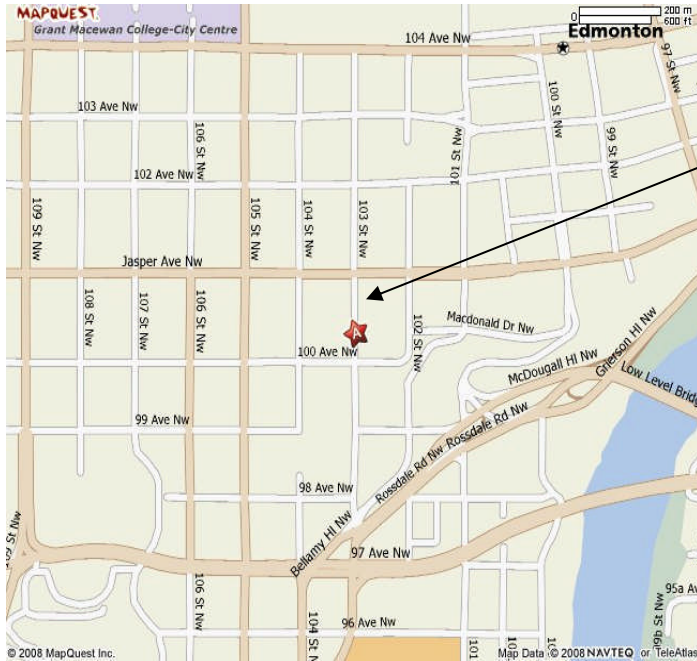


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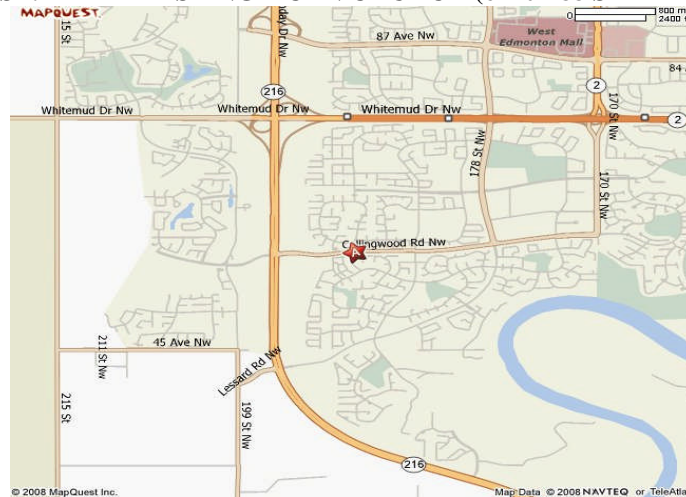
MAP OF SYNOD FACILITIES ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (10035-103 STREET)



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ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH (6210-188 STREET)



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**PLEASE USE THESE PRAYERS OVER THE COMING WEEKS AS WE PREPARE
FOR THE 61ST 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
61ST SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
October 17th and 18th, 2008

***FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION:
The Courage to Ask and Imagine!***

Friday, October 17TH, 2008 – ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL
10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Registration and Presentation of Credentials
5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Orientation for First Time Delegates and Youth Delegates
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 62 nd Synod
	Report of Credentials Committee
	Courtesies of the House
	Report of the Agenda Committee
	Minutes of the 59 th Synod
	Minutes of the 60 th (Electoral) Synod
	Appointment of Election Officer and Scrutineers
	Receiving of Written Reports in Block
	Financial Report
	Appointment of Accounts Examiner
	Report of Resolutions Committee
	Report of Nominations Committee
	Closing Prayer
9:15 p.m.	Recess for the Evening

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61ST SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
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***FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION:
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Saturday, October 18th, 2008 – ST. MATTHIAS
6210 – 188 Street, Edmonton

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.	Dean Peter Elliott: Anglican Church of Canada Vision 2019
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Fiona Brownlee: Council of the North
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
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Rev. Nick Brotherwood: Fresh Expressions
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. – 4:00 p.m.	Table Group Discussion
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Response to the Bishop's Charge
4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Courtesy Motions Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent Prorogation
4:45 p.m.	Concluding Devotion

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

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GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS for the 61ST SYNOD

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 Halifax N.S. from June 3rd to 11th, 2010)

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.

Provincial Synod (Province of Rupert's Land) (to be convened in Calgary from June 12th to 14th, 2009)

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, 2009.

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.

Clerical Recorder of Synod (for the 62nd Synod)

Lay Recorder of Synod (for the 62nd Synod)

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, October 3rd. 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 the *Rev. Michael Sung at the Synod Office no later than October 3rd*.

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

Elections will be held throughout the morning on Saturday, October 18th.

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REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF SYNOD

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SECRETARY OF SYNOD

I was invited to take over the voluntary position of the Secretary of Synod in February, 2005. I provide the following information as it was given to me.

The minutes of the 59th Synod (October 21- 22, 2005) and of the 60th (Electoral) Synod (March 8, 2008) were duly recorded and properly filed in the Official Minutes book of the Diocese. They are included in this circular.

Mrs. Barbara White has recorded the minutes of eighteen Diocesan Executive Council meetings since the 58th 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 20th, 2008 and January 15th, 2009.

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 Regional Representative. It would be appreciated that items to be included on the Council agenda be 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 2005, 2006 and 2007.

