resolution AF 26-09

That St. Catherine's, Edson be permitted to secure funding, with a view of starting its project next spring, or when funding is in place. Carried.

Resolution AF 27-09

That the committee recommend to Executive Council that the parishes of St. Matthew, Ashmont; St. Paul, Provost; and St. Peter, Paradise Valley be formally disestablished. Carried.

Resolution AF 32-09

That the committee recommend the draft Maternal/Parental Leave Benefits Policy to Executive Council. Carried.

Resolution AF 33-09

That the committee recommends an amended draft Short- and Long-Term Disability Benefits Policy to Executive Council. Carried.

Resolution AF 34-09

That the two tier mileage automobile allowance enacted in 2005 be rescinded and replaced with a single tier \$.44/km automobile allowance. Carried.

Resolution AF 35-09

That A&F recommends that Executive Council give its permission for the St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda church at Rexboro to be declared a provincial historic resource. Carried.

Resolution AF 03-10

That A&F recommend to Executive Council, that Christ Church, Mannville be deconsecrated and sold with its lot. Carried.

Resolution AF 06-10

That A&F recommend that Executive Council approve the financial statements and sign off on the auditor's report. Carried.

Resolution AF 09-10

That A&F amend the Short Term Disability Plan to include Maternity and Parental Leave, and be known as the Short Term Leave Program, retroactive to May 1st, 2010. The aforementioned changes will be communicated to all parties eligible to receive benefits. Carried.

Resolution AF 12-10

That the proposed revisions to Canon 10A: Diocesan Development Fund, be recommended to Executive Council.

Resolution AF 13-10**a. Signing Officers – Bank**

Be it resolved that Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, for bank signing purposes only, be any two of: the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Dean, the Very Rev. Neil Gordon (in the bishop's absence), the Executive Officer, Brian Popp, the Personal Assistant to the Bishop, Sarah Kemp, and the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill, except for cheques greater than \$50,000.00, when one of the two signatories must be either the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander or the Executive Officer Brian Popp.

b. Signing Officers – Bishop's Fund

Be it resolved that the Signing Officers of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for cheque signing on the Bishop's Fund be the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, or the Dean, the Very Rev. Neil Gordon (in the Bishop's absence), and either the Executive Officer, Brian Popp or the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill.

c. Signing Officers – Investment Accounts

Be it resolved that the Signing Officers for the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for dealings with the Investment Accounts managed by RBC Dominion Securities be:

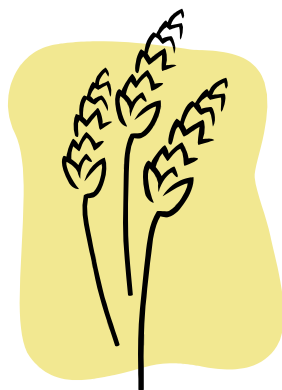
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3. Authority to make withdrawals on behalf of the Diocese: any one of: the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the Executive Officer, Brian Popp, or the Treasurer, Jeannette Madill.



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REPORTS FROM GROUPS AND COMMITTEES



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ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Synod Delegates, please accept this report as an overview of the activities and objectives of your Administration and Finance (“A&F”) Committee of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Members

The following is a listing of the members of the A&F Committee:

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, The Ven. Michael Rolph, Maida Kellgren, Jeannette Madill (Treasurer), Jeremy Webster (Chair), Neil Calhoun, Ken Holmstrom, Roger Thomson, David Connell and Brian Popp (joint Executive Officers), Margaret Marschall (Recorder).

Mandate Summary

The following are the key functions entrusted to the A&F Committee through the canons of the Diocese:

1. A monthly review of financial information such as monthly and annual financial statements for the general fund, the consolidated trust fund, and the diocesan development fund (“DDF”).
2. Co-ordinate with the financial statement auditors, Grant Thornton, in regards to any audit issues that arise and approve the annual audited financial statements.
3. Review the proposed annual revenue and expenditure budget for the Diocese and recommend approval to Executive Council.
4. Monitor the actual results compared to budget and obtain explanations for variances.
5. Review financial status of parishes and request further information, when warranted.
6. Approve investments made on behalf of the Diocese.
7. Review property matters including capital projects, sale of property and other modifications to church property.
8. Review key financial policies of the Diocese such as annual clergy remuneration, benefits, apportionment, and policies relating to financial and administrative matters of the Diocese.
9. We usually meet monthly for about 2 hours, except during summer months.

Committees Reporting to A&F

1. Diocesan Development Fund – Chair John Bloxham
2. Property & Planning Committee – Chair Neil Gordon



Annual Budget 2010

Following is a summary of the annual budget for 2010 with a comparison to actual results.

Diocese of Edmonton Annual Budget for 2010

	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Receipts	<u>\$952,800</u>	<u>\$344,700</u>	<u>\$1,297,500</u>
Expenditures			
Mission Action Plan	101,200	248,700	349,900
Operations	461,175	21,000	482,175
Assessments & Transfers	252,165	-	252,165
Parish Support & Outreach	<u>126,550</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>201,550</u>
Total expenditures	<u>941,090</u>	<u>344,700</u>	<u>1,285,790</u>
Surplus	<u>\$11,710</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$11,710</u>

Note: Year to date to August 31, 2010 we are on budget.

New Members – we are always looking for new members who would be interested in serving on the A&F Committee – please let me or any of the members know of your interest.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Webster, Chair*

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

We are happy to report that every woman in the Anglican Church is living and worshipping in her Church to the glory of God and for the extension of His Kingdom in that place.

We wish to report to you about a number of these women who are organized into groups in parishes, our diocese and across Canada. We call ourselves the ACW. The Diocese of Edmonton has about 25 of these parish groups. We gather, worship, study and work for our parish and beyond. Our focus is mission and our desire is to use prayer, work and stewardship as our guidelines. Our motto is, “The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength”. We



attempt to put all of this together into our actions. Our Bishop has appointed for us a Chaplain, the Rev. Coleen Lynch, who prays for us and leads us in our worship and Christian life.

The Diocesan ACW gathers each May at St. Matthias Church, Edmonton. Over 100 women begin the day with communion, led by our Chaplain and our Bishop (when possible). We meet to hear from our Bishop about her vision for the diocese, and how she sees our part in it. We also have a guest speaker from an organization outside the Church that we feel could use our help. We elect an executive (The Diocesan Board) which meets about five times over the year and plans the next Annual Meeting. On the board we have many members who take care of each area of our work. I cannot begin to mention all 15 to 20 areas of ministry, but I would like to report on three of them.

One is our Book of Remembrance. This is cared for by Melissa Lee and is on display in the Cathedral. For the price of \$25 we enter the name of a person who has gone to higher service. We list her name, year of birth and death, her favourite scripture and the name of the sponsor(s). There are also many parishes where our groups have closed, and we hope the parishioners of these parishes will be willing to sponsor those names for our book.

Another member, Willa Gorman, gathers the news among the groups and beyond, and distributes a publication we call *In Touch* to every parish and to each Diocesan ACW across Canada.

The third area I will mention is the one we call "Social Action". Betty Willem and Ruby Shanley lead a group of women who do a major job in this field. In 2008-09, these women delivered to 21 organizations many gifts, such as: mittens, scarves, toques, toiletries, baby items, lap robes, good used clothing, bedding and towels - which they received from the groups throughout the diocese. Some of the recent receiving organizations were: WIN House, Ronald McDonald House, The Kipnes Centre, Norwood Auxiliary Hospital, Rosecrest Home, Our House, The Mustard Seed, and the Youth Emergency Shelter.

I could not begin to list all that the parish groups do over and above this. We raise money for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and for six other groups each year. The work of the Life Members of the ACW and the donations they make is extensive.

I would like to close by asking a favour: if you do not collect Campbell's Soup Labels for another cause, would you please consider doing so for the Diocesan ACW? We provide Belmead School with soup labels, enabling educators to obtain supplies they would not otherwise be able to afford.

May all we do be to the Glory of God and the building of His Kingdom.

*Respectfully submitted,
Beth-Anne Exham
President, ACW*



BARNABAS INITIATIVE

Introduction

The purpose, goal, and focus of the Barnabas Initiative, and its team members is to encourage ongoing ministry and mission, and to support the growth and nurturing of new ministry and mission initiatives. Not focusing on any one model, or system, but rather encouraging the people of the diocese to look at a large tool-box of approaches, the Barnabas Initiative understands that when it comes to mission in local contexts, one size truly does not fit all.

Since Bishop Jane initiated the Barnabas Initiative in her charge to Synod in 2008, the Barnabas Initiative has encouraged and supported ministry and mission across the diocese. Several inherited ministries have been strengthened and built up, many new mission and church planting initiatives have been initiated, and a very positive shift in congregational willingness to engage in mission has begun. Under Bishop Jane's guidance, and vision, the Barnabas Initiative is leading the way in Canada in promoting and encouraging refreshing ministry, mission and church planting.

Encouragement and Support of Inherited Ministries

Through the Barnabas Initiative, several parishes have found encouragement and support for their local ministries. This support encouraged the ongoing work of ministry present in the local parishes, and supported a process of shaping those ministries for mission. Several parish level conversations, clergy consultations, and resource supports (including ministry staff) were received across the diocese. The receiving parishes include:

St. Mary and St. George, Jasper	Christ Church, Edmonton
St. Catherine's, Edson	St. Augustine's, Edmonton
St. Francis of Assisi, Hinton	St. Faith's, Edmonton
St. Mary's, Vegreville	St. Stephen's Edmonton
St. Saviour, Vermillion	Holy Trinity, Edmonton
St. Mary, Ponoka	St. Peter, Edmonton
St. Thomas, Sherwood Park	St. Timothy, Edmonton
St. Augustine's, Spruce Grove	St. David, Edmonton
Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton	

The above parishes received encouragement and support from the Barnabas Initiative in ways that range from the placement of part-time or full-time ministry staff (both lay and ordained), to occasional conversations and coaching around areas of mission and discipleship.

New Mission and Church Planting Initiatives

In addition to supporting our inherited and ongoing ministries, and mission activities, the Barnabas Initiative also encouraged and supported the growth and planting of new mission endeavours, and new worshipping congregations.

Messy Church

To date, there are over 11 diocesan parishes engaging in (or planning) the planting of a Messy Church congregation in their community, or beginning Messy Church inspired



programs and outreach activities. In addition to those parishes still in the planning phases, these parishes have included:

St. John, Onoway
St. George, Fort Saskatchewan
St. Augustine, Spruce Grove
St. Timothy's, Edmonton
Christ Church, Edmonton

St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton
St. Mary, Edmonton
Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton
St. Matthias, Edmonton

New Worshiping Congregations

In addition to the planting of several new 'Messy' Churches, the Barnabas Initiative has helped to encourage the planting of a new English language congregation at Holy Trinity Riverbend through the training and equipping of a church planting team of five individuals, and ongoing support to the congregation as a whole. In addition to this, the Standing Stones ministry led by the Reverend Canon Travis Enright, providing Christian worship in a Cree cultural environment, has taken shape with Barnabas Initiative support and encouragement.

Fresh Mission Initiatives

The Barnabas Initiative has also encouraged and supported the development and implementation of several mission initiatives in the diocese. These have included:

The New Life Postpartum Ministry group, started by the Rev. Maddie Urion, to support new mom's struggling with life challenges following the birth of a child.

The Project, an arts initiative based out of Holy Trinity, Edmonton, and focussing on arts ministries to at-risk, homeless, and street-involved youth, as well as supporting performing artists in the Old Strathcona area. This ministry was started by The Rev. Thomas Brauer.

Holy Trinity Riverbend, in addition to planting a new English language congregation, and a new Messy Church, HTR is actively engaged in other innovative forms of mission and outreach to the Riverbend communities, including plans for a community garden, and involvement in neighbourhood community leagues. This is being undertaken by the Rev. Jonathon Connell, under the Ven. Michael Sung, rector.

Christ Church, the Rev. Dr. Myron Penner has been engaged in reaching out in mission to the Oliver and Raitown communities of Edmonton's downtown. While this has included the development of a Messy Church ministry, it has also involved other community involvement and outreach. Also through the support of the Barnabas Initiative, the Rev. Dr. Penner is also on the E.P. Wahl Centre team, encouraging the equipping and training of the whole Church for mission and ministry at an academic level.

Congregational Engagement and Mission Training

Led by Bishop Jane, this element of the Barnabas Initiative's ministry of encouragement and support has also shown tremendous success. Through the Bishop's busy schedule of preaching and teaching at local parishes, and the implementation of training programs like



Mission Shaped Intro, and involvement with the E.P. Wahl Centre, we are seeing increasing awareness and support of mission and fresh ministry at a grass-roots level.

This campaign of on-the-ground training, teaching, preaching and encouraging continually communicates the truth that mission and ministry is a work for the whole Church, and is not only to be clergy led, but will only grow to maturity when the body of lay members takes leadership as well. And we are seeing excellent work in mission, led by volunteers across the diocese, from ongoing ministries to the poor and those in need, to resource support to parish leadership, to provision of alternative forms of worship and liturgy, to ministry and mission to children and youth.

Conclusion

The above captures only in part the impact of the Barnabas Initiative since its inception at the 2008 synod. It is impossible to note all the benefits seen by churches, communities, and the diocese as a whole. It is also impossible to predict how far these benefits will reach. However, we submit this report to the 2010 synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for consideration.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Thomas Brauer*

BISHOP'S FUND

The Bishops' Fund was started in 1951 by a group of people who wanted to give some practical help to the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton to aid clergy and their families. In 1971, the fund was extended to include clergy and families of the six parishes in the District of Mackenzie in the NWT which are part of the Diocese of the Arctic. The funds are given to the two bishops who use their discretion to aid clergy; for example, they might fly a clergy person to a relative's funeral; they might fund some counselling or stress leave; one year, one of the suffragan bishops in the Arctic was flown to the funeral of a priest and his wife who had gone through the ice and drowned. Without this fund, there is no money for these kinds of emergency. Approximately \$35,000 is raised each year for use by the Bishop in the Diocese of Edmonton and a further \$8,000 for the Diocese of the Arctic.

The original founders were all men (and the organization was known as the Bishop's Men) but for the past several years membership has been open to all—which is especially appropriate as the Bishop is now the Rt. Rev Jane Alexander.

The people, men and women, who come to the annual dinner (which is the only fundraiser we do) come from a variety of backgrounds. The Bishop's Fund Committee pays all the expenses of the dinner, so all the members' contributions are available for the bishops' use.

Each year we ask someone to speak on whatever topic they wish. The topic of the talk is not religious in any sense at all, and the people who are asked to speak (and indeed the people who attend) are for the most part not clergy (although we did have the retired Bishop of the Arctic speak one year), and are not necessarily Anglicans or church goers, or Christian, or



even observant. The point of the talk is to hear from someone interesting, who has a view on some aspect of the world—which is the focal point for what is a very pleasant evening that raises money for a good cause.

Past speakers have included: last year, The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz (Archbishop and Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada) , Jay Ingram (well known Canadian author and broadcaster), Chancellor Eric Newell (formerly of Syncrude), Senator Tommy Banks (who gave an eye-opener on the work that senators do); Indira Samarasekera (President of the U of A); Jeffrey Simpson (from the *Globe & Mail*, whose theme was the great opportunity for Alberta to be a leader in all sorts of things, especially education); Dr. Lorne Tyrell (a noted medical researcher and past Dean of Medicine at University of Alberta who spoke about recent medical developments); Ed Struzik (from the *Edmonton Journal*, who has a long connection with the north, and talked very captivantly about the changes that are going on up there); Bill Thorsell (then *Globe & Mail*, previously *Edmonton Journal* and the University of Alberta, who talked in part about the future of Edmonton); Peter Gzoswski (*CBC Radio*, who just talked, and was captivating); Martha Piper (then VP Research at U of A, later President of UBC, who spoke about "hotspots" in academic and research excellence at the U of A and in Edmonton), Matthew Barrett (formerly Bank of Montreal, who spoke about Canada and business, when the bank held its annual meeting in Edmonton one year), and Jim Dinning (after he had returned to the private sector).

This year the dinner will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club. Our speaker will be Dr. David Schindler (U of A), a well known environmental researcher and world leading limnologist. His topic will be the current state of the Athabasca River and the watersheds of the Arctic.

Anyone interested in supporting the fund and receiving an invitation to the dinner can contact me directly, or through the Synod Office.

Respectfully submitted,
David Angus
Chair, The Bishop's Fund
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THE BISHOP'S REPORT

<u>Action Items – Taken from Bishop Jane Alexander’s Charge to the 61st Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton</u>	<u>Has there Been Any Action Since October 2008? – What did we do?</u>
I call us now, to a time of honest review, to consider our own lives and parishes and to take courage. We have to discern what God is calling <u>us</u> to do. We all are called to say yes to God’s plans and then to ask “where do I fit in?”	

<p>I wonder if each parish in the Diocese of Edmonton would be at the very least, prayer partners with a Council of the North parish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parishes partnered with Council of the North parishes and some ACW groups led this initiative with prayer and supplies • Many parishes took part in the Amazing Grace Project and in the bannock and stew lunches to raise funds for the suicide prevention program of the Council • Formed a diocesan partnership with the Diocese of Moosonee, Dean Lee Bezanson visited on behalf of our diocese – we need to talk to the new bishop there and see if this partnership will continue, and if so, in what form
<p>We affirmed our promise to walk together with our First Nations brothers and sisters. I am pleased to say that our Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald has visited the diocese a number of times and we have some new initiatives in the area of healing and outreach under discussion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Stones, a fresh expression of church, with aspects of healing and reconciliation in the service, is held on a regular basis in the diocese • Applied for a grant from the New England Company to fund ministry to urban Aboriginals • Clergy represented the Diocese of Edmonton and the Anglican Church at the Parliament of World Religions on the topic of urban Aboriginal ministry • Two Gatherings • We were one of the stops for the Remembering the Children Tour • On October 3, 2010, the Rev. Travis Enright was installed as the Canon for Indigenous Ministry. Funding for this position which includes a 1/3 time outreach position, has been secured
<p>We celebrated our relationship with our full communion Lutheran partners the ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada). I continue to work closely with Bishop Ron and to look at possible partnerships for ministry in our dioceses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecumenical Bible studies on a parish-by-parish basis • Participation in the Anglican Lutheran Dialogue in Edmonton, 2009 • Lutheran clergy joining us for the Vital Church Planting West and Mainline Church Conferences • Shared elementary age camping program this year with Hasting's Lake Bible Camp – Lutheran program, Anglican chaplain; Anglican and Lutheran youth • Invited to be the Bishop-in-Residence for the Lutheran clergy conference and retreat



	in Camrose in 2009
I invite you all to think about how your parish is supporting the MDGS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some parishes have raised fund to support UNICEF and World Vision Projects • We hosted a city-wide symposium on homelessness • Social Justice Committee has been reformed • Continuing work with PWRDF, funds from some diocesan services have been directed to PWRDF's work
It is my intention to have a series of deanery gatherings, and then a diocesan gathering through the Spring and Fall of 2009 to prepare for the discussions at General Synod 2010.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO – we took a different approach giving clergy the materials in preparation for GS and then looking to parish and deanery groups to decide how they would like to proceed
Let's look at the mission – how it might be for the next couple of years. We have some specific challenges ahead of us, a general drop in attendance, we have to make some decisions about how we can continue to be the church in rural communities that can no longer afford full, or even half-time priestly ministry; we are seeing a growth in population in the diocese, but not a growth in Anglicans; we need to look at evangelism and we have some specific problems in reaching children and youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Ministry Co-ordinator Position formed • Canon Caroline Pinchbeck visited us from the UK • The Rev. Keith Marsh was installed as the Canon for Rural Ministry • Rural Ministry Conference in 2009, and a further one planned for 2010 • Sharing of physical plant with St. Faith's and St. Stephen's • Cooperating parishes – Sherwood Park and Tofield • Cam Harder, a speaker at the Vital Church Planting West conference in May of 2010, will speak at synod in October 2010 • It has become more obvious that we need to address the matter of mileage payments in rural ministry points • Bishop Claude Payne, author of 'Reclaiming the Great Commission', coming in June 2011 for Clergy Conference and for a diocesan teaching day on transformation
Inclusive action plan which will include excellence in our Traditional parishes; Reboots of existing ministry that is under-equipped; Fresh expressions of church; New	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Action Plans requested from all parishes • Demographic surveys asked for from all parishes



<p>church plants; and vibrant Chaplaincies. Whatever it is, we must do everything the very best that we can.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-connection of University Chaplaincy and St. George's Edmonton • A fresh expression of ministry, The Project, functions out of Holy Trinity Strathcona and has been working with street youth on a photography project • Interface Worship has been a fresh expression of worship based out of St. Paul's • Partnership with Taylor Seminary and the E. P. Wahl Centre • New Life Postpartum Ministry, a support group for new moms started under the Barnabas Initiative • Riverbend Neighbourhood Church, a church plant in an existing building • Detailed demographic information shared with all parishes to look at our neighbours in community and ask how we might be reaching them
<p>In order to proclaim the gospel – we need to know the gospel, to study it, to live it –all of it not just the parts we like the best or the parts that further our plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged Lay Reader development, EFM and other Christian education opportunities • Higher teaching profile in the community with the Paul lecture series and with diocesan clergy teaching sessions at Taylor College and King's University • Continued support of the Prayer Book Society
<p>NCD has raised expectations in the diocese and now we must find ways to resource and equip parishes and individuals as they seek to address the NCD results.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued Natural Church Development work – NCD national leaders, including Christian Schwarz, here in Edmonton for a conference • Reordering of the Ministry Development Committee • Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis of core ministry areas across the diocese
<p>Need to resource and develop children and youth ministries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messy church present in many parishes • Lucy Moore came to the diocese for training events in June 2010 • Youth Social Justice Coordinator hired on a part time basis



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New connections formed with Fusion for leadership development • Increased attendance at winter camps • Worship Room Alternative worship at the University of Alberta
Can I ask that we get better at sharing? Can we speak to each other about what is working and see one another as precious resources?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased attempts at collegiality and communication • Improvements to the Messenger • Website under reconstruction
We need to train and equip leaders and I believe we need to do it now. If we really want young people to be part of our church what are we prepared to do about it? It's personal. It requires commitment, responsibility and accountability. We need to ask: "What have we done that has worked in the past?" "What are we doing that is working now?" And finally, "What could we do?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competence in Ministry program for newly ordained priests • Review of Vocational Diaconate • Retreat for vocational deacons and inquirers booked for November, 2010 • Fusion training has been offered • We have brought in some first class teachers for continuing clergy education • We plan to extend invitations and hold training events at times when lay people can join the clergy so that we can learn together • Mainline Church Conference
We need to look at how we continue to meet worship and sacramental needs of those who can no longer get to the parish celebrations of the Eucharist easily.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Reader training revamped under the leadership of the Rev. Cameron Burns • Hospital visitor training under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Joanne Neal
We must look to our presence across all communities, three of the largest and most active Canadian forces bases are in our diocese; Edmonton, Cold Lake and Wainwright. What is our ministry among military families?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two clergy members also serve as reserve military chaplains • Bishop's visit to CFB Wainwright and CFB Edmonton • Ongoing communications with the Bishop Ordinary Peter Coffin
How might we look further afield as a Diocese? We have been invited by the Bishop of Buye Diocese in Burundi, Bishop Sixbert Macumi, to partner with that diocese, and I anticipate inviting Bishop Macumi to come and visit us in 2009 to explore this partnership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Macumi visited us • Burundi Nets Campaign raised funds to provide over 1,600 insecticide treated nets to the Diocese of Buye • Lauren Milner visited Bishop Macumi in 2010
I believe there is also opportunity for some rural/urban partnerships between parishes in the diocese which could involve a sharing of resources and of prayer support .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherwood Park and Tofield trial partnership • Some clericus meetings have been taking place in more rural venues
I believe that <u>as</u> a diocese we need to think	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural ministry funding and possible



<p>about how we plan and build for the future and aid the ministries we have.</p>	<p>Ministry Opportunity Fund Appeal draft in place for introduction in Fall 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rethinking apportionment – to work towards leaving more money in parishes to cover base amounts for stipends and utilities • Revising of Canon 10A so that we can invest in people and ministries as well as in buildings
<p>Therefore, I would like to see the development of what I am calling the Barnabas Initiative. This initiative is one of encouragement and support. I think we need a resource team – not to provide centralized ministry, far from it, but to exist so that across the diocese we can provide extra input in developing and equipping ministry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done and funding in place for 2009-2011 • Trial period has been a learning experience with many positive outcomes • Many parishes and ministries are benefitting or have benefitted from the Barnabas Initiative Team: Holy Trinity Riverbend Neighbourhood Church; New Life Postpartum Ministry; Messy Church; Christ Church; St. Peter's; St. Timothy's; St. Augustine's Parkland; Appreciative Inquiry; Workshops and Individual Coaching and Visits
<p>What if by 2013 we can have made such a difference that people who identify themselves as Anglican and appear on our parish rolls are more regularly attending church for worship and to share in the Holy Sacraments? And that each Anglican in this diocese brings another person to Christ within the next five years. Could we do that? If you think you could – that's great, if you think you can't, would you agree to work with others so we can learn how together?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to Church Sunday Initiative • Michael Harvey training day and return for Synod in 2010 • Follow Up for B2CS at Christmas 2010, materials being prepared for parishes • Invited to be one of two Canadian dioceses to launch a back to church Easter campaign (the other being Toronto) • Recommitment of the Cursillo community to help disciple people – special service tied to their anniversary celebrations in November 2010

CAMPING COMMITTEE

The last three years have seen a number of changes within the Camping Program. Bishop Jane directed us to find ways to work with the Lutherans, who share our Communion. And so, Camp Come Alive (CCA) has continued a transformation begun several years ago.

CCA has gone from being two one-week camps at Van Es Conference Centre, to one week at Camp Oselia, to a combined Lutheran/Anglican camp at Hastings Lake Bible Camp. We are now working with our Lutheran brethren who have well-established programs, to provide our youth with a wider range of choices. Hastings Lake has many different camps, including a camp for single parents and their children.



Chelsy Stevens was our clergy representative on staff for the week of Kids Kamp 2 in 2010. She was a resource person and chaplain, and it will be interesting to hear how the camp went.

The Lutheran partnership also provides our youth with the opportunity to work for the summer at any of several Lutheran Camps, including: Kuriakos, Mulhurst Lake, and Hastings Lake. I also serve on the board of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry for Alberta and the North (LOMAN).

The diocesan camping program still runs Base Camp is for junior high campers. In 2008, Base Camp was held at Cold Lake. In 2009 and 2010 we returned to Pine Bay, Switzer Park. Tom Dean has been our chaplain the last two years. This year, 18 hardy youth experienced tenting in the foothills of the Rockies, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, square dancing, wide games, community building, and other adventures. Of the 18 campers, 12 were returning from last year, and three or four had moved up from CCA. Of our 11 staff, four had been CCA campers, three base campers, and 9 of 11 had previous Base Camp Staff experience.

Camp Explore 2009 featured a weekend canoe trip from Devon, tot Laurier Park in the city. This year, the planned trip in the Rocky Mountain House area was cancelled due to lack of registrations. The two campers who registered before the deadline took advantage of a different opportunity - joining Priscilla Haskin in whitewater canoeing on the Wild Hay, just north of Switzer Park.

We continue to offer camping programs in two of our four seasons. Priscilla Haskin led the first winter camp more than 10 years ago. These past two years we have used Elk Island Retreat for weekend camps, held in February 2009 and March 2010. Sarah Alexander directed March Camp this year, and Susan Oliver was chaplain. Dan Helm, Chelsy Stevens and Mark Armstrong rounded out the staff, which provided 13 campers with Christian fellowship, and good times. Spring-like weather made the camp even more enjoyable.

All in all, camping ministry is doing good things in 2010. Spread the word!

Information and updates are available on the Diocesan website:

<http://edmonton.anglican.org/youth/Camps/camps.htm>

and on Facebook - Edmonton Anglican Diocese Summer Camp:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2393597797&ref=ts>.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Mark Armstrong
Camping Committee Chair*



CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Rev. Susan Oliver has staffed the Anglican Chaplaincy for the University of Alberta since November 2009. The ministry continues to offer spiritual support, guidance and educational opportunities for students, staff and faculty on campus.

Two of the main programs offered through the Anglican chaplaincy are the Worship Room and Crossroads. The former is a Sunday evening supper and service for students, as well as young Anglicans looking for a spiritual home in Edmonton. It takes place at St. George's Anglican Church. Through a shared meal, worship and conversation, the Worship Room has become a place where young people can be themselves; express both their faith and their doubt in a safe space and form community. Several Anglican churches throughout the diocese have taken turns providing a meal for the students. Many of these churches have sent two or three people to deliver the meal and spend the evening with the students.

Crossroads is an undergraduate fellowship and Bible study group, which meets on Thursday evenings at the chaplain's house. Through food and fellowship this group has grown both in number and community experience. Outside of Thursday evenings, this group often comes together for outreach projects, social events, or to help Sue move!

Apart from these two programs, a great deal of the chaplaincy ministry is spent meeting with people one-on-one for coffee and conversation. Students and staff are recommended to the Anglican chaplain from a variety of sources and she has been privileged to walk with people in their grief, doubts, vocational discernment, and joys.

The Anglican Chaplaincy at the university is a part of the University of Alberta Interfaith Chaplains Association. Participating in this organization through monthly meetings, special combined events, and campus wide discussion groups, is also a part of the mandate of this ministry.

The Anglican Chaplaincy has renewed its connection with St. George's Anglican Church. Sue now serves as the Rector of St. George's as well as the chaplain. Having a worship space so close to campus to which to invite students has been an extremely helpful part of the ministry. The link between the church and the university is evident and so both students and congregation members are happy to share the space and worship together.

Through the continued support of the diocese, individual Anglican churches, as well as private donations, the chaplaincy ministry continues to grow and reach out to both students and staff. It has been a delight to serve as university chaplain for almost two years. God's guidance and help has been evident and I look forward to being a part of this ministry in the days to come.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Susan Oliver
University Chaplain*



COLLEGE OF EMMANUEL AND ST. CHAD

Last year the College welcomed several new students to our programs. Two students are pursuing studies towards ordination, one is an already ordained student in grad studies, one is studying for a lay-studies degree, and several are new occasional students, picking up regular-term courses. They were joining a dedicated group of some 80 students across the three colleges of the Theological Union here (the “STU”), who study together, worship together, and explore vocations together, lay and ordered, as they discern where life and faith may take them next.

Throughout the year a number of others joined us in theological studies, either through our on-line offerings, or during our week-long intensives (*Evangelism & Discipleship, Preparing for Shared Ministries, Appreciative Inquiry, Praying with the Giants, and Adult Religious Education*).

By the beginning of May, we were ready to celebrate the graduation of some members from that group of learners at our joint STU convocation. From our own college we recognized the work of nine grads. Ria Neish and Lynn Monar completed their two-year MTS degrees, going on to vocations in nursing, and spiritual care respectively. Father Doug Ohs marked his own retirement as Canadian Forces Chaplain by writing a thesis on his career in order to complete his M Div. Five other grads were also recognized with our Diploma in Indigenous Anglican Theology, made possible through the work of the Henry Budd Centre - our first-nations partner institution in the Pas, Manitoba. The college was also pleased to award an Honourary Doctor of Canon Laws to former FSIN Chief, Lawrence Joseph, for his service to church and society.

Over the summer, final arrangements were made in parishes - two in BC, three in Saskatchewan, and one in Ontario - where six interns will begin the work of combining theory and practice this fall. These internships are an important component in our training for ordination, as these parishes and their priests become important partners in the work of teaching and learning together for ministry.

This summer we were also delighted to welcome a new member to our faculty. Dr. Matthew Thiessen, a Canadian biblical scholar, and a recent graduate of Duke University, North Carolina, arrived to fill a term position, Senior Lecturer in New Testament. Matt will be covering for the successive sabbaticals that two of our biblical scholars in the STU will be taking over the next two years. Matt’s work focuses on the interdependence of early Judaism and early Christianity as they emerged.

Another important development over the past year for all of our colleges in the STU has been a discussion with Horizon College and Seminary, a Pentecostal training centre in Saskatoon. Horizon is interested in becoming a fourth member of the union. Already a very efficient library staff has been able to include Horizon’s library collection in our joint catalogue. Check out our library web-site at: <http://reindex.net/STU/rss/Portal.php> and explore for yourself the resources we have available.



Finally, as we begin welcoming students to a new term, we are also preparing for a special guest this fall, the Rev Dr. Richard Valantasis, our Bishop Henry David Martin Memorial lecturer from Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia. Richard combines scholarship in early Christianity with skills as a spiritual director. He will explore the topic “Mining Revelation: Ancient Guides for a Hopeful Church” over three days : October 19-21, 2010. (For the full schedule see: www.usask.ca/stu/emmanuel/special-events/martin-memorial-lectures/index.php).

These lectures are open to everyone. It would be great to have you join us for any or all of the three days.

With every good wish for you at your synod meeting,

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Bill Richards
Acting Principal
The College of Emmanuel & St Chad*

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The Cursillo Movement is one method of renewal in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in family and social life, in leisure activities and within the church.