	2007	2006	2005
Clergy			
Bishops (Diocesan)	1	1	1
Coadjutors, Suffragans, Assistants	0	0	0
Retired	1	1	1
On Leave or Other	0	0	0
Priests (Parish) Salaried	49	49	45
Non-salaried	0	0	0
Diocesan staff	0	0	0
Chaplains/Special Ministries	6	6	6
Other Active	0	0	0
Retired	44	37	36
On Leave	7	9	9
Deacons	13	11	6
TOTAL	<u>121</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>104</u>

	2007	2006	2005
Other Ministries			
Church Army	1	1	2
Lay Readers	97	120	155
TOTAL	<u>98</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>157</u>
Salaried			
Diocesan Staff Lay Workers	5	5	5
Parish Lay Workers	26	24	24
Consecrations/Ordinations, etc.			
Priests	6	2	4
Deacons	8	2	5
Parishes			
Self-supporting	44	48	48
Aided	6	2	2
Congregations which make up total parishes	59	59	59
Parish Statistics			
Total members on Parish Rolls	11,410	11,976	11,969
Confirmed persons on Parish Rolls	5,337	5,829	6,577
Average Sunday attendance	3,895	3,936	4,158
Identifiable regular givers	4,391	4,357	4,344
Church/Sunday Schools	75	49	52
Number of teachers	244	256	273
Number of pupils	705	813	815
Baptisms	259	255	284
Confirmations	46	77	65
Received from Other Communion	3	5	33
Marriages	109	111	113
Funerals	258	253	281
Anglican Church Women (membership)	369	451	489
Other Women's groups (membership)	558	635	560
Men's groups (membership)	258	191	269
Other adult groups (membership)	1,139	864	1,215
Youth groups (membership)	257	293	347
Church sponsored youth (beavers etc.)	208	229	226
Church sponsored adult (AA etc)	487	618	439

Parish Financial Statistics	2007	2006	2005
Members' givings	\$5,488,371	\$5,341,413	\$5,095,198
Parish Endowments	371,601	402,752	956,613
Grants received from the Diocese	76,100	149,050	79,615
Other income	944,944	875,473	768,331
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	408,251	158,740	172,087
TOTAL	\$7,289,267	\$6,927,248	\$7,071,844
General Operating costs	\$5,102,319	\$4,756,910	\$4,637,265
Capital expenses	199,719	366,325	556,099
Repayment of loans (principle/interest)	218,050	258,646	177,186
Apportionment/Assessment to Diocese	875,836	825,033	724,952
Special and other expenses	543,906	185,872	149,158
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	253,380	277,693	194,868
TOTAL	\$7,193,211	\$6,670,479	\$6,439,528
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$96,056	\$256,769	\$632,316
Insured value of Parish Property	\$71,009,956	\$64,056,204	\$58,061,984

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Diocese's Financial Statements for 2005, 2006 and 2007 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 three years (2005, 2006 and 2007) as taken from the audited Financial Statements:

	2007	2006	2005
DIOCESAN INCOME (General Fund, C.T.F. and D.D.F.)			
Apportionments/Assessment from parishes	\$873,075	\$840,535	\$724,952
Investment income	28,967	7,454	45,153
Restricted contributions	135,549	53,968	114,164
Unrestricted contributions	1,893	91,656	209,268
Other income	167,018	52,952	31,132
TOTAL	\$1,206,502	\$1,046,565	\$1,124,669

	2007	2006	2005
DIOCESAN EXPENDITURES (General Fund, C.T.F. and D.D.F.)			
Diocesan Administration	397,092	388,024	405,093
Grants to aided parishes	134,784	145,706	81,720
Special ministries	77,987	36,110	100,905
Diocesan programs	225,608	163,398	216,137
Provincial Synod	11,685	11,696	10,720
General Synod	181,440	151,492	139,004
Other expenditures	28,935	120,198	29,260
TOTAL	<u>\$1,057,531</u>	<u>\$1,016,624</u>	<u>\$982,839</u>
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$148,971	\$29,941	\$141,830

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. 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

Following is a list of the Diocesan Synod Office staff:

Bishop	Right Reverend Jane Alexander
Executive Secretary to the Bishop	Barbara White
Executive Officer and Planned Giving Officer.....	David Connell
Financial Officer	Dale Purkis
Receptionist and Events Secretary.....	Margaret Marschall
Special Assistant to the Synod Office.....	Sally Harrison
Canon Pastor to the Newly Ordained.....	Rev. Canon Maureen Crerar

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 Diocesan Office secretary 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.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Burrows
Secretary of Synod*

ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SINCE THE 59TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

This report, compiled from minutes of Executive Council meetings taken by Mrs. Barb White, Executive Secretary to the Bishop, 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, David Connell.

Members of Executive Council at August 1, 2008 are the following:

*The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Chair
Mr. David Jones, Q.C., Chancellor
Mr. David Connell, Executive Officer
Mr. Dale Purkis, Financial Officer
Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Synod Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Webster, Chair Administration and Finance
Mrs. Carol Blair, Chair Stewardship and Financial Development
Miss Amanda Knack (Bishop's Appointment)
The Venerable Kathy Bowman (Bishop's Appointment)
The Rev. Michael Sung (Bishop's Appointment)
Mr. Jim Tyerman (Bishop's Appointment)
The Rev. Bob Peel (Battle River)
Mrs. Catherine Haiste (Battle River)
Mrs. Patsy Hawryluk (Cold Lake)
Ms. Sue Nimmo (Cold Lake)
The Rev. Maureen Crerar (Edmonton West)
Ms. Sally Harrison (Edmonton West)
Mr. Tom Snyder (Edmonton West)
The Rev. Donald Aellen (Whitemud)
Ms. Mary Gilchrist (Whitemud)
Ms. Robyn Thompson (Whitemud)
Mr. Art Jones (Yellowhead)*

Mrs. Barbara White (Secretary to Executive Council)

Resolution #EC-57-05

Be it Resolved that a Diocesan Gathering be held to discuss the St. Michael Report.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-58-05

Be it Resolved that the Planned Giving Policy and Guidelines be approved.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-59-05

Be it Resolved that the NeighbourWorks Project Proposal be approved.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-61-05

Be it Resolved that the 2006 Budget be approved.
Carried with 1 vote against.

Resolution #EC-06-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council of the Diocese of Edmonton approve in principle the Residential Schools Amending Agreement as outlined in the confidential correspondence of January 6th, 2006, and presented in confidence at the January 19th Executive Council (Edmonton) meeting. Furthermore, we ask and authorize the Bishop and Diocesan Chancellor to confirm that they approve in Principle the Amending Agreement, on the condition it meets the requirement of section 8.1 of the Anglican Settlement Agreement (i.e. the most favoured church clause (a.k.a. the most favoured nation clause).
Carried unanimously.

Resolution #EC-07-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council adopt the Privacy Policy as presented for the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton effective March 1st, 2006; and that a communication be sent to all parishes indicating that a parish Privacy Policy is needed and that a model Privacy Policy is attached that they may use or amend but must implement by May 1st, 2006; and that parishes may ask David Connell, Diocesan Privacy Officer to act as their Privacy Officer or appoint a Privacy Officer of their own choosing no later than May 1st, 2006.
Carried unanimously.

Resolution #EC-10-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council approves the resolution from the Administration and Finance Committee that the incumbents of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Paul's, Edmonton, currently receiving stipends in excess of the grid of the Diocese of Edmonton, shall be "grandfathered" until such time as those incumbencies become vacant.
Carried with Donald Aellen abstaining.

Resolution #EC-11-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council approves the resolution from the Administration and Finance Committee that the Diocesan Stipend Grid (inclusive of housing) be amended to allow a parish to exceed the 5% stipend maximum, after having accepted its full assessment and apportionment request by the Diocese. Parishes exceeding the 5% grid maximum shall in the same calendar year contribute an amount equal to the excess over 5% to the Diocese to be used for mission ministry to be determined from time to time by the Bishop.

Parishes currently exceeding the 5% maximum may continue to pay a stipend in excess of the grid only until the specific position becomes vacant. Annual increases given for these positions shall not exceed the cost of living adjustments to the grid introduced from time to time by the Diocese. Until such time as these positions become vacant, the requirement for these parishes to contribute to the mission ministry of the Diocese shall be waived. However, if these parishes choose to pay an amount in excess of the Diocesan cost of living percentage they will be required to contribute an amount equal to that excess to mission ministry programs of the Diocese.
Carried with Donald Aellen and Tom Snyder abstaining.

Resolution #EC-14-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council of the Diocese of Edmonton authorize the Bishop, Diocesan Chancellor and Archdeacons to approve the Residential Schools Amending Agreement, on the condition it meets the requirement of section 8.1 of the Anglican Settlement Agreement (i.e. the most favoured Church clause (a.k.a. the most favoured nation clause)).

Bishop Matthews assured the Executive Council members that if there were any major changes or surprises in the Amending Agreement, a special Executive Council meeting would be convened before Diocesan approval was given.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-15-06

That nominations cease for the position of Lay Member to Provincial Synod and that Rob Jamieson be elected by acclamation.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-16-06

That this Executive Council approve the resolution that the parishes of Holy Trinity, Bon Accord and Emmanuel, Gibbons become two parishes instead of one Mission.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-19-06

Be it Resolved by this Executive Council that the parcel of land as described above (legal description: PT SW ¼ 17, 53,21,W4) be considered for donation to a wetlands conservation organization in Strathcona County.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-20-06

Be it Resolved by this Executive Council that the parcel of land as described above (legal description: 32, 52, 22, W4 NE1/4 TWP RD 530) be considered for disposal through bid sale with no specified sale price.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-21-06

Be it Resolved by this Executive Council that the purchase of land between Colchester Cemetery and RR233 be pursued.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-24-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council approve the 2005 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-26-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council give a vote of thanks to Dan Van Alstine for the work he has done as ACPO Secretary over the past few years.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-29-06

Be it Resolved by this Executive Council that the Clergy Stipend Schedule (including housing) be increased by 5% effective January 1st, 2007.

That Motion #EC-29-06 be amended to read approval of a 5.5% increase to the Clergy Stipend Schedule (including housing) effective January 1st, 2007.

Motion #EC-29-06 was Carried as amended.

Michael Sung abstained.

Resolution #EC-33-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council approve the Clergy/Sabbatical Study Leave Policy as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-35-06

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council approve the Compassionate Leave Guideline.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-39-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council directs that a copy of the apportionment and assessment form and the formula be circulated every year to every parish.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-40-06

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council extends the trial use of the Remarriage After Divorce: Diocesan Process & Record form until February 1st, 2007.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-05-07

Be it Resolved that the 2007 budget be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-11-07

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council send a letter of congratulations to Good Shepherd, Edmonton congratulating them on paying their loan in full.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-12-07

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council approve the form Remarriage after Divorce: Diocesan Record for permanent use in the Diocese of Edmonton.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-18-07

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council approve the request for Anglican Appeal and Anglican Journal Annual Appeal for their mailing in the fall of 2007.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-23-07

Be it Resolved that in accordance with Diocesan Canons 2.13 and 2.14, Executive Council appoints Dean Jane Alexander to be the Administrator of the Diocese from the effective date of Bishop Matthews' resignation (30 November 2007) until the consecration of her successor as Bishop of Edmonton.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-24-07

Be it Resolved that in accordance with Provincial Canon C.04, Executive Council confirms that the electoral Synod for the 10th Bishop of Edmonton will take place on Saturday, 8 March 2008 at All Saints' Cathedral, commencing at 9:30 A.M.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-25-07

Be it Resolved that Executive Council asks members of the Diocese to nominate persons for the diocesan members of the Search Committee, with a deadline of Monday, 15 October 2007 for receipt of nominations by the Executive Officer at the Synod Office.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-26-07

Be it Resolved that Executive Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, 1 November 2007 at All Saints' Cathedral for the purpose of issuing the formal Notice of the Electoral Synod, and to elect or appoint the diocesan members of the Search Committee.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-27-07

Be it Resolved that a Working Group be established to do preparatory work for the Search Committee, to be handed over to the latter as soon as it is constituted.

The preparatory work to be done by the Working Group will include:

- inviting input from members of the Diocese at large about the qualifications and requirements that relate to the Episcopal vacancy, and any specific qualifications that might be required or desirable with respect to the person to fill the vacancy;
- preparing and circulating for comment throughout the Diocese a first draft of the Memorandum which might be used by the Search Committee;
- dealing with the budget required for the electoral process;
- preparing the document on the "Expectations of Candidates in an Episcopal Election" for consideration by Executive Council, addressing issues relating to the transition of the Bishop-elect to Edmonton;
- dealing with the administrative details relating to the electoral process.