Cursillo (“kur-see-yo”) is a Spanish word which means a short course. The full title is “Cursillo de Christiandad”, meaning a short course in Christian living.

In October of 2009, the Edmonton Cursillo community hosted the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat (CACS) meetings. Their meetings were held at the Synod Office from October 21st. to October 23rd. The Edmonton Secretariat had the opportunity to spend an evening with CACS in very informative discussion. We thank those Cursillo members who billeted the CACS representatives from out of town. One highlight was to learn how other Cursillo communities across the country function and operate. Here in Edmonton the community holds monthly gatherings called Ultreya at St. Timothy’s Church on the third Friday of each month. Anyone is welcome to attend especially those wishing to learn more about Cursillo.

The bishop held a Servant Community teaching day in January that was open to the entire Anglican community. The bishop focused her talk on “becoming a welcoming church”. She challenged us to act out our Cursillo motto: “make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ”. We will all have an opportunity to act on Back to Church Sunday in September, when we are asked to bring a friend to church; a neighbour, workmate or family friend. This is the real focus of our Cursillo community: to spread the good news.



The Men's Cursillo Weekend this year was held on April 22nd to 25th with the theme: "Jesus Is My All in All". Brian Richardson was Lay Director. Nine men completed the weekend. The Women's Weekend was held on April 29th. to May 2nd with the theme: "We are being filled with the fullness of God through the power of His Spirit and through faith in Christ alone". Seventeen women completed the weekend with Rita Milne being the Lay Director.

The Lay Directors for the Men's and Women's Weekend in 2011 are Cliff Cottingham and Susan Daniels. The Men's Weekend dates are June 3rd-6th, and June 10th-13th for the Women's Weekend. Both will be held at The Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert.

We will celebrate our 20th Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Anniversary at the Cathedral on Sunday November 21st, 2010. More details will be posted on the Edmonton Cursillo website (www.edmontoncursillo.ca/).

Cursillo is Christ-centered and Christ-focused. We are very pleased with the support given to us by our Bishop and are especially pleased to have her as the Episcopal Advisor on the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Gushuliak
Secretariat Lay Director for Edmonton Cursillo*

DIOCESAN ADVISORY and RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

This Committee, which is commonly referred to as DART (or by our previous name which was the Diocesan Response Group or DRG) is a committee which was initially established as an advisory committee to the bishop, to assist her or him in responding to any potential allegation of abuse in the diocese.

The committee has evolved over the years, and now has two functions: the first is to implement programs to reduce the risk of any abuse actually occurring, and the second is to advise the bishop as to how to respond if such an event occurs.

Our understanding of what makes a safe congregation has many dimensions and aspects. We want children to feel welcome in Sunday School, campers to feel safe and secure in camp programs, youth programs to flourish, volunteers to be well trained, parishioners and staff to be secure in their involvement in the parish, and we also want to protect the privacy of both staff and volunteers, as much as is possible and appropriately. A conscious awareness of the risks which are inherent in various programs, and a thoughtful consideration of ways in which the risks may be reduced are key to our approach.

Much of the prevention role involves educational programs. Over the last several years we have conducted training sessions for parish wardens and clergy, and we have held special sessions for new clergy coming into the diocese. The sessions for clergy (nicknamed Law School 101) have focussed particularly on legal issues which clergy need to understand in providing leadership in their parishes. We encourage parishes to adopt programs of risk assessment and risk reduction through reference and criminal record checks for individuals



who are involved in high risk activities (such as the youth programs), and other practices which can prevent or deter abuse within our church. We provide materials to parishes on best practices, and how to establish job descriptions, safety checks and identification of high risk issues.

We have also refined our processes for reviewing any potential causes for concern, and have responded to individual enquiries from clergy and parishioners who had concerns or questions as to specific situations.

The members of the committee look forward to continuing to work with Bishop Jane in supporting our clergy and parishes, and to ensuring that we provide a safe and secure environment for those to whom we, as a diocese, minister.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
DART Chair*

ECUMENICAL OFFICERS

During the year just past the Rev. Eileen Conway completed her two-year term as Chair of the Edmonton and District Council of Churches. The EDCC, which meets bi-monthly, focuses on four major functions during the year. The Good Friday Way of the Cross in downtown Edmonton took place as usual. The No Room in the Inn charitable campaign over the Christmas season raised an unprecedented sum for the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society project to be named in loving memory of Harry Holt. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service took place in January 2010 at First Presbyterian Church Edmonton. The Rev. Marilyn McClung Memorial Award in Ecumenism was awarded, posthumously, to Mrs. Millie Seitz of Braemar Presbyterian congregation in St. Albert, a very active participant in the activities of the council until her final illness in 2009. The guest speaker at the AGM of the EDCC was the Rev. Jan Bigland Pritchard of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon.

Members of the EDCC are kept up to date on the work of the Canadian Council of Churches, thanks to the participation of Mrs. Virginia Sharek of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. We also had the opportunity of consulting with Ms. Natasha Klukach, a fourth-year doctoral student at the University of Toronto, who is an Anglican Church of Canada representative on the Faith and Order standing commission of the World Council of Churches, and has been appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue.

Other ecumenical activities in the diocese include the annual World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer), with services organized by local groups, neighbourhood by neighbourhood and district by district.

The diocese co-sponsored a number of ecumenical activities and events including the visit by Fr. Tom Ryan, which was well attended and productive of much discussion.



Rev. Conway also completed her term as a member of the Academic Senate at St. Stephen's College in the spring of 2010, and continues to serve on the Academic Senate of Newman Theological College.

Another ecumenical development of great interest and promise has been the work of the E P Wahl Institute at Taylor Seminary, including their "OnWORD" program of Scriptural studies.

Jane Samson, as Assistant Ecumenical Officer, completed two years on the board of the Phoenix Multifaith Society for Harmony, continues on the board of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, and remains a member of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action. She attended the AGM of the Interfaith Centre on June 2, 2010 but illness and injury hampered her ability to attend other interfaith activities. She remains a member of the KAIROS-Edmonton committee and assisted with preparations for the annual Social Justice Institute, which in 2010 was held jointly with KAIROS-Edmonton on the topic "Living Faithfully in 'Oil Country'". She attended an ecumenical service on January 17, 2010 organised by the EDCC and others for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Her work with the Edmonton Commandery of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem continues (see below) and she attended their annual ecumenical dinner on November 7, 2009. She recently became a member of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Of particular note this year was Professor Samson's role in organizing an informal meeting of Anglicans and Roman Catholics to discuss the international joint statement: "Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ". The meeting took place at the Edmonton friary of the Franciscan province of Christ the King on May 26, 2010 and the participants hope to meet regularly in the future. Professor Samson also co-ordinated financial and administrative support with the Order of St. Lazarus and others for the very successful visit by Fr. Tom Ryan to the Orthodox parish of St. Herman of Alaska on April 10, 2010. The topic, "Ecumenical Gift Exchange", generated such enthusiastic interest that follow-up activities are being planned, including a possible return visit by Fr. Ryan.

A cynic has said that the essence of ecumenism is the ability to remain smiling for long periods in the company of people who are "just plain wrong." This has not been our experience of ecumenical involvement in this diocese. There are many unexploited opportunities for wider and more active participation in a wide range of ecumenical activities and projects.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Rev. Dr.) Eileen M. Conway, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer
Professor Jane Samson, Assistant Ecumenical Officer



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Edmonton Diocese was one of the first in Canada to have a contractual agreement with EfM Canada. EfM in our diocese began in September 1989 with four mentored groups and a coordinator. EfM's genesis came from the recognition that all baptized persons are called to ministry. (Please review the Covenant pages 159 of the BAS). There was a need to equip laity for their respective ministries and hence a four-year program of biblical studies, church history, and issues and choices in theology. The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee (1976), developed the program. EfM arrived under license to the Diocese of Kootenay in 1985.

Central to the entire program is Theological Reflection. "Reflection" encourages participants to go deeper into the meaning and purpose of their lives. This process helps people to stop and think about what they are doing instead of living only on life's surface. "Theological" adds the dimension of God. Participants in EfM look at life in terms of their own experience, in relation to the Bible and Christian tradition, in relation to culture, and in relation to often unexamined personal attitudes and actions. Such reflection often leads to personal transformation and renewal.

Presently, there are three EfM groups with a total of 35 participants and seven trained mentors. Since 2006 there has been tenfold growth in this program thanks to the support of our Bishop. Mentors for EfM are: The Rev. Canon Dr. Susan Storey, Jim Tyerman, June Miller, The Rev. Stephen Halford, Sally Harrison, The Rev. Dr. Doreen Scott, and The Rev. Tom Dean. There is also an alumnus group, which meets monthly, coordinated by Percy and Ann Palmer.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Robert (Bob) Peel
Diocesan EfM Coordinator*

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Examining Chaplains are a group of clergy and lay people who act as an advisory group to the bishop regarding those who are discerning the possibility of being called by God to ordained ministry. There is a careful and prayerful process for those who feel they may be called to ministry as a priest or as a vocational deacon. This could involve the rector, the parish, the bishop, the Examining Chaplains, spiritual directors, educational institutions and ACPO (Advisory Committee for Postulants for Ordination). The Examining Chaplains ensure that each person has the support, the education and the experience needed to discern and articulate God's calling and to prepare for ministry.

Since the last regular meeting of Synod, the Examining Chaplains have worked on providing a clearer vision of the vocational diaconate, and a clearer process. Examining Chaplains meet as a group as needed, approximately six times per year. They also meet regularly with



individuals in the discernment process. There are currently 18 individuals in various stages in the process.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Ven. Kathleen Bowman
Examining Chaplains, Chair*

HISTORY COMMITTEE; DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

The mandate of the History Committee is to collect and preserve the history of the Diocese of Edmonton and to plan for some form of recognition for our 100th anniversary in 2013. To that end, members of the committee continue to support the Diocesan Archivist in identifying organizations and congregations which hold records of historical value and encouraging them to donate those records to the Diocesan Archives, held at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

The History Committee members serve as resource personnel for the Diocesan Archivist, Kathryn Ivany. Some members also assist at the archives to process records (clean, re-box and arrange) so that interested researchers can work with them. This year we received 26 boxes containing all the records kept in St. Stephen's, Edmonton when it closed. The Archives received additional boxes of records from other churches such as, St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan, St. Andrew, Morinville, and the Cathedral in Edmonton. All records received in 2009 are either complete or currently being processed. The volunteers also assist the archivist with records from the Diocese of Athabasca.

One volunteer spent the last year working on a research project to write brief histories for each of the parishes for which the Archives has records. These histories are based on the materials sent in by the parishes themselves, local history books, histories of Alberta, and Anglican resources such as *Crockford's Clerical Directory*. These will be available on-line soon for parishes to review and the public to use.

Responding to research requests for personal records (baptisms, marriages, confirmations and burials) forms the largest part of the Diocesan Archivist's work. Requests come from as far away as England and Wales, and as near as Edmonton. Other requests, which are growing as we near the centennial, are from parishes celebrating anniversaries (and even a few which have celebrated their own centennials). There are also requests from the diocesan office – trying to find legal, financial or other historical records pertaining to churches in the diocese, and our sister Diocese of Athabasca. Occasionally, the National Church Archives and researchers from the federal government send requests relating to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which is working on Residential School issues. The archivist welcomes requests from parishes seeking assistance to preserve and store their own records with historical value, and help with transferring materials to the Archives. In 2009, requests for assistance of all kinds averaged about 10 per month, including four "field trips" to visit parishes and pick up their boxes.

The History Committee members hope that every parish will take the time to make sure that their valuable records, containing the history of each parish, is in the Archives where it can



be found when needed. The anniversary approaches quickly, and three years is a minimal amount of time to prepare for such an event. The committee would welcome new members to assist with this task, and new ideas as to how to celebrate this event most effectively.

*Respectfully submitted,
Beth-Anne Exham, Chair
Kathryn Ivany, Diocesan Archivist*

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

This ministry emerges from the ICPM Mission Statement, goals, objectives, values and by-laws. Defined simply, ICPM is a ministry of presence. The ministry is best described under the headings: Worship, Pastoral Care, Education and Public Relations. The work of the ministry is carried by the ICPM Board, the Pastor, Rick Chapman, the Pastoral Associates, Sister Marion Garneau, SCIC, Linda Winski and the numerous Sunday and mid-week volunteers.

1. Worship:

- Sunday worship services and the Sunday lunch ministry with average attendance of 100+ people per service and 260+ for the lunch.
- Memorials, funerals, blessings
- Special Services in the community: Christmas Lite, Remembrance Services, etc.

2. Pastoral Care:

- Office presence at the Bissell Centre: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 am-12 noon
- Relationship-building ministry on the streets, and within agency drop-ins, soup kitchens and health centers
- One-on-one pastoral counselling opportunities
- Referrals from community members and agencies
- Visits to homes, hospitals, remand centers

The community people most impacted by the worship and pastoral care ministry are individuals suffering from mental health and addictions, low income seniors (55+), the aboriginal population of the inner city and marginalized women.

3. Education/Public Relations:

Educational opportunities, that is opportunities to educate the wider church regarding the issues and concerns related to the ministry within the inner city, such as homelessness and housing, aboriginal peoples and women of the streets. Educational opportunities include:

- Newsletter and appeal letter (four mailings per year)
- Weekly instruction of the Sunday Lunch Volunteers, and Inner City Walkabouts



- Yearly “After the Lunch is Over” workshop for Sunday Lunch Contacts and Volunteers
- Periodic invitations from supporting churches to present and discuss the ministry of ICPM
- Church and community committee presence, where the pastor represents the ministry of ICPM
- Educational studies, seminars and symposiums, for example:
 - *Weston Ministerial/St Peter’s Lenten Series – February, 2009
 - *Gathering: Kanata/Canada (Aboriginal focus) - April 23, 24, 2009
 - *Diocesan Homelessness Symposium – October 16–18, 2009
 - *Workshop: Edmonton’s Experience of Reconciliation with Indigenous People
 - *The Parliament of the World’s Religions (Australia) – December 3-9,
 - * Hosanna Lutheran: Homelessness and Housing Seminar – February 20, 2010
 - *May I Be Included: The Intra cultural Church Community – April 29, 2010
 - * Social Justice and Advocacy Committee: Diocese of Edmonton – May 1, 2010
 - *Interfaith Housing Consultation: Archdiocese of Edmonton – May 5, 2010
 - *Gathering: Walking Together – May 8, 2010
 - * City of Edmonton: Audit Parliament of the World’s Religions – May 17-19, 2010

To conclude, ICPM is an interdenominational Christian Ministry of Presence. In partnership with community, and guided by the Spirit of God, we walk with the people of the Inner City of Edmonton.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Rick Chapman+
rick@icpmedmonton.ca*

LAY HOSPITAL VISITORS

The Diocesan Lay Hospital Visitors group is comprised of 12 very dedicated volunteers who devote an average of four hours per week to visiting in 11 hospitals and long term care facilities in Edmonton and area. Between them, they made approximately 1500 visits this past calendar year.

The annual commissioning of the Lay Hospital Visitors took place on October 3rd as part of the Evensong service held at All Saints' Cathedral. Our traditional wine and cheese reception followed.

Another highlight for the year included our annual retreat which was held at Fort Edmonton Park. A time of fellowship was followed by a prayer service in a quiet corner of the park. As well, we were asked to share the group's expertise with Holy Trinity Anglican Church in



Yellowknife this past February, as they worked to establish their own Lay Hospital Visitors group.

Our group meets three times annually to learn about particular medical conditions or concerns as well as to have time for fellowship and worship as a group. This year, we focused our learning on depression, as a medical condition, and on multiple sclerosis.

We welcome new members to our group at any time!

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Joanne Neal
Lay Hospital Visitors Coordinator*

LAY READER PROGRAM

In the Diocese of Edmonton, Lay Readers are defined as lay people who minister in their local parish as leaders of worship, according to their gifting and the needs of their congregation, and under the supervision and guidance of local clergy. Lay Readers are licensed by the bishop for a period of four years, following completion of the Lay Reader Training course, and licenses are extended as Lay Readers attend continuing education seminars. Lay Readers are trained in four areas: leading Morning and Evening Prayer; preaching; leading public prayer liturgies; and leading funeral services. Lay Readers are trained to lead the rites of both the *BCP* and *BAS*.

Program Status

There are 115 licensed Lay Readers who minister in 41 parishes in our diocese. A further six individuals are currently enrolled in our training course, and are due to be licensed later this year.

Much work has gone into updating the program. A new Lay Reader Training course has been written, and is now in its second revision. Our records, both electronic and physical, have been sorted, updated, and expanded to reflect our program requirements. Our diocesan website now contains registration forms, as well as the training course, downloadable in four modules, to aid with distance learning. Finally, in recognition of the size of our diocese, our programming scheduling has been reorganized to greatly reduce the need for winter driving.