The members of the Working Group will be the Dean, the Archdeacons, the Chancellor and the Executive Officer, with power to co-opt additional members.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-28-07

Be it Resolved that the Time Line for the Episcopal Election, the Guide Line for the Election of a Bishop, and Provincial Canon IX will be posted on the diocesan website and sent to all clergy, vestries and parishes in the Diocese.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-29-07

That this Executive Council extends a vote of thanks to David Jones for preparing the process and documents for the Election of the 10th Bishop of Edmonton.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-35-07

Be it Resolved that the late nominee be added to the candidates list.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-37-07

Be it Resolved that the Resource Document be issued by Executive Council.

That Motion #EC-37-07 be amended to read “that the Resource Document be issued by Executive Council with the deletion of “prepared by” at the request of Donald Aellen and Maureen Crerar and that the bullet on page three be changed to read “sound of doctrine” only.

Motion #EC-37-07

Carried.

Resolution #EC-38-07

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council thank Donald Aellen and Maureen Crerar for the preparation work they have done on the Resource Document.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-41-07

Be it Resolved that the Stipend Grid adjustment including housing be 5% effective January 1st, 2008.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-45-07

Be it Resolved that a letter be sent to Council of General Synod from this Executive Council.

A further discussion followed and an amendment to the last line of the letter was suggested.

That Motion #EC-45-07 be approved with an amendment to the last sentence of the letter

Motion #EC-45-07

Carried.

Resolution #EC-46-07

Be it Resolved that the Bishop be requested, based on the outline letter drafted by Bob Peel and Jeremy Webster, to write a letter to the Diocese to be read in all parishes this Sunday.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-47-07

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council accept the recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee that the 2008 Diocesan Budget be approved, including approval for church planting and mission development, with further discussion of the strategy and tactics with respect to church planting by the Executive Council at their January meeting.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-48-07

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council approve sending the letter from the Reverend Will Drake regarding Our House Ministry to all parishes.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-03-08

Be it Resolved that we strike a small working group to determine a plan for the use of the money budgeted for church planting and mission development and that this group report back to the next meeting of Executive Council.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-04-08

Be it Resolved that up to 3/12 of the amount allocated to church planting and mission development in the budget may be used for the planning process including stipend and conference fees.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-06-08

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approve the Bishop's stipend be set at 125% of the highest step on the clergy grid (that is a priest that has been ordained 35 or more years, receiving 105% of the grid amount).
Carried.

Resolution #EC-07-08

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approves St. Matthew's, St. Albert building expansion project, including its application for funding from the Diocesan Development Fund, the Anglican Foundation, Community Enhancement Program, pledges from parishioners, and bank financing (if necessary).
Carried.

Resolution #EC-11-08

Be it Resolved that funds not exceeding 5/12 of the stipend and conference fees amount allocated to church planting and mission development in the budget be used to continue budgeted expenses until May 31, 2008. The working group is encouraged to continue and to make further recommendations to Executive Council at the May meeting.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-15-08

Be it Resolved that this Executive Council pass a motion of thanks to Barbara Burrows and Angela Bokenfohr for all their hard work in preparation for the Electoral Synod.
Carried.

Resolution #EC-19-08

Be it Resolved that the audited Financial Statements to December 31, 2007 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-20-08

Be it Resolved that St. Aidan & Ste. Hilda, Rexboro, be permitted to seek designation as a Municipal Historic Resource under the Heritage Preservation Partnership Program.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-24-08

Be it Resolved that the Anglican Appeal may use the Anglican Journal mailing list.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-25-08

Be it Resolved that the Executive Council grant permission to the Anglican Journal for their appeal in the September 2008 issue.

Carried.

**ACTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
SINCE THE 59TH 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, David Connell. 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 August 1, 2008 are:

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander

Mr. Jeremy Webster, Chair

The Ven. Michael Rolph

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

The Rev. Matthew Oliver, Property and Planning Sub-committee Chair

Mr. Gordon Voth

Ms. Maida Kellgren

Mr. Dale Purkis, Financial Officer

Mr. David Connell, Executive Officer

Mr. Ken Holmstrom

Ms. Angela Bokenfohr (Secretary to Administration and Finance Committee)

Resolution #AF-47-05

Be it Resolved that the amended Assessment and Apportionment Formula be forwarded to Executive Council for approval.

Carried

Resolution #AF-05-06

Be it Resolved that the incumbents of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, and St. Paul, Edmonton, currently receiving stipends in excess of the grid of the Diocese of Edmonton grid shall be “grandfathered “ until such time as those incumbencies become vacant.

Carried

Resolution #AF-06-06

Be it Resolved that the Administration and Finance Committee recommends to Executive Council that the Diocesan Stipend Grid (Inclusive of Housing) be amended to allow a parish to exceed the 5% stipend maximum, after having accepted its full assessment and apportionment request by the Diocese. Parishes exceeding the 5% grid maximum shall in the same calendar year contribute an amount equal to the excess over 5% to the Diocese to be used for mission ministry to be determined from time to time by the Bishop.

Parishes currently exceeding the 5% maximum may continue to pay a stipend in excess of the grid only until the specific position becomes vacant. Annual increases given for these positions shall not exceed the cost of living adjustments to the grid introduced from time to time by the Diocese. Until such time as these positions become vacant, the requirement for these parishes to contribute to the mission ministry of the Diocese shall be waived. However, if these parishes choose to pay an amount in excess of the Diocesan cost of living percentage they will be required to contribute an amount equal to that excess to mission ministry programs of the Diocese.

Carried

Resolution #AF-10-06

Be it Resolved that the committee approve in principal the NeighbourWorks document subject to modifications that may be suggested by the Chair of Property and Planning and the Chair of the Diocesan Development Fund.

Carried

Resolution #AF-13-06

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee give their approval of the Proposed Reactivation Plan.

Carried

Resolution #AF-16-06

Be it Resolved that the Year End 2005 Audit statements be accepted and referred to Executive Council for review and further acceptance.

Carried

Resolution #AF-18-06

Be it Resolved that the parcel of land in 4.a (legal description: PT SW ¼ 17, 53, 21, W4) be considered for donation to a wetlands conservation organization.

Carried

Resolution #AF-19-06

Be it Resolved that the parcel of land in 4.b (legal description: 32, 52, 22 ,W4 NE ¼ TWP RD 530) be considered for disposal through bid sale with no specified sale price.

Carried

Resolution #AF-20-06

Be it Resolved that the purchase of land between Colchester Cemetery and RR233 be pursued.

Carried

Resolution #AF-33-06

Be it Resolved that this committee support the Executive Council motion of an increase of 5.5% to the stipend grid.

Carried

Resolution #AF-36-06

Be it Resolved that the adjusted and amended Sabbatical/Study Leave and Compassionate Leave plans be returned to Executive Council for approval and implementation, and circulated to all clergy.

Carried

Resolution #AF-39-06

Be it Resolved that the Executive Officer in consultation with Bishop Matthews be directed to engage an appropriate agent to undertake the sale of the Range Road 224/Baseline Road property.

Carried

Resolution #AF-44-06

Be it Resolved that the Administration and Finance Committee direct the Executive Officer to obtain three realty company quotations related to fees for the sale of the Baseline Road property, to accept the lowest fee quote and proceed with the listing for sale.

Carried

Resolution #AF-48-06

Be it Resolved that the Executive Officer, Financial Officer and Planned Giving Officer position descriptions be approved.

Carried

Resolution #AF-50-06

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee approve the Budget for 2007 and recommend it to Executive Council.

Carried

Resolution #AF-53-06

Be it Resolved that the Benefit Rates recommended for 2007 be approved and presented to Executive Council for information.

Carried

Resolution #AF-54-06

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance reaffirm St. Paul's, Edmonton Line of Credit guarantee to \$40,000.

Carried

Resolution #AF-04-07

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 Victoria Matthews, Barb White and the Very Rev. Jane Alexander, except in the case of cheques totaling \$50,000 or more, one of the two signatories must be either Bishop Victoria Matthews or the Executive Officer, David Connell.

Carried

Resolution #AF-05-07

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee supports St. Matthew's proposed building addition and renovations in principle. In this regard, the parish may proceed to have drawings prepared and sealed, towards which the Diocese will contribute the sum of \$2,000. Such drawings should enable the parish to more accurately forecast addition and renovation cost estimates. The A&F Committee requests that St. Matthew's parish make revisions to its financial and business plan to review all anticipated operating costs over the next 5 years (including anticipated changes in Diocesan Apportionment and Assessment), and to document how it plans to achieve the forecast increases in congregational giving. Such changes are to then be reviewed by the A&F Committee before any further action by the parish may proceed.

Carried

Resolution #AF-11-07

Be it Resolved that A&F recommend to Executive Council that as the Diocese has become "property rich and cash poor", the sale proceeds from the sale of the Baseline Road property be retained in Restricted Reserves.

Carried

Resolution #AF-16-07

Be it Resolved that the Diocese forward \$25,000, with no further obligation, to St. Mary's Edgerton.

Carried

Resolution #AF-19-07

Be it Resolved that the Riverbend church plant has now commenced with a payroll of \$21 000 and a requested designated start up cost of \$10 000. The Youth Ministry position was terminated after having only used \$30 635 of a total budgeted \$67 903. It was recommended that the amount of \$31 000 transfer from the previously budgeted youth ministry to the church plant.

Carried

Resolution #AF-20-07

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance put forward the recommendation to Executive Council that the 2007 Stipend (Including Housing) Schedule be adjusted to reflect a 5% increase effective January 1, 2008.

Carried

Resolution #AF-22-07

Be it Resolved that parishes in the Diocese be instructed to build the appraisal cost into their 2008 budget.

Carried

Resolution #AF-25-07

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee acknowledge and recommend to Executive Council, the receipt of material in August, 2007 from St. Matthew, St. Albert, including a cost estimate of \$307,000.00 for a church building expansion. We commend the Parish for the work done in preparing the package for our review. We acknowledge the spirit with which this material has been prepared. We support the motion of the Diocesan Development Fund for \$100,000.00 loan for the church building expansion. We understand that additional funds are expected to be obtained from sources outlined in their presentation including: Anglican Foundation Loan Grant, Community Facilities Enhancement Program, Pledges from parishioners, Bank financing (if necessary).

Carried

Resolution #AF-31-07

Be it Resolved that the Administration and Finance Committee recommends to Executive Council that the 2008 Diocesan budget be approved subject to Executive Council approving the Riverbend Church Plant in accordance with the Constitution, paragraph C.67.

Carried

Resolution #AF-06-08

Be it Resolved that the new Bishop be asked immediately to make appointments as necessary to the Stipends and Benefits Sub committee.

Carried

Resolution #AF-07-08

Be it Resolved that the funds be transferred from Death Benefit Trust #2 to Death Benefit Trust #1.

Carried

Resolution #AF-11-08

Be it Resolved that the Diocese of Edmonton pay out the remaining Death Benefit Trusts to those individuals agreeing to receive them now rather than upon their death.

Carried

Resolution #AF-14-08

Be it Resolved that Mr. Jeremy Webster, Chair of Administration and Finance Committee, be the chair of the Investment Sub-committee.

Carried

Resolution #AF-18-08

Be it Resolved that the Administration and Finance Committee recommends the 2007 Financial Statements be presented to Executive Council at its May 29th meeting for approval.

Carried

Resolution #AF-20-08

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee recommend that Executive Council permit the parish of St. Aidan and St. Hilda's to seek historical status.

Carried

Resolution #AF-25-08

Be it Resolved that Administration and Finance Committee recommends to Executive Council 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, and that written confirmation from the chancellor that this change is not canonical be sought.

Carried

REPORTS FROM GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

This group, frequently referred to as A.C.W., is often the driving force behind parish functions and the first responder to traumatic events in parishioners' lives. Members bring cakes, casseroles and a shoulder to lean on rather than myrrh and frankincense. Every woman who attends an Anglican Church is part of this group.

In some parishes, amongst the women of the church, there may be an organized group who are responsible for fundraising to finance projects like supporting foster children, assisting the Dioceses of the Arctic and Yukon, local food banks and Christmas hampers. Most groups also purchase or provide funds to help purchase items for their local parish. That is all that many people see of the good works of A.C.W. and that's a shame. In fact it's akin to saying the priest only works two hours a week, one hour preparing and one hour leading the service.