Program Activities

Following the inaugural offering of the training course, 21 new lay readers were licensed in 2008. During 2009, four continuing education sessions were planned, of which one was cancelled due to low enrolment. The other three sessions were well attended, with 45 lay readers from 24 parishes taking part. 2010 has seen the second offering (and first revision) of our training course, with six participants. In 2011, four new continuing education sessions will be offered.

In closing, let me acknowledge the work of those who helped me create the program and/or lead in its teaching: the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander; the Ven. Kathy Bowman; the Rev. Tim



Chesterton; Mr. Ralph Morris; the Ven. Michael Rolph; the Rev. Colleen Sanderson; the Rev. Mary Charlotte Wilcox; and the Rev. Madeleine Urion. Last, untold thanks to Sarah Kemp and Margaret Marschall in the Synod office for their administrative aid, and to the many parishes who have worked to host Lay Reader sessions.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Cameron Burns,
Lay Reader Program Coordinator*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Edmonton Branch of the Anglican Marriage Encounter is currently the strongest in Canada and it is flourishing. We have a wonderful, dedicated executive, whose names are listed below:

Area Coordinating Couple – Garry and Heather Tansem
Weekend Coordinating Couple – Mark and Terri Polet
Spiral Coordinating Couple and Data-base – Gary and Kathy Hughes
Registration Couple – Gottfried and Virginia Haase
Treasury Couple – Edward and Janice Rachinski
Clergy Couple – currently vacant

The executive meets three times during the year to ensure that everything runs smoothly and during one of these meetings, the spiral leaders are also asked to join in. At this time, usually in late August, we have a review of the past year and look ahead to the coming year. We solve any problems or concerns we may have in our community at large, and brainstorm how best to promote the fall retreat.

The most significant event in the Marriage Encounter community is the annual couple retreat at the Providence Centre. The executive oversees this event as well as the ongoing groups or ‘spirals’, which get together regularly throughout the year. Spirals provide an opportunity for encountered couples to maintain the skills they’ve learned on the weekend. We currently have six active, healthy spirals in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

In 2007, the Edmonton Branch celebrated 25 years of activity. Since 1982, hundreds of married couples’ lives have been impacted. We continue to be very successful and one of the keys to our success is the fact that each spiral takes an active role in promoting, organizing and running the events that we host throughout the year. This change has taken place in the last three years and is working wonderfully. We have three set community events:

- 1) Spring Event – for all couples who have been encountered and their guests
- 2) Fall Weekend Encounter – open to new couples
- 3) Marriage Encounter Renewal – two weeks after the weekend encounter, we have an event that is open to all of our community and it is specifically designed for the community to welcome the new couples from the recent encounter.

Our next weekend is scheduled for November 5-7, 2010 at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. For information, contact Gottfried and Virginia Haase, (780) 438-3892 or virginia@scenites.com.



We have a website with the following address:

<http://www3.telus.net/public/viscorp/marriage-encounter>. On this site you will find registration information, as well as a video clip filmed by CTV, an article from the *Anglican Messenger* (June 2007) and testimonials from many couples who have been encountered.

Respectively submitted,
Garry and Heather Tansem
Area Coordinating Couple
(780) 436-0625
tansemgh@telus.net

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Ministry Development Committee (MDC) was established in April 2009 by the bishop and reports to Executive Council. The overall purpose of the MDC is to assist with the assessment, development and evaluation of ministries to support the vision, mission, values and needs of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton.

The MDC held several meetings over the past year with a view to determining the most pertinent role, responsibilities and, subsequently, structure that the committee should take. Most recently, it was determined that the MDC should assume a flexible structure and process that can be used to address specific diocesan needs, concerns and initiatives as required. As such, the committee would provide a coordinating role in bringing together individuals with specific knowledge, skill sets and ministries to examine options for addressing specific needs in parishes and other diocesan initiatives.

One area of focus for MDC continues to be Natural Church Development (NCD). Currently, 10 parishes are involved in NCD, which provides an assessment of the health of the parish based on eight quality characteristics. The results of the NCD survey are used to analyze areas of most need, and to develop specific workplans for the parish focusing on those needs. NCD is one of the resources and approaches that parishes may pursue to enhance their overall health and growth. Coaches are available in the diocese to assist parishes interested in learning more about NCD.

In closing, I extend my appreciation and heartfelt thanks to individuals who participated on the MDC: The Right Reverend Jane Alexander (Bishop, Ex-Officio), Carol Blair (Chair), David Connell (Former Executive Officer/Planned Giving Officer), John Bloxham, Thomas Brauer, Kevin Kraglund, Wayne Masliuk, and Jim Tyerman.

We look forward to a continued role in supporting the diocesan needs and initiatives through the work of the MDC.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Blair
Ministry Development Committee Chair



PLANNED GIVING OFFICER

During my tenure as Planned Giving Officer my major communication method has been presentations during parish visits. I look on these presentations as “sowing seeds”—everyone’s situation is different, and I can only use the presentations to outline a few planned giving options in the hope that one may trigger the “I could do that” response. Most presentations have been accompanied by a stewardship homily as, for most of us a planned gift will occur at death and will be our final act of stewardship. Forty–five presentations have been made in parishes and more are scheduled.

In addition to parish presentations, I have published quarterly articles about various planned giving topics as a way of providing more detail than is possible in a presentation. All of the articles are available on the diocesan website, along with a large amount of material about the various types of planned gifts one can make.

Of course, planned giving involves working with individuals to explore which option(s) is(are) most suitable. This is the most satisfying aspect of planned giving.

While a bequest is by far the most popular form of a planned gift, a gift of securities has also been a popular option, as capital gains are not taxable when securities are donated. Some donors have used this as a means of fulfilling their annual pledge, while others have used securities to fulfill a bequest. And in one case, a gift of securities was converted into a charitable gift annuity.

In addition to planned giving, significant effort has gone into stewardship. In addition to the homilies, a stewardship workshop was delivered to the southern parishes. The Stewardship and Financial Development Committee spent several months participating in Bible studies on the topic of money. At the end of the studies, a report was submitted to Bishop Jane recommending a revamped stewardship education program, with an emphasis on year–round stewardship, rather than just a one or two month campaign. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Connell
Planned Giving Officer*

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY OF CANADA

Since the Synod 2008, the first at which the Edmonton Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada was given direct representation, we have continued our series of events combining educational talks and prayer book worship. Some have been Evensong with a guest homilist, more substantial talks have concluded with the shorter, and much beloved, liturgy of Compline.



Our first event, the week after the 61st Synod, was an Evensong at St. Stephen's, where Bishop Jane shared with us her experience at the Lambeth Conference. In January 2009, Fr. David Lehmann of St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan gave a presentation on Compline, and the important role it played in his daily routine while a seminarian at Wycliffe College. Fr. Joseph Walker had committed to give a talk at his own parish of St. Timothy's: "Choosing Sarah in an Age of Options" - about his daughter born with Down's Syndrome -- but had to reschedule, because of an ordination. That turned out to be a blessing in disguise, as he then became the keynote speaker for the Annual General Meeting of the Prayer Book Society of Canada held in Edmonton. His talk was very well received by the many delegates from across the country.

Our branch AGM was held in October 2009. An Evensong followed the AGM at St. Stephen's. and was, in fact, the last regularly scheduled service in the "Church Street" location. In January this year, Fr. (then Deacon) Jonathan Connell gave a well-received talk at Good Shepherd Parish: "The Book of Common Prayer: a most extraordinary evangelical document". In March, Fr. Matthew Oliver delivered a thought-provoking talk at the new St. Stephen's location on 93rd Street: "Synods - Back to First Principles".

The national AGM of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, on May 9, 2009, was a successful event. The event was launched with a 'meet and greet' at the private party room at The Elephant and Castle in the Edmonton Center. The AGM itself was graciously hosted by Fr. Joe at St. Tim's. The AGM of course is a business meeting, and a keynote speaker is always dangled as the "carrot" to ensure a quorum. Those that attended were well rewarded with Fr. Joe's inspiring talk. The Edmonton meeting was one of the best attended in years, by not just the national executive from across the country, but wide participation by local and neighbouring provinces. The meeting concluded with Evensong and then a large group convened at The Tasty Tomato restaurant just up the street from St. Tim's on Stony Plain Road.

The other event worthy of special mention was Fr. Matthew Oliver's talk on the evolution of the governance of the Canadian Church by our General Synod. One of the main thrusts of his talk is that General Synod seems to have deviated from the path set for it by our founders at the first General Synod in 1893. How has this happened? A major factor is the increasing dependence on our chancellors, lawyers, who essentially represent worldly forces and influences. By contrast, in the early days of the Canadian Church, Matthew pointed out that the first people consulted when coming to grips with difficult problems were Canon Theologians, only rarely chancellors. (This is not to suggest that the likes of our own David Jones do not have an important role to play in the Church.) The complete text of Matthew's talk is available from the branch, and copies will be on hand at the upcoming synod. Is it perhaps time that the diocese appointed a Canon Theologian?

To close, a conundrum: while the Prayer Book Society exists to defend and propagate what we hold to be a model of liturgical excellence - the classical Anglican liturgy inherent in the *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) -- in fact we are impotent to achieve that end. The choice of liturgy is completely in the hands of our clergy. We do sense a growing awareness of what



Anglicans have lost in the common prayer tradition. We have a large number of parishes whose parish priests use the BCP for their own mandated daily office devotions. Many of those express their fear of the impact of the loss of Prayer Book spirituality, yet their congregations are never exposed to worship with the Book of Common Prayer at their main Sunday worship. Our hope and prayer is that the Edmonton Branch of the PBSC can be seen as a resource for parishes trying to move into prayer book worship.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Matthews,
Edmonton Branch, Prayer Book Society of Canada Chair*

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF)

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has undergone major reorganization and down-sizing in 2010. At a recent meeting in Toronto, 10 of the 12 employees present were new in their position, including Adele Finney, the Interim Executive Director until January 2011. The national office is therefore in a 'transitional' period for the remainder of this year, while changes to PWRDF in the New Year may even include a 'change of name', although we have been assured that it will remain the primary outreach arm of the Anglican Church in Canada. The reduced staff continues to carry out essential functions of emergency relief in cooperation with long-term partners, as well as on-going development programs in Canada and the Third World, and interactions with PWRDF volunteers across Canada.

The current international emergency of focus continues to be the Pakistan flooding, which started in June with higher than normal monsoon rains throughout the summer. Many of the worst-affected areas are the same as those hard-hit during the 2005 Pakistan earthquakes. The main threat has become outbreaks of disease from contaminated water supplies. Global emergencies resulting from natural disasters have been on the increase during the past decade, while the specter of continued global warming suggests that extremes, such as severe storms, drought, and famine will increase in frequency and intensity in future. While the need for emergency relief is always immediate, it is also important to continue essential development work in Third World countries, providing assistance for local groups and individuals to prepare for and offset natural disasters when they occur.

The Edmonton Diocese has a small, but strong core of PWRDF parish representatives. However, less than half our parishes have a representative, and we are always in need of volunteers for these positions. Only five parishes were represented at our last diocesan workshop, despite having excellent guest speakers from Burundi and the Toronto PWRDF head office. The problem of maintaining updated address lists for PWRDF volunteers is endemic throughout Canada, so much so that I have suggested that PWRDF change its volunteer address lists to parish, rather than home addresses.

As the diocesan representative, I continue to offer assistance to parishes by providing printed and visual information (i.e. PowerPoint presentations), and on request, and with Bishop Jane's blessing, I have provided talks to parishes throughout the diocese on the work of



PWRDF. May I appeal to incumbent parish priests to try and find volunteers for vacant parish rep positions, so that we may continue this important function of God's work. Please have volunteers provide contact information to myself.

*Respectfully yours,
Geoff Strong
Edmonton Diocese PWRDF Representative*

REFUGEE CORDINATOR

Matthew 25:31-45: "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Before him all the nations will be gathered, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in. I was naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me. I was in prison, and you came to me.'" Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' "The King will answer them, 'Most certainly I tell you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you didn't give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'" Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?' "Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most certainly I tell you, inasmuch as you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

There are 11 million refugees in the world today and only 1% will ever be resettled. Anglican churches across Canada have responded to this crisis since Immigration Canada instituted the Sponsorship Agreement for Churches nationwide, with influx of refugees from Cambodia many years ago.

Since then the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton has been involved on a sporadic basis, with some churches sponsoring a family, some churches sponsoring two or three families and there are also those who sponsor fairly consistently and on an ongoing basis.

To date we have six churches who have just completed a sponsorship, applied for a new sponsorship or are waiting patiently for the families that they have applied for to be interviewed and arrive in Canada.



We have had many happy things occur for these families. A child has had open heart surgery, a young girl has received an ocular implant to allow her to hear, a baby is born HIV-free, a child with special needs is able to access help and two teenage girls who came to Canada unable to read and write in their own languages have learned English and graduated from High School with diplomas, after only four years of school. As sponsors, we have made this happen simply because we opened our hearts, minds and of course our pocket books to bring these families to safety.

The diocese should be proud of our accomplishments, but should not rest on our laurels. Jesus makes many references to helping the poor, the needy, the displaced and even the nonbelievers. "Love thy neighbor" is one of the commandments. These are our neighbors and they deserve to live in peace and know the love of the Lord through you.

We have (by my count) 56 parishes in the diocese and it is my wish, and I believe, the Lord's wish that each and every one of these parishes participate in refugee sponsorship to some extent. Perhaps it is only fundraising, or day trips for the families, there is always a need and some way for those needs to be fulfilled.

I have had two meetings with Bishop Jane Alexander, and she has indicated a desire to help further encourage refugee sponsorship in the diocese. Most of this encouragement will come in the form of education.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gail Millard
Refugee Coordinator*

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In the spring of 2009, Bishop Jane asked members of the diocese's Stewardship and Development Committee to explore new directions for it. Our starting point was to study the Christian Scriptures under the leadership of The Rev. Don Aellen. We were asked to read various New Testament texts, reflect on the language used for money, and its spiritual meanings. We were further asked to think about how our secular world considers money and its contrasting meaning for a Christian believer. What does the text do to define the kingdom of God and its economy? Lastly, how did Jesus talk about money and what do His directions mean for us? Finally, from our studies, what are we called to do?

How did the studies go and were they a worthwhile exercise to get the committee on track? The committee opened itself up to many of the issues underlying our understanding of stewardship and money. For instance, we noticed that our concept of money needs revision because it more closely resembles society's version than the Bible's. We wondered whether it is now time to refocus our approaches to stewardship and money from budgets and yearly pledges to the overall spiritual journey of individuals in a parish. Our discussions led to one firm conclusion: Bible studies are a vital way of allowing God to open minds about money and stewardship.



Individually and corporately, we learned a great deal from the scriptures and from one another and humbly realise that our understandings of stewardship, money, and giving were fragmented and incomplete, as well as infected with secular economic ideology.

The fruits of our study involve two distinct areas. We recommend that:

1. The Committee's name be changed to the Stewardship Education Committee;
2. The Constitution be reviewed and amended so that the mandate focuses on education [C93(a)], assistance [C93(c)], and advice [C93(e)] which are more closely in line with biblical principles;
3. Canons 5.113, 5.114, and 5.115 be rewritten in line with the principles of Missional Theology; i.e., that the Church's Mission should dictate the finances, instead of the opposite as is currently mandated.

Note: These recommendations, if agreed to, will be dealt with at a future Synod.

With the above recommendations in mind, we offer that:

1. the Committee create and deliver specifically-targeted Bible studies to individual clergy. These may take the form of written resource materials, web-based publications, one-on-one meetings, or regular presentations at appropriate clergy events;
2. the Bible studies also be offered to parish stewardship committees, and to parishes as a whole as requested. The members offer themselves as resources to lead the studies.

THE MESSENGER

The Messenger is an Anglican newspaper serving the dioceses of Edmonton and Athabasca. The newspaper is available to any parish member, and is distributed through the mail as a section of the national Anglican newspaper the *Anglican Journal*. As of October 2010, 4,338 readers currently receive the *The Messenger*, which is published monthly September through June. The newspaper is not published in July and August. *The Messenger* belongs to the Anglican Editors' Association.

Traditionally, church members have received complimentary subscriptions to *the Messenger* and the *Anglican Journal*. However, production costs are constantly on the rise. Each issue of *The Messenger* costs approximately \$800 to produce. Depending on the size of the issue and the number of colour pages, production costs can easily add up to \$8-9,000 a year.

Each year, the *Anglican Journal* spearheads a major fundraising drive called the "Anglican Journal Appeal" in an effort to offset costs. Readers in the dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton have given generously to the campaign in the past. In 2009, 469 donors from our dioceses contributed to the appeal, resulting in a net share of \$6727.74.