During each of their meetings members donate coins which are designated Extra Cent A Day. These monies are sent in to the Diocesan Board and each year at our annual meeting a cheque is written for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Groups also collect Thank Offerings and these funds are divided between six charities (three within the diocese and three outside the diocese) as voted on by the membership. Our Life Members send in personal donations and these are also divided among a variety of charities according to the wishes of the Life Members group.

We all know that talent is a huge part of stewardship and ladies throughout the diocese are most generous in sharing their time and talent as in the past two years alone we provided 59 blankets, 29 comforters, 26 lap robes, 8 baby sweater sets, 6 shawls, 3 chemo-caps, 48 stuffed animals, 138 baby blankets, 812 knitted baby bonnets, 63 diaper shirts, 80 burial hoods, 58 burial gowns, 66 fabric preemie bonnets, 10 comfort dolls, 21 pair of slippers, 129 ditty bags, 37 adult toques, 47 children's toques, 12 pair handknit socks, 49 pair of gloves, 109 pair of mitts, 35 scarves, 145 toe socks and numerous toiletries to hospitals, shelters and charitable organizations. Last year we collected the equivalent of 38,162 Campbell's soup labels which helped to purchase a series of 75 books for the Belmead School in Edmonton. We also collect bags of stamps for the Bible Society. This list does not include the many donations given out at the parish level.

"Prayer and work and stewardship" is an apt description of the valuable ministry provided by Anglican Church Women. May God bless each and every one.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty Squance
Past Diocesan President, ACW*

ANGLICAN MESSENGER

The *Anglican Messenger* is an Anglican newspaper representing the dioceses of Edmonton and Athabasca. The newspaper is available to any parish member and is accompanied through the post by the national Anglican newspaper, the *Anglican Journal*, from September through June.

The newspaper is not published in July and August. The *Messenger* is in good standing with the Anglican Church of Canada and belongs to the Anglican Editors' Association.

Edmonton circulation statistics are as follows:

2005 information not available

2006 4,294

2007 4,052

2008 4,031

Each year the *Anglican Journal* hosts a major fundraising drive called the "Anglican Journal Appeal" in which readers donate funds to support both the national paper and the diocesan paper. A portion of the funds raised is returned to the diocese to support publication of the *Messenger*.

Edmonton's net revenue from past appeals is as follows:

2005 \$8,979

2006 \$7,567

2007 \$7,920

2008 The appeal launches in the fall of 2008

The 2008 campaign holds the theme 'A Celebration of Commitment' in conjunction with the campaign's 15th anniversary.

From the last Synod in 2005 to spring 2008, Allison Kydd was an associate editor (Edmonton) and Roger Holmes was the managing editor. Peter Clarke was and still is currently an associate editor (Athabasca). Associate editors are responsible for finding, coordinating and/or writing news stories/features along with submitting photographs, while the managing editor formats text and photographs, in addition to designing and laying out the newspaper.

As of May 2008, Kelly Fowler took on the role as acting associate editor (Edmonton) and starting in September she will be both the Edmonton representative and the managing editor. These are volunteer positions for which Ms. Fowler receives an honorarium of \$200 per month.

With the arrival of a new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, the *Messenger* has a fresh directive to 'proclaim the gospel, make disciples and further the kingdom.' The goal is to revitalize the newspaper to become both a source of information and inspiration through current, relevant stories and engaging photographs that cover all four corners of the diocese. Content should be thought-provoking and uplifting, with significance for the Edmonton diocese. As both clergy and lay people become aware of the *Messenger's* interactive abilities as a communications tool, the newspaper will continue to grow and develop over the next three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Fowler
Edmonton Editor for the Anglican Messenger

THE 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 6 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.

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

The people who come to the annual dinner (which is the only fund raiser we do) are from all religious or non-religious backgrounds, men and women. 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, Chancellor Eric Newell (formerly of Syncrude), Senator Tommy Banks (who gave an eye-opener on the work that senators do); Indira Samarasekera (who was then new as President of the U of A); Jeffrey Simpson (from the Globe & Mail, who spoke just before the last provincial election, 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 Sustrik (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 University of Alberta 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 12 November 2008 at the Royal Mayfair. Our speaker will be Jay Ingram, the well known Canadian author and broadcaster. He has been host

of the television show *Daily Planet*, which airs on Discovery Channel Canada and he hosted the science program *Quirks and Quarks* on CBC Radio One from 1979 to 1991.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Anne S. de Villars, Q.C.
Chair, The Bishop's Fund*

CAMPING PROGRAM

Summer fun outside the city! News flash: the Diocese sponsors several one week camps every year. Youth from across the Diocese leave the paved byways and enjoy sun fun in the forest. It is always sunny at camp, both weather and dispositions.

As I write this, preparations are gearing up for CCA Junior and Intermediate to be held at Camp Van Es. And 15 junior high students completed a week at Cold Lake Provincial Park (Base Camp) about two weeks ago, and had a wonderful time, doing some sailing, canoeing, kayaking, and playing. Camps are small communities, where children and staff live and learn the teachings of Christ. The volunteers who give up their time, whether they be priest or cook, counselor or bus driver, are the foundation of this ministry.

I would like to thank the downtown Rotary Club for donations that saw our canoeing fleet renewed. Thanks also go out to: CIBC Wood Gundy Miracle Fund, the Richard Gordon Utas Fund, Anglican Church Women's gatherings across the diocese, and individuals for donations for scholarships. In 2007, 16 campers benefited from this generosity, assisted through the Kevin Campbell Scholarship Fund.

Ongoing challenges include letting the wider church know about the work that we do, as we have an open heart and capacity to include more campers and more volunteers. In 2006 and 2007, our senior high school canoeing camp was cancelled due to lack of registrants. The camping program has also offered a weekend winter camp for the past several years, but registrations have been few. We will be re-examining our goals and objectives in the upcoming year.