Some diocesan papers have introduced subscription fees or "suggested subscription fees", while others use paid advertising to generate additional sources of revenue. While paid advertising is a possibility for *The Messenger*, additional volunteer support would most



certainly be required to generate and produce ads. This October, *The Messenger* introduced a suggested subscription donation of \$10 annually.

Reduced operating grants to the *Anglican Journal* have necessitated the formation of a Task Force to examine the future of the national paper. The Journal launched the 2010 Anglican News and Information Readership Survey at General Synod in June, as a means of gathering reader input, and to help Journal staff plan and prioritize future services.

The future of all diocesan papers is directly linked to the future of the *Anglican Journal*, because diocesan papers are distributed as a section of the Journal, thereby benefitting from a federal postage subsidy,

I succeeded Kelly Fowler as managing editor of *The Messenger* in February 2010. Peter Clarke continues as an associate editor for Athabasca. As managing editor, I am responsible for the content, layout and design of the paper. An editor's many responsibilities include: gathering and writing news stories and feature articles, reporting on events across the diocese, editing and formatting submitted articles and photographs, with the ultimate goal of designing a visually-appealing, rich in content publication.

Bishop Jane has enabled me to incorporate my role as editor of *The Messenger* into my role as Director of Communications for the Diocese of Edmonton. This provides me with the flexibility to utilize synod office computer software to work on the paper during office hours. Bishop Jane Alexander has endorsed *The Messenger* as an important communications vehicle; an essential tool to bridging the gap created by the vast size and diversity of both dioceses. With the bishop's support and guidance, the paper will continue to play a key role in achieving the diocese's mission to: 'proclaim the gospel, make disciples and further the kingdom.'

As editor of *The Messenger* I will continue to strive for current, thought-provoking and relevant content. My intent is that readers across both dioceses will see themselves and their faith accurately reflected in the pages of the paper.

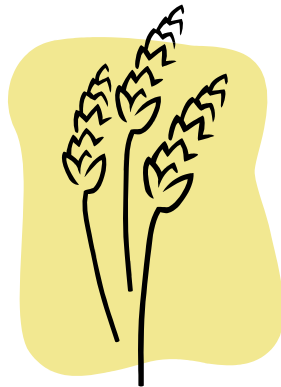
Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Marschall
Edmonton Editor, The Messenger



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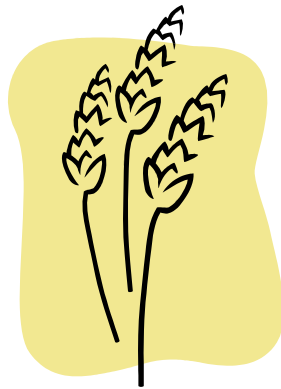


APPENDIX 1:

Proceedings of the 61st

Synod, October 17th and 18th,

2008



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Minutes of Proceedings

61ST SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE EDMONTON
October 17th and 18th, 2008

Friday, October 17th, 2008 All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton

The 61st Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton opened with a Eucharist service which included the Bishop's Charge. Following the service, the meeting was called to order.

Chair: The Right Reverend Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m.

2. Singing of Amazing Grace

As a part of the Amazing Grace project of the National church, the Synod was video-taped singing Amazing Grace for submission to the National church.

3. Appointment of Secretary of Synod

The Chair appointed Canon Barbara Burrows to be Secretary of Synod.

4. Election of Clerical and Lay Recorders

Barbara Burrows announced that the Reverend Matthew Oliver had been nominated as Clerical Recorder and Ian Thomas had been nominated as Lay Recorder for the 62nd Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Moved by Barbara Burrows, and seconded by the Very Reverend Lee Bezanson that nominations be closed.

CARRIED.

The Chair declared that the Reverend Matthew Oliver is acclaimed as Clerical Recorder and Ian Thomas is acclaimed as Lay Recorder for the 62nd Synod.

The Chair noted that the Reverend Matthew Oliver is Clerical Recorder for this Synod, as elected at the 59th Synod, and Ian Thomas is the Lay Recorder for this Synod, as appointed by the Executive Council, when Nona Wilson was unable to perform her duties for this Synod.

5. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Chair announced that the co-chairs of the Committee for Credentials and Registration are the Reverend Joanne Chambers, a member of the Order of Clergy and Mrs. Sarah Kemp, a member of the Order of Laity.



6. **The Clerical Roll**

The Clerical Recorder certified that he had received the roll of the clerical members of Synod, and had determined who and how many were present and entitled to vote. There were 77 members of the clergy who were delegates to this Synod, with 63 registered and entitled to vote.

7. **The Lay Roll**

The Lay Recorder certified that he had received the roll of the lay members of Synod, and had determined who and how many were present and entitled to vote. There were 179 members of the laity who were delegates to this Synod, with 150 registered and entitled to vote.

8. **Motion to Accept the Rolls**

Moved by the Reverend Joanne Chambers and seconded by Mrs. Sarah Kemp that the rolls be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

9. **Quorum**

The Reverend Joanne Chambers, Co-Chair of the Committee for Credentials and Registration, reported that there being at least one-third of the members of the House of Clergy and at least one-third of the members of the House of Laity, there was a quorum for this Synod.

10. **Appointed Members of Synod**

The Chair announced those members of the Synod who had been appointed:

- Ian Thomas - Lay Recorder
- Kelly Fowler - Editor of *The Messenger*
- Mark Pepler - TEC, Campus Ministry
- John Matthews - Prayer Book Society of Canada
- Jane Samson - Ecumenical Officer
- Susan Fredette - Educational Chaplaincy
- Anne Palmer - Education for Ministry (EFM)
- Percy Palmer - EFM
- Scott Peacock

Youth Delegates

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| Sarah Alexander | Luke Armstrong | Taryn Wycott |
| Ian Armstrong | Noelle Byer | |
| Mike Chase | Laura Dzikowski | |
| Natasha Enright | Christopher Fletcher | |
| Bridget Kinloch | Mary Kinloch | |
| Carl Latonas | Casey Lester | |
| Dakota Trantor | Natalie Webster | |



11. Courtesies of the House

The Chair announced the names of those extended the courtesies of the House:

Margaret Marschall – Diocesan Receptionist
Greg Heaton, Iris Campbell, Nona Wilson, Louise Hadley – Scrutineers
The Very Reverend Peter Elliott – Anglican Church of Canada
Fiona Brownlee – Council of the North
The Reverend Nick Brotherwood – Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism
Andy Seal – Augsburg Fortress Press

The Chair welcomed the following as observers:

The Reverend Dr. Isaac Kawuki-Mukasa – Coordinator for Dialogue, Faith, Worship and Ministry Department, Anglican Church of Canada
Ian Roach – Development Officer for the College of Emmanuel and St Chad
Ria Neish – Student, College of Emmanuel and St Chad
Austin Spry – Student, College of Emmanuel and St Chad

12. Report of the Agenda Committee

David Jones, Co-Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee, reported.

Moved by David Jones, seconded by Barbara Burrows, that the agenda for the 61st Synod be adopted as printed and circulated as the Revised Agenda printed on the pink coloured paper. He advised the Synod to note the time for the closure of ballot boxes will be at 10:50 a.m. Saturday, October 18, 2008.

CARRIED.

13. Minutes of the 59th and 60th (Electoral) Synods

The Chair noted that minutes had been distributed to Synod delegates previously in the Synod Circular, and the motion for acceptance and seconding of that motion needed to be made by those in attendance at those Synods.

It was moved by David Jones and seconded by the Very Reverend Lee Bezanson that the minutes of the 59th and 60th (Electoral) Synods be accepted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

14. Appointment of Election Officer and Scrutineers

The Chair appointed the Venerable Michael Rolph as Elections Officer and Greg Heaton, Iris Campbell, Nona Wilson, Louise Hadley as Scrutineers for voting.

15. Receiving of Printed Reports

The Chair announced the printed reports included in the Circular were presented for reception by the delegates with consideration and questions to be entertained during Saturday's session.

Moved by the Venerable Kathy Bowman, seconded by Mrs. Sarah Kemp that the reports be received as printed and distributed.

CARRIED.



16. Presentation of the 2007 Audited Financial Report

David Connell, Executive Officer of the Diocese presented the audited financial reports. Moved by David Connell, and seconded by Jeremy Webster that the Auditor's Report for the 2007 fiscal period be received by the 61st Synod.

CARRIED.

17. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Jeremy Webster, Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee reported on behalf of the Audit Sub-Committee. He referred to sections C120 and C122 of the Constitution with regard to the appointment of a chartered accountant.

Moved by Jeremy Webster and seconded by David Connell that the firm of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants of Edmonton, Alberta be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.

CARRIED.

18. Report of the Resolutions Committee

David Jones, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, announced that the Resolutions Committee had received no resolutions for consideration at the 61st Synod. He noted that the Report of the Legislative Committee was included in the Convening Circular and would be presented during the Saturday business session.

19. Report of the Nominating Committee

The Venerable Michael Sung, Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the Nominating Committee report was included with the registration packages. At the time of the deadline for nominations, October 3, the slate was incomplete. Since that date the slate had been completely filled. Under item C44 of the Constitution this Synod may decide, by a majority of members present, to accept late nominations. The names added to the report since October 3rd were:

Tom Snyder – Executive Council (Battle River)

Don Robertson – Executive Council (Battle River)

Patsy Hawryluk – Executive Council (Cold Lake)

Suzanne Brown – Executive Council (Cold Lake)

Rob Wilbur – Executive Council (Edmonton West), Provincial Synod Lay Delegate

Jonathan Sinnatamby – General Synod

The Venerable Michael Rolph – Provincial Synod

Sally Harrison – Provincial Synod

Matthew Oliver – Clerical Recorder

Moved by the Venerable Michael Sung, seconded by the Venerable Kathy Bowman, that the late nominations be accepted as listed.

CARRIED.

20. Announcements

Canon Barbara Burrows made the following announcements:

- Copies of the Bishop's Charge were available for all the delegates at the rear of the church. She informed delegates that a group had been named to prepare a response



to the Bishop's Charge for Saturday's session. They are the Reverend Bob Peel, Chair; David Barnum; Susan Fredette; Beth Anne Exham; Deb Stevens; the Reverend Kevin Kraglund, and invited delegates to pass on any comments to them. The Bishop added that a youth response to the Bishop's Charge was being prepared independent of the adults' response and would, subsequently, be available on the Diocesan website.

- There were baskets by the exit doors to collect "toonies" for the Council of the North for the singing of Amazing Grace - a project of the National Church.
- Acknowledgement to Imperial Parking for extending free parking for the evening in the lot next door, and also to the members of the Cathedral Men's Group for being parking attendants.
- Reminder that Synod would continue the following day, at the parish of St. Matthias, with coffee starting at 8:00 a.m. Delegates were encouraged to be there for the start of Morning Prayer at 8:30 with the call to order at 9:00 a.m. Seating would be open, with delegates encouraged not to sit together by parish, such that delegates could meet new people.
- Reminder to wear your nametag the following day – needed for voting and eating.

21. Closing Prayers & Recess for the Day

The Chair closed the session in prayer, and the Synod recessed at 9:22 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th, 2008 St. Matthias Anglican Church Edmonton

Morning Prayer was led by the Venerable Michael Rolph with music provided by the Reverend Cameron Burns.

22. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Opening prayer was led by Bishop Jane.

23. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Reverend Joanne Chambers and Mrs. Sarah Kemp announced the number of members of the Synod registered: 68 of 77 members of the House of Clergy; and 169 of 179 members of the House of Laity were present.

24. Balloting Procedures

The Venerable Michael Rolph explained to delegates the election process. Completed ballots were to be placed in three ballot boxes located around the meeting hall no later than 10:50 a.m., the end of the morning coffee break. The ballots were to be amended with the addition of one lay name to the ballot for Provincial Synod (Rob Wilbur). Both tick marks and 'X' marks were deemed acceptable. He noted that a number of positions were acclaimed, and did not require delegates to vote for those positions.



25. Administration

David Connell provided administrative instructions for the day including the location of washrooms. He mentioned that several delegates had asked what region of the Diocese they belonged to, and pointed out regional maps had been posted around the room.

The Chair called for a 10 minute break for coffee before commencing the day's activities.

26. Presentation – Youth Video, “What Does God Want of Me?”

The Bishop mentioned that the recent confirmation candidates from St. Matthias, St. Albert had been asked by her to prepare a response to the question, “What does God want of me?” Several of them prepared video presentations in response, which were shown throughout the day.

The first presentation used a series of statements: “Listen to the Lord”; “Listen to his Scriptures”; “Listen to your heart”; “Listen to each other”; “The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen.”; “Listen and learn”; Romans 10:17; “Faith comes from listening to his message of good news.”

27. Presentation: Vision 2019 (National Church) (a printout of the PowerPoint Presentation is attached to the minutes)

The speaker, Very Reverend Peter Elliott, was introduced by the Venerable Kathy Bowman.

The Very Reverend Peter Elliott, Dean at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver and Chair of the Strategic Planning Task Force of the Anglican Church of Canada presented a summary of the project undertaken by the Task Force. He brought greetings to the Synod from the Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop Michael Ingham.

He provided an overview of the work of the Task Force and how they were focused on assessing how God was calling the church in to a new era of mission, that is, “God’s mission has a church”. The purpose of the General Synod was not to achieve harmony between independent dioceses, but rather to offer strength in the mission of the church. A review of previous studies of the Anglican Church of Canada conducted since 1893 was provided, culminating in an affirmation of the need for a new plan to span the years 2010 to 2019 to recognize changing conditions facing the church. The Task Force have adopted the new name of Vision 2019. Dean Elliott suggested we look for ‘signposts’ on our common journey to help us fulfil the mission of the church – signposts that are:

- Framed by Scripture
- Shaped through Worship
- Ordered for Communion
- Directed by God’s Mission

They are to have a draft plan available by February 2010. A study package for Lent and Easter 2009 will be available for parishes, to provide feedback for the Task Force. The study will proceed in five phases: Phase 1, Develop a work plan; Phase 2, Consulting with Canadian Anglicans (Lent/Easter 2009); Phase 3, Listening to what we’ve heard; Phase 4, Incorporate feedback; Phase 5, Present results at General Synod 2010.



Dean Elliott invited delegates to consider, back in their own parishes, whether they were following the “Five Marks of Mission”:

- Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom
- Teaching, baptizing and nurturing New Believers
- Responding to Human Needs by Living Service
- Transforming Unjust Structures within our Society
- Safeguarding Integrity of Creation and Sustaining and Renewing Life of the Earth

The presentation ended with a question for discussion – where in this process do you see the opportunity for your parish to participate.

The speaker was thanked by the Reverend Dan Van Alstine.

28. Diocesan Summer Camping Program

Dr. Mark Armstrong presented a slide show and overview of the Diocesan summer camp program from the summer just passed. He noted that a number of summer campers had attended as a result of a number of scholarship programs that exist, and how important it was for those youth who otherwise would not be able to attend. Mark thanked all those who participated in the program. He also thanked the Rotary Club for a donation which allowed the purchase of new canoes.

29. Presentation – Youth Video, “What Does God Want of Me?”

The second video from the youth of St. Matthias, St. Albert was presented, this one focusing on the theme of patience in waiting upon the Lord. “Patience; Little sister/little brother; we’re going to find a way.”

30. Close of Ballots

At 10:50 a.m. the Chair announced the close of ballots and introduced the four Scrutineers.

31. Presentation: Council of the North (a printout of the PowerPoint Presentation is attached to the minutes)

The speaker, Fiona Brownlee, was introduced by the Venerable Michael Rolph.

Fiona Brownlee spoke of the mission of the Council of the North, to provide ministry to those in the north and the motto chosen by the Chair of the Council, Bishop David Ashdown, Romans 12:5. “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” The Council of the North dioceses encompass 85% of the land area of Canada and 15% of the population. Fiona spoke of the number of diocese training schools that had been created to assist in the training of clergy and laity and the essential role those schools played in enabling ministry in the north. She also mentioned the support provided by the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in the Diocese of Keewatin and that 19 had just graduated with Diplomas in Anglican Indigenous Ministry. Many northern communities have more than 50% of the population comprised



of persons 15 years of age and younger, and many communities are experiencing rapid growth, making the need for ministry even more essential.

She encouraged that we all consider participating in the truth and reconciliation commission meetings when they come to our city, and that we should be visibly present as Anglicans. The Residential Schools are a part of our history, both good and bad, and we need to acknowledge that. The work on healing has only just begun and we are called to participate.

Challenges in northern ministry continue to be travel, the cost of living, language issues and the number of non-stipendiary clergy who work full-time to support themselves and then minister 20 to 40 hours per week. For example, in the Diocese of Keewatin there are 80 clergy but less than 10 are stipendiary. Most synod offices have only one person who is often only part-time. Although the General Synod committed to maintaining the present level of funding to the Council of the North for five years, this does not include indexing so the amount is effectively decreasing each year.

The issue of clergy pay is one of justice, so Fiona asked us to consider the matter of stipends for everyone throughout the Canadian Church, and not just those in city parishes. The need is for a realistic number of clergy in each diocese paid stipends commensurate with the remainder of the church. She also noted that the low rate of pay in the Council of the North meant that those who are paid will have much smaller pensions to draw on after retirement. In this, she encouraged us to consider also partnering with a Council of the North diocese, and spoke of a parish in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle (Eston) that had sent a gift to Norman Bay, Labrador to allow the purchase of craft supplies for their Sunday School. She also mentioned that about 25% of every dollar sent to the National Church by the diocese went to support Council of the North.

Gerry Shand, St. Thomas, Sherwood Park spoke of his work in northern communities establishing electrical power systems. The cost of power is about \$0.50 per kilowatt hour compared with about \$0.10 per kilowatt hour in Edmonton. In addition to the already high cost of living, those costs keep increasing.

The Reverend Maureen Crerar asked for some information on issues concerning clean drinking water in the north. Fiona mentioned that over half of the indigenous communities had boil water orders in place all the time. This required that bottled water be brought in which created other environmental problems. In addition, the move in southern Canada to reduce the use of plastic bottles leaves little option in the North. She also mentioned that the labelling of hydroelectric power as “green” was not entirely accurate, particularly for the communities impacted by the construction of dams. Rotting organic matter in the reservoirs continues to produce methane and to introduce additional mercury into the water. The silt clouds the rivers and impacts the health of fish downstream, fish which are a primary food source for some communities.

The Reverend Wendy Ainsworth mentioned that at General Synod she had voted against the five-years of fixed funding for Council of the North as she did not consider it to be



enough support. She emphasized that while foreign mission work was important, we should not forget the immense domestic needs here in Canada. While ministering in a northern community, she mentioned that water was trucked in once per week, and they were allowed one bath per week if they wanted. If the water was used up early, they had to wait for the truck to come.

The Reverend Thomas Brauer mentioned that he had spent four years in Africa managing development and said that his observation was that in many ways the northern life was harsher than in Africa. He noted that we were considering partnering with the Diocese of Buye, Burundi and asked if we could also consider partnering with a northern diocese.

John Matthews, Good Shepherd, asked if it was possible to contribute directly to the Council of the North.

Fiona Brownlee replied that through the Anglican Appeal or the Amazing Grace Project this could be done by marking your cheque with "Council of the North" in the notes section.

Bishop Jane Alexander noted that our Bishop's Fund contributes to ministry support in the Western Arctic by supporting their Bishop's discretionary fund. She emphasized how privileged we are as a diocese and that we easily could do a similar brochure (to that of Burundi) about the North. The Bishop concluded by saying that these two partnering opportunities were not an 'either/or' situation; but rather a 'both and' situation.

The Reverend Tim Chesterton thanked Fiona for her presentation, and mentioned that in his 21 years ministering in the Council of the North they only met as a diocese once every three years because of the extreme cost of travel.

32. **Presentation: Augsburg Fortress Press**

Mr. Andy Seal from Augsburg Fortress and the Anglican Book Centre gave an update on the present state of business about one year after the merger of the two book stores. It was a good idea to bring these two together and they are now a self-sustaining ministry of the church. They are not directly involved with the publishing business which still falls under General Synod, but work closely with them. He asked that we remember that they are not just another vendor, but rather a partner in ministry who will work to find the resources to support our needs.

33. **Lunch**

Mid-day prayers were led by the Venerable Michael Sung.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

34. **Legislative Committee Report (contained in Appendix 7 of the Convening Circular)**



David Jones, the Chair of the Legislative Committee, presented the Committee's report as printed in the Convening Circular. Resolutions from the Legislative Committee were presented in four parts. The Committee recommended that Synod adopt the motions contained in Parts A and B; reported the corrections and alterations contained in Part C, and asked for comment on the issue identified in Part D.

Part A: Resolution 61-LC-1

An amendment to bring Canon 3.2 into agreement with current practice.

Resolved that Canon 3.2 be amended by adding the following provision to the end thereof:

The items referred to in paragraphs (a) through (h) may be contained in a separate document.

Moved by David Jones, seconded by the Reverend Dan Van Alstine.

CARRIED.

Part B: Resolution 61-LC-2

An amendment to bring Canon 3.18 into agreement with Canon XVII of the Canons of General Synod.

The proposed amendment:

- divides paragraph (a) into (a) and (b), and rewords the latter to replicate the General Synod wording.
- adds a new paragraph (c) to require the for-cause provisions to be used where cause exists, rather than these provisions permitting revocation with notice.
- re-letters the provisions as required.
- amends the wording of paragraph (i) to replicate the General Synod wording.
- capitalizes "Bishop" in paragraphs (e) and (f) of the amended version.

Resolved that Canon 3.18 be amended as indicated in the Legislative Committee Report as printed in the Circular (Appendix 7).

Moved by David Jones, seconded by the Reverend Dan Van Alstine.

CARRIED.

Part C: Resolution 61-LC-3

Sections C133 and C137 of the Constitution allow the Legislative Committee to make non-substantive corrections and alterations to the Constitution and the Canons as long as those changes relate only to matters of form and provided that any such correction or alteration is reported to the next meeting of Synod. If there is objection to any of the corrections and alterations a majority of the Synod members may direct that the correction or alteration be set aside.

The corrections and alterations were outlined by David Jones.



A question was asked of the meaning of the word 'spent' as it relates to the Canons. David Jones answered that the word was used by convention to mark a portion of text that had been deleted, but to avoid renumbering the article number was kept and marked 'spent'.

There being no objections, the corrections and alterations were received as reported, and as contained in Appendix 7 of the printed Convening Circular.

Part D: Consultation about clergy membership in Synod.

As a result of a proposed change to the Constitution of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land being considered the Legislative Committee asked for input from members of the Synod. At present the Constitution of Rupert's Land specifies that all clergy who hold the license of the Bishop are members of that Synod. In 2006 Provincial Synod gave first reading to an amendment that would allow each diocese to determine for itself which members of the licensed clergy would be members of the diocesan synod. This amendment will likely be given final reading at the Provincial Synod in 2009.

Our diocese Canons define that all clergy licensed by the Bishop and all retired clergy of the Diocese who are resident in the Diocese (regardless of whether they hold licence) are members of the Synod.

Over the years a number of questions have been raised about clergy membership in our diocesan Synod:

- Should all honorary assistants automatically be members of the Synod? They all hold the Bishop's license and yet some of them are not actively involved in ministry, their role is purely honorary. For others their involvement is significant.
- Given the increase in vocational deacons, should they all automatically become members of Synod?
- Is it appropriate for (non-licensed) retired clergy to continue to be members of our Synod?
- Is there any concern about the size of the House of Clergy in our Synod?

The Legislative Committee would like to receive comment from members of the Diocese about whether any future amendment to these provisions should be contemplated. Please direct any comments to the Legislative Committee in care of the Synod Office.

Tom Snyder asked if these changes would apply equally to electoral synods as well as regular synods. David Jones replied that it would apply to all synods, and that the real question was who would be authorized to vote.

35. Presentation – Youth Video, “What Does God Want of Me?”

The final youth video from St. Matthias, St. Albert, was presented. The theme of the video was “Believe”. “Believe”; “Believe in Faith”; “Love one another”; “Trust”; “I am?”; “Patience”; “Share”; “Love”; “It's not about me, you, us. It's all about Him”



36. Presentation – Fresh Expressions (a printout of the PowerPoint Presentation is attached to the minutes)

The speaker, the Reverend Nick Brotherwood, Assistant Director of the Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College, was introduced by the Venerable Michael Sung.

The Reverend Nick Brotherwood announced he brought greetings from the Bishop of Montreal and the Reverend John Bowen, Director of the Institute for Evangelism at Wycliffe College, Toronto. The activity known as Fresh Expressions is an initiative of the Church of England with the Methodist Church to reach out to those who do not have any experience with church membership. Numerous resource materials are available on their web site: www.freshexpressions.org.uk.

Reverend Brotherwood showed a number of video clips from different communities that were attempting ‘fresh expressions’ of their faith life, such as the “Messy Church” in Newfoundland (<http://institute.wycliffecollege.ca/?p=159>) and the Phoenix Community Ministry. The challenge is that we may not be able to recognize what a new expression of church might look like. He also mentioned the Church of England study, “Mission Shaped Church”, which was available free for download from the Internet (http://www.cofe.anglican.org/info/papers/mission_shaped_church.pdf) and the marks of a missional church.

He emphasized that fresh expressions was based on principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples. The fresh expressions will have the potential of becoming a mature expression. The present traditional approach to church was compared and contrasted with possible fresh expressions: Sunday worship/worship at other times; uniformity/diversity; relationships/networks of relationships; cultures/different cultures with no dominant center; less intrinsic knowledge of faith/church for beginners.

The call is not just for change, but for principled change based on our foundational beliefs in Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit; the Church, and asks the question, what kind of witnesses are we? Our need is for a ‘both and’ church that combines continued growth in traditional forms of church while establishing fresh forms of church. This is sometimes called a mixed economy church. Every church is to be mission-shaped and focused on making disciples. However, we must first be disciples ourselves, knowing clearly who we are and whose we are.

The Rev. Brotherwood outlined a process we might all wish to consider:

1. Build mission-centred values
2. Listen, pray and form a vision
3. ‘Prune’ a little
4. Form a team
5. Feed your imagination
6. Explore partnerships



7. Form a community
8. Allow growth to maturity
9. Maintain connections
10. Share what we are doing

His presentation concluded with time for discussion and a challenge to answer the question, “what can be done to make your church more mission shaped?”

The speaker was thanked by the Reverend Joseph Walker.

37. **Elections Committee Report**

The Venerable Michael Rolph presented the report of the first election ballot.

Total Ballots Cast: 227

Number of Spoiled Ballots: 2

* indicates persons elected by acclamation.

Diocesan Executive Council

(one clergy and two laity from each region)

Region	Clergy	Laity
Battle River	Neil Gordon	Sandy Van Riper * Don Robertson *
Cold Lake	Travis Enright	Patsy Hawryluk * Suzanne Brown *
Edmonton West	René Faille *	Clifford Cottingham * Rob Wilbur *
Whitemud	Don Aellen *	Carol Blair Ian Thomas
Yellowhead	Joseph Walker	Rick Bambrick * Tom Snyder *

Provincial Synod

(four clergy, three laity, one youth)

Clergy: Michael Sung	Laity: Helen Fossey *
Rick Chapman	Sally Harrison *
Kevin Kraglund	Rob Wilbur *
Matthew Oliver	
1 st Alternate: Michael Rolph	Youth: Ian Armstrong *
2 nd Alternate: Dan Van Alstine	



General Synod

(four clergy, four laity, one youth)

Clergy: Lee Bezanson Michael Sung Travis Enright Neil Gordon 1 st Alternate: Wendy Ainsworth 2 nd Alternate: Michael Rolph 3 rd Alternate: Stephen London	Laity: David Jones Barbara Burrows Jonathan Sinnatamby Suzanne Brown 1 st Alternate: Helen Fossey 2 nd Alternate: Patricia Poscente
Youth: Noelle Byer Alternate: Ian Armstrong	

Synod Recorders for the 62nd Synod

(one clergy, one lay)

Clergy: Matthew Oliver *	Laity: Ian Thomas *
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Diocesan Court

(2 clergy, 2 laity – one of whom must be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)

Clergy: Martin Hattersley Wendy Ainsworth	Laity: Mary Anne Loney Scott Watson * (Law Society)
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38. Response to the Bishop's Charge

Beth Anne Exham gave the Committee's response to the Bishop's Charge.

They heard a very personalized message from the Bishop which carried a personal challenge, to define each person's spiritual journey. It was an enthusiastic charge to work together which was described variously as transparent, open, inviting, respectful, a real and human presentation. The Charge needs to be heard at the parish level as a commission for the mission before us. It was suggested that the Bishop's five year target should instead be our one year target. Our Bishop embodies hope.

39. Motions of Thanks

The Chair offered her sincere thanks to all those who made the Synod possible, the Planning Committee, the Synod staff, choir and members of the Cathedral, staff and members of St. Mathias, all who let their names stand for election, and for all the members of Synod for attending and enthusiastically participating.

40. Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent

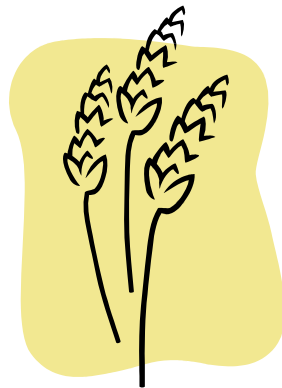
The Bishop declared her assent to the Acts of the 61st Synod.

41. Prorogation

All business was concluded, and the Bishop prorogued Synod at 4:15 p.m.



BISHOP'S CHARGE TO THE 61ST SYNOD, 2008



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Bishop's Charge to the 61st Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

The Right Rev. Jane Alexander

We celebrate the opening of this synod on the eve of the Feast of St. Luke and we have used those readings. They seemed particularly appropriate for us tonight. Jesus returns from his baptism in the Jordan to preach his first sermon back home. Jesus reads Isaiah's vision of a year lived in such a way that it is acceptable in God's sight. Then he proclaims that the time for such a Jubilee year has arrived here and now. If you were to read on you would hear that the service in the synagogue comes to an abrupt ending as the people attempt to get rid of Jesus by deciding whether the best idea will be to stone him or to throw him off a cliff. We will, I trust, hope for a slightly less dramatic conclusion to the bishop's charge, so don't any of you get any ideas.

In this charge I will tell you how things look to me in the Diocese and comment a little on things further abroad, I will share some ideas for how we might proceed. During the course of the synod there will be chances for feedback and indeed on the back page of the charge, which you will receive at the end of the service, there are a series of questions to take back to your parishes for discussion and more feedback. You see, we really are in this mission together and through the grace of God we will decide on our path together. SO here we go.

First I have to say that I am encouraged by your very presence here this evening; you are a group of people who care about the church and its mission. A great preacher William Willimon said to his congregation that "You are here, (in church) not because you are searching but because you have been sought, called, summoned. You are here because God has reached in, grabbed you, put you here, enticed, wooed, allured you here. So Christianity is not so much a religion of discovery. It is a religion of revelation. The long search is over. You have been found. This is the good news." I really agree with him, we have been caught and now it is our turn to share the good news.

So we ask ourselves is this good news something worth sharing – I hope that we would all agree that it is. Is this good news central to our lives, is it something that calls us to action?

If you throw the phrase 'maintenance to mission' into Google you get 36 million hits. But if you throw in 'Anglican' the number drops to 207,000! So it seems as if our topic for synod is one that has caught attention before – does that mean that it is a 'has been' topic, should we ignore the call and rush for the next catch phrase – no.

The subtitle for us is the courage to ask and imagine – because as brothers and sisters in Christ you and I are called to a particular ministry in this diocese and it is going to take a lot of courage. You need that courage right now to look with me at how things stand.

As you can see from Appendix 6 in your Synod circulars, the figures and graphs presented do not necessarily represent a period of transforming growth. There was a surge in attendance in the middle of this period when average Sunday attendance increased by about 450 per Sunday but we have since lost all that. If 2008 continues the trends seen over the past years we can expect to see a further decrease in attendance. Out of 58 parish points, 35 parishes are



declining to a lesser or greater extent. Over the last 5 years we have seen a significant decline in attendance in 13 parishes and only 3 parishes have seen a significant increase. 36 of our parishes report no youth and 16 report no Sunday school with another 21 reporting significant decline. We have to look and ask hard questions. Whether we like it or not the time to act is right now. Do not look down hearted please; I ask you to dig really deep and find the courage to say “What a great opportunity” “What a chance for growth.” You see, I believe we are in a time of great opportunity, we have the freedom to let go of all the things that have not worked and to look ahead.

Our figures in the diocese do not paint a picture of a church filled with life and growing – but they could do. We could start the turn around right here, today. The 2009 picture could be completely different. Can we do it? Of course we can. We can do all things in Christ who strengthens us, and it is in His name that we minister. When the Diocese focused on stewardship through education and diocesan gatherings there was a tremendous response. So we know that when we focus our energies we can make things happen. I call us now, to a time of honest review, to consider our own lives and parishes and to take courage. Within our diocesan and parish structure we can decide to do some things differently if we are to fulfill our mission here in the Diocese. Mission is transformational, full of risk. What does that mean for us?

In this diocese it doesn't mean putting someone else's plans in place. We have to discern what God is calling us to do. With all the wonderful work that has been done on mission including the Mission shaped church resources from the UK, our job is not to duplicate someone else's good ideas but to find our good ideas. I am sure that every single person here this evening has at least one good idea. To inspire us to look at our own good ideas I am delighted to welcome Nick Brotherhood from the Institute of Evangelism to speak to us about Fresh Expressions.