Since the last Synod, I would like to thank our Bishops, Victoria and now Jane, for advice, interest and support. Thanks also go to the current members of the Camping Committee (who oversee the program), and to Laurel Franks and Dan Helm – who have stepped down, after many years of faithful service on the Committee.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Much has happened in the Educational Chaplaincy since the last Diocesan Synod. The Campus Ministry felt a loss when The Rev. Joseph Walker was called to new ministry at St. Timothy's, Edmonton. We are indebted to his vision, drive and commitment, which helped make the Educational Chaplain a full-time position. We also had a brief ministry with the Rev. Lisa Wang who God has now called to St. James Cathedral in Toronto. Because of the contributions from churches, individuals and the diocese the position has remained full-time and we are excited and hopeful for the new chaplain starting this September. Educational Chaplaincy's annual Dinner and Silent Auction, which occurs at the end of the academic year, continues to be a highlight of the year for many supporters. I wish to thank those individuals and parishes whose contributions and attendance has made this event overwhelmingly successful.

I am grateful for the Educational Chaplaincy board that have volunteered diligently, especially in the past few years during transition; consequently, their commitment and encouragement has been instrumental in the continuing support for this vital ministry. While many individuals and parishes support this ministry, a special thanks is given to Dr. Mark Pepler and his wife Ronnene, who have opened their home to students once a week, providing dinner, and a much needed, sense of community.

Much like a parish the need for ministry does not simply end when a Rector leaves; subsequently, I wish to share with you the reasons why this program is essential in the life of this diocese and community. I begin my explanation by quoting the Rev. Lisa Wang and her impressions of this ministry:

“In the past year on campus, I've been privileged to see what an important role campus ministry plays in the lives of young people. In a large, daunting and at times impersonal academic setting, students can find a place of community and discovery—whether it's over a warm, home-cooked meal, or in a weekly Bible study or discussion group, these young people are a gift. They study hard, and they enjoy themselves with gusto! But most importantly, they ask the kind of questions that matter. And in whatever struggles they have had or will have to face, the answers to those questions will make all the difference to them.”

As the chair to the Educational Chaplaincy Board, I continually reflect upon the years that I was in university and remember it being an exciting time of exchanging ideas, discovering and learning about myself and the world. I can not stress enough the importance of meeting individuals where they “are”, and in this, introducing them to the life long journey with Jesus Christ, a place in this world where all people “belong”. Please take the time to reflect upon your own time at university or imagine what it is like and pray for the students, faculty, staff and especially pray for our new Chaplain.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Emma Vickery
Chair, Educational Chaplaincy Board at the University of Alberta*

COLLEGE OF EMMANUEL AND ST. CHAD

In its second term of the 2007-08 academic year, the College of Emmanuel and St Chad has 18 full-time and part-time students enrolled in courses and programs. We are anticipating five new students in the fall term of 2008. As well there are 70 students pursuing the Diploma in Indigenous Anglican Theology through our collaboration with the Dr William Winter School for Ministry in Kingfisher Lake, Ontario, nineteen of whom graduated this spring. In the past three years, the College has taught over 100 students in summer school courses, regular term courses, and its collaborative programs, as well as the many students we teach in our courses through our participation with Lutheran Theological Seminary and St Andrew's College. Our students have included Anglicans from the Dioceses of Edmonton, Calgary, Athabasca, Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Qu'Appelle, Brandon, and Keewatin, as well as Roman Catholics and Mennonites.

A major initiative has been building up our summer offerings. We have been offering more courses in Saskatoon in May, June, and July, as well as offering courses in Calgary. Low enrolment caused our summer 2008 offering for clergy and lay people of a course in Stewardship for Leaders of Small Congregations, to be deferred until January 2009. The course leaders will be The Rev'd Dr Stephen Hopkins, from the Diocese of Niagara, who is probably the finest and most experienced congregational development consultant in the Canadian Anglican Church, and The Ven Rob Hardwick of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, who brings his experience in working at stewardship in his own prairie context in Swift Current and around his diocese.

Over the past three years the College has made several decisions which have led to greater financial stability, and considerably enhanced our partnership and relationships with the other Colleges of the Saskatoon Theological Union. Our move into the Lutheran Seminary and the subsequent sale of our century-old buildings to the University of Saskatchewan has enhanced our work in several ways: by bringing our faculty and administrative staff into a more effective working configuration; by enabling much more regular shared worship with our full-communion Lutheran partners; by bringing our students into daily contact with the greater part of the students of the colleges here; by enabling more contact and collaboration between our two respective faculties; and by considerably enhancing our endowments.

Key Goals and Objectives

- 1) *Program Development and Student Recruitment*—We are becoming increasingly aware through feedback in international Anglican circles that our new four year program with a backbone seminar focused on the Great Books of the Christian and Anglican tradition is the envy of many much larger seminaries across the continent. They affirm that we are one of the first seminaries to look seriously at what sort of preparation will truly be required to prepare people for ministry and outreach in the North American world of the future rather than the past. At the same time, there are very few postulants being generated in any of the prairie dioceses. Our objectives in the area of recruitment include: piloting in cooperation with the Diocese of Saskatoon an Anglican version of a program, *It's Your Call*, which has been extremely successful in the Lutheran Church; and, developing an exciting public campaign inviting young people to consider priesthood as a vocation. We are also exploring the possibility of a series of very short video clips that could be put on Utube to attract the attention of younger people.

- 2) *Increasing Financial Stability*—Gifts to the College’s operating fund have grown by over \$100,000 a year since 2004 , a rise of nearly 70%. In this regard we are probably doing as well or better on the development front than most of the theological colleges in Canada. People and parishes in every diocese in the Province of Rupert’s Land are deeply committed to the College and its future. We have also for the past three years been asking parishes to implement a paradigm of giving 1-2% of their total annual donations to theological education somewhere in the Ecclesiastical Province, and many parishes are responding positively. We also believe that it is important that Dioceses continue to share a modest part of the commitment to maintain the work of theological education and the Provincial Theological College—training leaders for the future is a part of the life and mission of the church that is not simply about benefit in the here and now, but for our children and grandchildren. *We worship a God who promises to keep faith with those who are faithful to the thousands of generations.*

The College of Emmanuel and St Chad thanks you as individuals, as parishes, and as a diocese, for your prayers and financial support for our part of the Church’s work of Growing People in Christ. Your support is essential if we are to maintain our share in this partnership as we have continued to do for the past 129 years.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Walter Deller, Principal
College of Emmanuel and St. Chad*

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Welcoming new Cursillistas into the Edmonton Community to further God’s kingdom is a blessing. In the fall of 2005 we were privileged to welcome 12 men and 22 women. 13 men and 24 women joined our membership in the fall of 2006. After prayerful consideration Secretariat, with the consent of Bishop Victoria, decided to move the weekends back to the spring. No weekends were held in 2007 and in 2008 we welcomed 7 men and 21 women.