We don't need a new mission statement, “Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples and Furthering the Kingdom” still works. It's not finished. We can keep doing it and in some areas we can start doing it. It is the mission of the church. I believe it was Mark Twain who said "Many people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand." That's the same with the mission of the church – we don't have to sit and wonder what it could be, we know it. We have received the great commission from Christ himself. *And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'* (Matthew 28:18-20.)

We are invited to take part in the great plans of God and to trust him with our whole lives – warts and all. We don't give back the great commission or think it does not apply to each one of us. We all are called to say yes to God's plans and then to ask “where do I fit in?”



We are delighted to welcome Dean Peter Elliott to this synod. Peter is the chair of the 2019 Visioning and Planning Task Group of General Synod. He will talk to us about how we and other Anglicans across the country are being invited to “help shape the mission priorities” for the next decade.

This seems a good moment in the charge to talk about General Synod, especially as we meet tonight for our first diocesan business synod since the General Synod meeting of 2007. During the election process I said what I felt the achievements of that synod had been, and I reiterate some of them now with some addenda.

The national church reaffirmed its commitment to the work of the Council of the North. In Edmonton, Council of the North dioceses are our neighbours and this is a huge mission field right here. In fact a team of youth from one of our parishes undertook a mission trip to Saskatchewan this past summer. **I wonder if each parish in the Diocese of Edmonton would be at the very least, prayer partners with a Council of the North parish.** I am so pleased to welcome Fiona Brownlee to this synod to update us on the work and dreams of the Council of the North. I am also thrilled that we will take part in the Amazing Grace project, so keep some voice for our rendition of Amazing Grace which we will sing at the end of this service as we begin our synod session. The house of Bishops sang it at Lambeth a few times – I have to say I know we can do this!

We affirmed our promise to walk together with our First Nations brothers and sisters. I am pleased to say that our Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald has visited the Diocese a number of times and we have some new initiatives in the area of healing and outreach under discussion.

We celebrated our relationship with our full communion Lutheran partners the ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada). I continue to work closely with Bishop Ron and to look at possible partnerships for ministry in our dioceses.

We saw the public commitment of the church to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, which include ending extreme poverty and hunger and combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, and promoting gender equality. During Lambeth, the Bishops walked in support of the MDGs and we have all been asked to keep these alive in our dioceses, through our actions and our advocacy. **I invite you all to think about how your parish is supporting the MDGS.** I know that when we looked at this at All Saints’ we were amazed at just how much ministry fit with the goals. Many of you, I am sure, are taking part in “Stand Up” events this weekend associated with the Make Poverty History campaign.

But of course, our last General Synod left us with many questions as to how we continue to have conversations around the issue of the blessing of same sex unions. These questions went into the heart of discussions at the Lambeth conference this summer. In a couple of weeks the House of Bishops will meet to discuss our responses to the proposed Anglican Covenant. I hope that we will be able to find a way forward and that our discussions will be Spirit-led and Spirit-filled. **It is my intention to have a series of deanery gatherings and then a diocesan gathering through the Spring and Fall of 2009 to prepare for the discussions at General**



Synod 2010. These discussions will be hard for all of us; they will involve gracious listening, a willingness to grapple with thorny issues and to discuss interpretation of scripture – and we will not be naïve because we know that we all interpret scripture in various ways, every single one of us. **I expect vigorous theological debate in an atmosphere of mutual respect, we are truly pilgrims and although different views are held, we look to see Christ revealed in one another.**

In addition, we have been asked by General Synod to talk about the theology of marriage. Our discussions will call us to consider what it means to be in a faithful relationship. We know that love is a gift of God. **We will consider what it means for the church to have something to say about sexual faithfulness, adultery, abuse, pornography and addictions.** We will need to consider our place in the communion, our understanding of the covenant and the proposed moratoria. Above all things we must be careful that the current debate on human sexuality does not become idolatrous.

So what is the Mission of the church right here in Edmonton?

The report “Mission-shaped church” said, “God’s missionary purposes are cosmic in scope, concerned with the restoration of all things, the establishment of Shalom, the renewal of creation and the coming of the Kingdom as well as the redemption of fallen humanity and the building of the church” ^[1] That’s a tall order! Obviously we are not, and cannot be, a one issue church, whatever we prioritize that issue as being, and we all prioritize, let us be courageously honest about that.

Let’s look at the mission – how it might be for the next couple of years. As I said before, we have some specific challenges ahead of us, we are facing a general drop in attendance, we have to make some decisions about how we can continue to be the church in rural communities that can no longer afford full- or even half-time priestly ministry; we are seeing a growth in population in the diocese but not a growth in Anglicans; we need to look at evangelism and we have some specific problems in reaching children and youth.

The issues we face are faced by dioceses and provinces throughout the communion. The church of England published the report Mission Shaped Church in 2004 and this has been followed by Fresh Expressions to resource and encourage new ways of being church - “a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church” ^[2]

We know that Mission is intentional, we cannot be accidental missionaries. From looking at a great deal of literature I am convinced that over the next few years we must consider how we are going to be a truly missional community. This will involve an inclusive action plan which will include excellence in our Traditional parishes; Reboots of existing ministry that is under-equipped; Fresh expressions of church; New church plants; and vibrant Chaplaincies. Whatever it is, we must do everything the very best that we can. One size will not fit all, it

^[1] p85 The Mission Shaped Church, Church House Publishing 2004.

^[2] Page xv Mission Shaped Youth: Rethinking young people and church. Sudworth, T., Cray, G., Ruseel, C., Church House Publishing. 2007



never has and it never will, but we must be sure that what we offer to God through our ministry in the church is our very best.

We cannot 'decide' to be a small parish and to stay that way because it is what makes us feel comfortable. Christ does not call us to be comfortable or to ignore the many people who may live mere blocks from our churches who have never heard the message of the gospel.

If we are to look ahead then I believe that here in the Diocese of Edmonton we must acknowledge what already works, celebrate our strengths, embrace what has proven effective across denominations – a combination of the proven and the innovative.^[3]

We have to admit that evangelism is not our greatest gift. I say that because we have at least two situations where we have not been successful in evangelizing neighbourhoods and have rented space to other Christian fellowship groups who have gone on to do an amazing job and have quite large, healthy and vibrant congregations. Instead of thinking of the reasons why we didn't manage it - there is no blame here - let's find out how we could be more successful in the future. Don't get me wrong, I am very pleased that through these other communities people have come to Christ, but I refuse to believe that we can't be just as successful in our mission to make disciples.

Our proclamation is rooted in Christ where we find the power of life and change. Are we trying to keep Christ locked inside our churches? 2 Corinthians 5:17, *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* Do we consider ourselves new creations in Christ?

It is a risky business. I was talking to a young adult who has left the Anglican church about two weeks ago. He said that he liked the church but that he really didn't know what we were about, so when he wanted answers and direction he felt lost. I was sad that he had not found the people to answer his questions. I have invited him to keep talking to me – I don't know if he will take me up on the offer but whether I have the answers or not I am called by my own baptismal promises to offer to talk.

In order to proclaim the gospel – we need to know the gospel, to study it, to live it –all of it not just the parts we like the best or the parts that further our plans. We need an incredibly deep understanding of scripture. In fact, we need to wrestle with the scriptures – it is meant to be work. There is a need for all of us to develop spiritually. As many of you know we have a large Natural Church Development (NCD) initiative in the diocese right now. And the features of most of our initial questionnaires in our parishes show that our two consistently lowest common factors are **Needs-Oriented Evangelism** and **Passionate Spirituality**. NCD has raised expectations in the Diocese and now we must find ways to resource and equip parishes and individuals as they seek to address the NCD results.

I am pleased that in partnership with other denominations we will be welcoming Thomas Keating to the Diocese in 2009. I am delighted to see the re emergence of the EFM –

^[3] Page xii 'Reclaiming the Great Commission' Payne, C & Beazley, H. Jossey-Bass Publishers. 2001



education for ministry program. I am pleased that we continue to work on our Lay Reader Program and I give thanks for the Cursillo community of Edmonton. We are encouraged to grapple with our faith where expressing any doubts or difficulties is encouraged, because it means we are committed to asking the HARDEST questions so we can continue to grow in faith.

The ACW asked me what my favourite scripture passage is – that’s a very difficult choice isn’t it? My choice is this one from Matthew 25.

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

I mention this because scripture informs and guides my ministry and my life as a daughter of God. I hope that each one of us would have a passage of scripture that both challenges and encourages our Christian life.

For all of us here tonight, are we prepared to give these three powerful messages:

1. I have a faith by which I live
2. I am part of a community of faith
3. I am proud of my community of faith and believe that you could benefit from being part of it.^[4]

How can people tell from our words and actions that these three things are true? For each and every one of us here this evening this is personal. As disciples of Christ, this is for everyone. There are no let outs, no rain checks. Clergy and lay, rural and urban, old or young, it is the job of all of us to proclaim Christ.

Youth and children

At our synod in 2005 we identified a need to resource and develop children and youth ministries. It was part of our strategic plan and yet it has not happened. This is a critical area for us in the Diocese, our youth numbers are falling quite drastically. We have read in the Synod circular of the difficulties the TEC community is experiencing. We must turn this around. We have a core of faithful young people, They minister to us and with us. They volunteer at our camps. I’ve seen them at St. Faith’s, at the Bissell Centre, and at the Mustard Seed. They go on retreats and mission trips. We must step up. Let’s give them the tools they need to grow. Let them believe the words of Luke 11:9 ... *Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.* Recently, there have been some interesting new initiatives. I have been very happy to see some of the new work with Fusion in the diocese.

We are at a time in our society when we have what could be called a critical mass of young children and youth who are un-churched. Therefore we as a church need a new paradigm, new methods to reach out. We need to be absolutely sure what it is we are offering and why. **The #1 reason for reaching out to youth and children is that they come to know Jesus.**

^[4] page 133 ‘Reclaiming the Great Commission’



It's not about making sure we replace our eldest members with newer ones. We are not looking to maintenance, it is about discipleship. This is our task across all age groups but it is especially important with children and youth. Children's Sunday School attendance has declined by 19% across the diocese in the last 5 years. Some parishes are turning this around for which we give thanks to God. In some areas the nature of the community has changed so that we serve a different population now; that is particularly true in some rural areas. Can I ask that we get better at sharing? Can we speak to each other about what is working and see one another as precious resources?

It's not about facebook, myspace, blogs, flickr, webpages, powerpoints or praise bands in worship – those are all tools. Its about content, it's about discipleship. It's about helping people to discover who they are in Christ through relational ministry. We need to train and equip leaders and I believe we need to do it now. If we really want young people to be part of our church what are we prepared to do about it? It's personal, it requires commitment, responsibility and accountability. We need to ask “What have we done that has worked in the past?” “What are we doing that is working now?” And finally “What could we do?”

Ministry to Seniors and Shut-Ins

We also have some different challenges at the other end of the age scale. We have increasing numbers of seniors and shut-ins and this number will continue to grow. We need to look at how we continue to meet worship and sacramental needs of those who can no longer get to the parish celebrations of the Eucharist easily. We have **physical plant challenges** as a number of parishes seek to make their church buildings handicap accessible. We have specific ministry challenges as faithful brothers and sisters in Christ become more house-bound. I will always be indebted to the work of parish pastoral teams and to our hospital visitors and chaplains. But it would be timely for us to look at increasing our pastoral ministry through **clergy and lay teams**. **Pastoral care training** across the spectrum needs care and attention. I can only speak for myself, but it is my greatest joy and privilege to assure the people I meet that at all times they are loved by God and that each of our names is written in the palm of God's hand. I believe that all of us here today are called to do this.

Furthering the Kingdom

As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Matthew 10:7. Some of the places where I have seen the Kingdom of heaven are on our inner city streets, breakfast programs, Christian care centres, youth missions to other dioceses, Vacation Bible School programs in the north, our own camps for children, many of whom would not have a Christian camp experience if it were not for scholarships to attend Camp Come Alive. I see the kingdom of God in one of our teenagers who makes muffins for the George Spady centre every single week; in the provision of a tractor, a well, in farm animals and clinics for people in countries we may never visit; in SOMA^[5] missions to simply ‘be’ with people getting their lives back after incredible trauma. I see it in a mission to Haiti, in a community Fall supper. I see the kingdom of God drawing near in our international internships, and I see it in the work of the ACWs throughout the diocese. The Kingdom is here my friends. It is not hidden, it is

^[5] SOMA - (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) is an Anglican based mission agency with a worldwide vision: to see Christians of all churches renewed in the Holy Spirit in all nations of the world.



right in front of us calling us again and again to be a part of it. In each of these situations I have mentioned and in the ones buzzing in your brains, things you see in your own parishes and communities we are called to ask ourselves – what does this action say about God? We must remember that “any form of hospitality on the premises of a church is an affirmative witness to the community of faith.” [6]

Where is God’s love needed in our neighbourhood? Are there elderly people who need us to visit? Are there young families who need to be welcomed into a new community, who need programs for their children, who need nurturing in the faith? Are there young people who need purpose in their lives? Are there people who need food or shelter? Are there people who need to hear the good news that we have to share? Do we need to find a way to invite them into our church family? We must look to our presence across all communities and I think we should consider that three of the largest and most active Canadian forces bases are in our diocese; Edmonton, Cold Lake and Wainwright. What is our ministry among military families?

How might we look further afield as a Diocese? We have been invited by the Bishop of Buye Diocese in Burundi, Bishop Sixbert Macumi, to partner with that diocese and I anticipate inviting Bishop Macumi to come and visit us in 2009 to explore this partnership. I believe they have much to teach us about evangelism and we have much to offer them too. There is a brochure in your packages that gives more information on this initiative.

Rural Ministry

I have already touched on some of the specific challenges in rural Alberta. The shape of our rural communities is very varied depending on agricultural situations, economic and industry variables. There are communities which are dying and ones which are reinventing themselves. As a diocese, what is our role, our presence now, and what will it be in the future? I am so pleased that in the south east of our diocese groups of lay people from a number of small communities are meeting on a monthly basis to work on a ministry plan for their area in the years ahead - a ministry plan that will deal with population shifts and look at some ecumenical collaborations. Some rural parishes have done incredible work in identifying and encouraging the gifts of their congregations and in developing ministry teams. I believe there is also opportunity for some **rural/urban partnerships** between parishes in the Diocese which could involve a **sharing of resources and of prayer support**. As I travel around the diocese I think we do not always know one another very well, which makes it hard for us to understand the different contexts in which we minister.

In order for the diocese to be a collegial resource filled community, I believe that as a Diocese we need to think about how we plan and build for the future and aid the ministries we have. We have looked at aided ministry in the past, but I would like to attach a different label to the ministry and to change focus so that we pull ourselves out of Maintenance and into Mission. Therefore, I would like to see the development of what I am calling the **Barnabas Initiative**. This initiative is one of encouragement and support. I think we need a resource team – not to provide centralized ministry, far from it, but to exist so that across the

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diocese we can provide extra input in developing and equipping ministry. Some of this may take the form of something new and sometimes it is to bring about renewal and growth in an existing parish or ministry.

I want to say a word about apportionment, especially in the light of the new initiatives I think we must undertake in the Diocese. Apportionment gives us a sense of being together as a family and owning larger pieces of ministry and vision than we can often do as individual parishes. The Anglican church functions as a synodical diocesan structure, it cries out to us to really be a family, to be a larger unit. That means we must trust one another and have a shared vision for our future together. Apportionment is not a tax, it is an invitation. I thank all of the members of the parishes across the Diocese who have accepted the invitation to be part of ministry outside their parish boundaries.

All of us must believe that we are living examples of the power of the Christian life. We are to be disciples who make disciples. Our faith is not about us. In 2013 we will celebrate our centennial as a diocese, that's under 5 years away now. SO it occurs to me that as part of this charge I should share with you at least some of my dream for how we might celebrate this anniversary.

Last year we had roughly eleven and a half thousand people on our parish rolls in the diocese but our average Sunday attendance was less than half that number. What if by 2013 we can have made such a difference that people who identify themselves as Anglican and appear on our parish rolls are more regularly attending church for worship and to share in the Holy Sacraments? I think that's a good goal. It is 100% achievable but will require all of us to commit to it. Ministry is not rocket science, but it is dependant upon our wills and our actions.

Here is my other goal – that each Anglican in this diocese brings another person to Christ within the next 5 years. Could we do that? If you think you could – that's great, if you think you can't, would you agree to work with others so we can learn how together? That's what it might mean to make disciples, don't you think. To actually help people find a way into a relationship with Jesus Christ that transforms their lives, and for them to find that way through our Anglican communities here in this diocese.

A last word from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians chapter 4, the Message translation *My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.*

Amen

Questions for individual feedback, small group or vestry discussion.

All feedback gratefully received bishop@edmonton.anglican.ca

1. How do you think your parish gives life to the Mission Statement: "*Proclaiming the Gospel, Making Disciples, Furthering the Kingdom*"



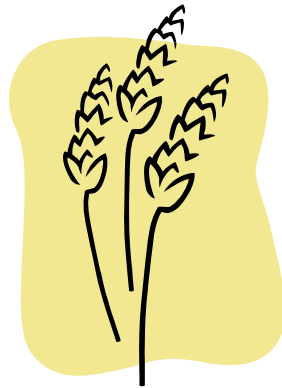
2. In your parish are your numbers remaining stable, declining, growing?
What do you think the reasons might be for this?
What are the demographics for your community telling you?
3. What was the last thing your parish took great joy in? How did you celebrate?
4. How can we be a welcoming 'human' church that adores the Divine. Could we begin by thinking about these things:^[7]
- The art of welcoming the stranger
 - To actively be a place where people sit together, and where the first six pews are not empty because everyone sits at the back
 - Where we recognize the importance of rites of passage so that our daily lives and our faith are woven more strongly together
 - Where we have 'after-service' care
 - Where we recognize the needs of people
 - Where there is a sense of wonder and awe in the divine to be adored.
5. Would your parish be willing to be a prayer partner with a Council of the North parish? Do you need any help in identifying a parish?
6. Is there a particular scripture passage by which you try to live?
7. Can you subscribe to these three statements and take them into the world?
I have a faith by which I live
I am part of a community of faith
I am proud of my community of faith and believe that you could benefit from being part of it.^[8]
8. Do you think you could bring someone to Christ over the next 5 years? What resources, equipping or support might you need to help reach this goal?

^[7] P37 Mission-shaped Parish: Traditional church in a changing context. Bayes, P., Sledge, T., Church House Publishing, 2006

^[8] page 133 'Reclaiming the Great Commission'



APPENDIX 2: Changes in Clergy Status Since the 61st Synod



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**CHANGES IN CLERGY STATUS
SINCE THE 61st SYNOD
October 17-18, 2008**

LICENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

November 1	2008	The Reverend Maddie Urion appointed Priest in Mission (half time) at St. Augustine's, Parkland
November 1	2008	The Reverend Canon Maureen Crerar appointed Rector of Good Shepherd, Edmonton
November 1	2008	The Captain Reverend Maude Parsons-Hörst appointed Honorary Assistant of Holy Trinity, Bon Accord; Emmanuel, Gibbons; and St. Mary; Redwater.
November 1	2008	The Reverend Susan Oliver appointed Educational Chaplain at the University of Alberta and Honorary Assistant of St. George, Edmonton.
November 15	2008	The Reverend John Gifford appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Stephen's, Edmonton
November 16	2008	The Reverend Joanne Chambers appointed Priest Associate (part-time) of St. Paul's, Leduc until Feb 28, 2009
November 26	2008	The Reverend Pat Hill appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant of Christ Church, Edmonton
November 30	2008	The Reverend Canon Gwen Bright appointed Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Tofield
December 3	2008	The Reverend Sheila Hagan-Bloxham appointed to the Barnabas Initiative Team
December 14	2008	The Reverend Joanne Webster appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's, Leduc
January 1	2009	The Reverend Elizabeth Metcalfe appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's, Edmonton
January 1	2009	The Reverend Thomas Dean appointed Incumbent of St. John's, Onoway.



January 6	2009	The Reverend Thomas Brauer appointed for Coordinator, Church Planting and Fresh Expressions, and Honorary Assistant, Holy Trinity, Edmonton
February 1	2009	The Reverend Penny Bruce appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Luke's, Edmonton
February 1	2009	The Reverend Ralph Warnock appointed Rector of St. Mary, Vegreville
February 15	2009	The Reverend Alexandra Meek Sharman appointed Assistant Curate of St. Timothy's, Edmonton and Member of the Barnabas Initiative Team
February 18	2009	The Reverend Myron Penner appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant of St. Margaret's, Edmonton
March 1	2009	Arthur Dyck appointed (half time) Parish Consultant on the Barnabas Initiative Team
March 1	2009	The Reverend Travis Enright appointed Vicar of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
March 1	2009	The Reverend Sheila Hagan-Bloxham appointed Honorary Assistant of Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton
March 1	2009	The Reverend Dr. Joyce Mellor appointed Rector of St. Catherine's, Edson
March 1	2009	The Reverend Joanne Webster appointed Rector (0.7 time) of St. Paul's, Leduc
March 22	2009	The Reverend Tom Dean, The Reverend Alexandra Meek Sharman and The Reverend Donna Willer ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral
March 22	2009	The Reverend Donna Willer appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Philip's, Westlock, St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead and St. Peter's, Lac La Nonne.
April 1	2009	The Reverend Colleen Sanderson appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Matthew's, St. Albert
April 1	2009	The Reverend Christian Gordon appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant of St. Matthias, Edmonton



April 1	2009	Jonathan Connell appointed Theological Student and member of the Barnabas Initiative Team, Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton
April 21	2009	The Reverend Christian Gordon appointed Interim Deacon-In-Charge of St. Andrew's, Camrose
April 26	2009	The Reverend Donald Gray appointed Interim Priest of St. Andrew's, Camrose
April 26	2009	The Reverend Keith Denman appointed Honorary Assistant of Christ Church, Edmonton
May 17	2009	The Reverend Wayne Masliuk appointed Interim Deacon in Charge of St. Aidan & Ste. Hilda, Rexboro
June 7	2009	The Reverend Christian Gordon and The Reverend Myron Penner ordained to the priesthood, and Jonathan Connell ordained to the diaconate, at All Saints' Cathedral
June 7	2009	The Reverend Jonathan Connell appointed Curate and member of the Barnabas Initiative Team, Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton
June 11	2009	The Reverend Joanne Chambers appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Patrick's, Edmonton
July 1	2009	The Reverend Jonathan Crane appointed Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity, Edmonton
July 1	2009	The Reverend Chelsy Stevens appointed Assistant Curate of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
July 1	2009	The Reverend David Prowse appointed Interim Priest-In-Charge of St Mary & St. George, Jasper.
August 1	2009	The Reverend Dr. Myron Penner appointed Barnabas Initiative Team Member, Diocese of Edmonton
August 10	2009	The Reverend Roy Dickson given permission to officiate, and appointed Associate Priest of St. Paul's Edmonton
August 15	2009	The Reverend Dr. Myron Penner appointed Associate Priest of Christ Church, Edmonton.



September 1	2009	The Reverend Elizabeth Metcalfe appointed Rector of St. Mary's, Edmonton
September 1	2009	The Reverend Christian Gordon appointed Priest in Charge of St. Andrew's, Camrose
September 1	2009	The Reverend Sue Oliver appointed Interim Priest of St. George's, Edmonton
October 1	2009	The Reverend Will Drake appointed Incumbent (half time) of St. Stephen's, Edmonton
October 4	2009	The Reverend Jonathan Crane and the Reverend Chelsy Stevens ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral.
October 9	2009	The Reverend Alex Meek Sharman and the Reverend Keith Denman appointed to the Interim Ministry Team of St. George's, Edmonton
October 11	2009	The Reverend Thomas Brauer appointed Interim Priest of St. Mary's, Vegreville
November 1	2009	The Reverend Wayne Masliuk appointed Deacon at St. Augustine's, Edmonton
December 16	2009	The Reverend Capt. Tim Chesterton appointed Regional Dean of Whitemud
January 1	2010	The Reverend Neil Gordon appointed Regional Dean of Battle River
January 1	2010	The Reverend Keith Denman appointed Interim Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity Strathcona, Edmonton
January 5	2010	The Reverend Dr. Joanne Neal appointed Interim Assistant Deacon of Holy Trinity Strathcona, Edmonton
February 1	2010	The Reverend Dr. Eileen Conway appointed Interim Associate Priest (1/4 time) of St. George's, Edmonton
February 1	2010	The Reverend Sue Oliver appointed Rector of St. George's, Edmonton
February 7	2010	The Reverend Stuart Ravensborg appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Luke's, Edmonton



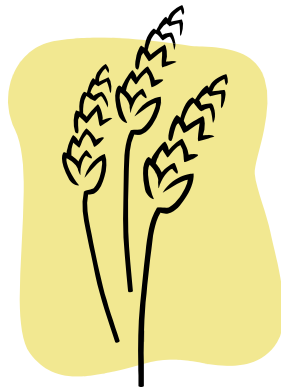
February 7	2010	The Reverend Stuart Ravensborg appointed Interim Priest of St. Mary's, Vegreville
March 1	2010	The Reverend Keith Marsh appointed Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry in the chair of St. Francis
April 11	2010	The Reverend Emma Vickery appointed Interim Priest in Charge of St. George's, Devon
April 13	2010	The Very Reverend Lee Bezanson appointed Rector of St. Matthew's, St. Albert
April 13	2010	The Rev. Colleen Sanderson appointed Interim Associate Priest of St. Thomas', Sherwood Park and Interim Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity, Tofield
April 19	2010	The Rev. Lori Calkins appointed Interim Priest in Charge of St. Thomas', Sherwood Park
May 1	2010	The Reverend Neil Gordon appointed Dean of Edmonton and Rector of All Saints' Cathedral
May 1	2010	The Reverend Coleen Lynch appointed Rector of St. Aidan & Ste. Hilda, Rexboro
May 1	2010	The Reverend Chelsy Stevens appointed Rector of St. John's, Sedgewick; St. Mary's, Vegreville; and St. Matthew's, Viking
May 1	2010	The Reverend Emma Vickery appointed Rector (0.4 time) of St. George's, Devon
May 1	2010	The Reverend John Gifford appointed Co-Rector (half time) of St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton
May 2	2010	The Reverend Jonathan Connell ordained to the priesthood, and the Reverend Canon Keith Marsh installed as the Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry in the chair of St. Francis of Assisi, at All Saints' Cathedral
July 1	2010	The Reverend Will Drake appointed member of the Interim Ministry Team
August 1	2010	The Reverend Chris Pappas appointed Rector of Holy Trinity Strathcona, Edmonton



August 10	2010	The Reverend Travis Enright appointed Cannon Missioner for Indigenous Ministry in the chair of St. Jean de Brebeuf
September 1	2010	The Reverend Bob Peel appointed Regional Dean of Battle River
September 1	2010	Chris Dowdeswell appointed Theological Student (3/4 time) of All Saints' Cathedral and member of the University Chaplaincy team (1/4 time)
September 1	2010	Rev. Nick Trussell appointed Priest in Mission for the diocese.
September 15	2010	The Reverend Julio Martin appointed Rector of St. Francis of Assisi, Hinton and St. Mary & St. George, Jasper
October 1	2010	The Reverend Canon Gwen Bright appointed Honorary Assistant at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
October 15	2010	The Reverend Jacques Vaillancourt appointed Rector of St. Andrew's, Camrose



APPENDIX 3: Audited Financial Reports

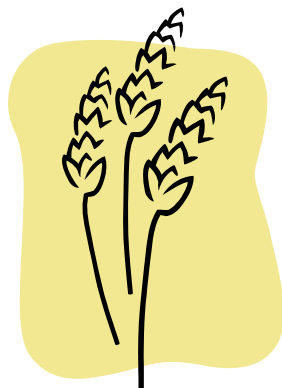


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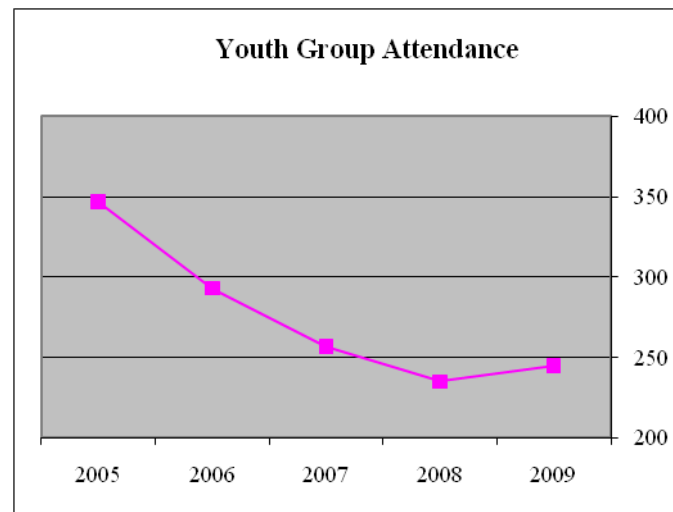
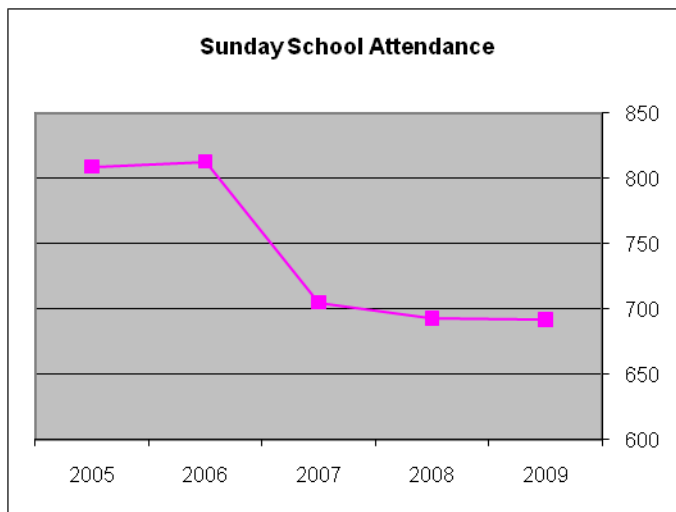
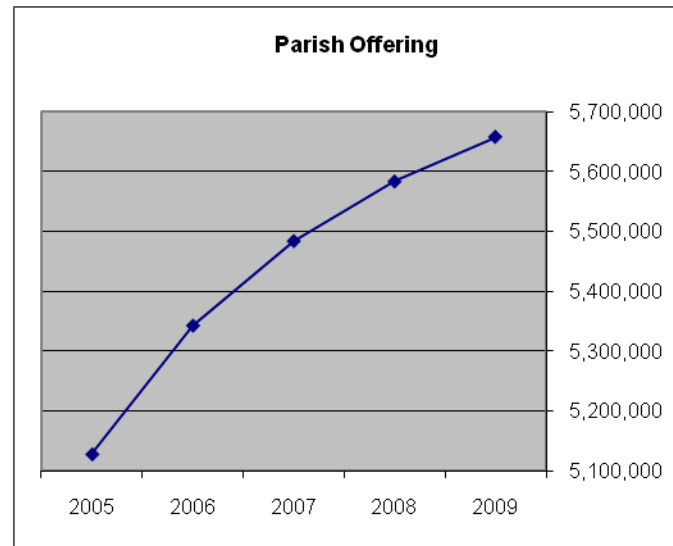
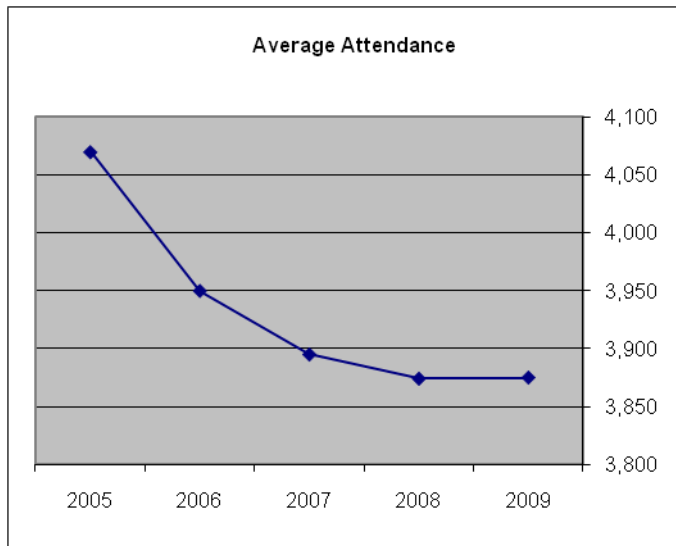
APPENDIX 4: Five Year Summary – Parish Statistical and Financial Information



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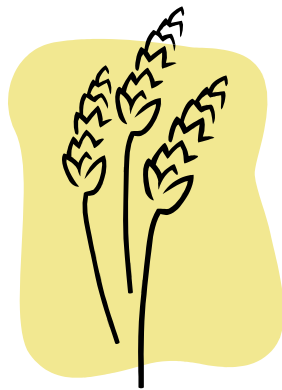


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APPENDIX 5: Report from the Legislative Committee



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