Over the years we have seen a decline in candidates especially for the Men’s Weekends and Secretariat are planning events in the coming year to hopefully encourage more participation. A Cursillo Information Event, Pulpit Talks and a Learner’s Workshop have already been discussed and are in the planning stages.

Servant Community events included a presentation on Spiritual Direction given by Joe Forsyth and Rev. Terry Dunn. A teaching day for 71 attendees on “How Do Anglicans Interpret Scripture” was presented by Bishop Victoria and she also un-wrapped Paul’s letter to the Colossians to 20 participants on another teaching day. Workshops on Sponsorship and Group Reunion were also held at monthly Ultreyas. We also had excellent attendance at an Ultreya when Greg Kerr-Wilson shared some excellent words of wisdom prior to him leaving for Qu’Appelle.

In June 2006 we hosted the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat Triennial Weekend at Kings College. It was a huge success with Cursillistas attending from across Canada. We were also delighted to have several people attend the weekend who have not yet attended a Cursillo.

Secretariat members have worked diligently this past year to update the membership list, and revise the duties and responsibilities of each position. Last year we also revised the Edmonton Cursillo Guidelines.

Team Training has been conducted the past 3 years with positive feedback from those participating.

On September 15, 2007 several Cursillistas had the privilege of assisting with a Habitat for Humanity build.

We have received and forwarded Palanca to Canadian and Worldwide Cursillo movements.

Secretariat has also had concerns this past 2 years of the decline in attendance at the monthly Ultreyas. We believe this is partly to do with Sponsorship of the Candidates. We would welcome some support and ideas on what we might do to encourage the Cursillistas to live out their 4th Day using the Cursillo method of Piety, Study and Action.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Stuart
Lay Director, Edmonton Anglican Cursillo Secretariat*

ECUMENICAL OFFICERS

Years ago I was told that in Edmonton there are a number of ecumenical “meta-parishes” that cut across denominational lines; for example, the Social Justice “meta-parish” includes Anglicans, Roman Catholics, United Church members, Presbyterians, Lutherans and others interested in justice issues – similarly, the Liturgy “meta-parish” draws a different but equally ecumenical crowd. And there is even an Ecumenical “meta-parish”, made up of Christians from different traditions, who are interested in doing together those things which we are not obliged to do separately.

Your two Ecumenical Officers represent the diocese in gatherings of this ecumenical sort and communicate pertinent information and resources from the ecumenical community to the diocese as a whole, chiefly by means of the “Synod Scene.” We’d be delighted to hear about ecumenical events at the parish level that we could promote as well. We both attended the North American Academy of Ecumenists convention in Saskatoon in September 2007, making contact with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in the process. The theme of the convention was “Reading Scripture Together.”

The Rev. Eileen Conway has sat on the Edmonton and District Council of Churches for about three years and will serve as President of the Council 2008-2009. The EDCC coordinates four main ecumenical functions: celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, the downtown Way of the Cross on Good Friday, the “Celebrating Our Faith” display at Edmonton City Hall (so far our commitment has been to provide an interesting display about Christianity for a few weeks beginning just before Easter), and the “No Room in the Inn” shelter-focussed

campaign at the Christmas Season. PLEASE NOTE that we are entitled, as a denomination, to at least FIVE more members than we currently have on Council!

Professor Jane Samson represented us at the World Day of Prayer in March 2008 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and attends to the ecumenical dimensions of the educational chaplaincy at the University of Alberta, as well as working with the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, of whose Advisory Board she is a charter member. Professor Samson has been instrumental in inviting Msgr. Donald Bolen, of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, to speak at the King's College in early September on his work with the Anglican-RC and Methodist-RC dialogues.

The work of ARCIC was featured at an ecumenical Clergy Day hosted by the diocese at Holy Trinity (Strathcona) on December 8th, 2006. The featured speaker was the Rt. Rev. John Baycroft, retired Bishop of Ottawa and a long-serving member of ARCIC who led us through the recently published document on the understanding of Mary in Anglican and Roman Catholic thought and practice.

Professor Samson represents the diocese on the interfaith front, including attending meetings at the Interfaith Centre in Edmonton. She is also our representative on the City of Edmonton's Phoenix Multi-Faith Society for Harmony, and is presently co-ordinating Christian contributions to a project documenting interfaith collaboration in Edmonton's history.

It is commonly said that ecumenism on every scale is undergoing a kind of "winter." Certainly there are challenges in maintaining an ecumenical presence – organizational fatigue; turn-overs in personnel in many ministries; still, at the parish level, not much daily or weekly visible evidence of our full communion with the ELCIC. On the other hand, we rejoice locally in a positive ecumenical and interfaith environment, ongoing scholarly and theological conversations among the denominations and among the faiths; and nationally in the vigorous ecumenical and interfaith initiatives by our new Primate.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Eileen M. Conway+, Ecumenical Officer
Professor Jane Samson, Assistant Ecumenical Officer*

EDMONTON CITY CENTRE CHURCH CORPORATION (E4C)

2007 marked E4C's 38th year of responding to people in need. E4C is one of the largest charitable human services organizations in Canada. It is also one of its most diverse – providing services to pregnant and parenting women, to pre-school children, to elementary, junior high and high school students, and to adults of all ages.

Our work feeds the hungry and builds individual and community capacity. We shelter the homeless and offer a range of supportive and affordable housing services. We promote early childhood learning, adult literacy and numeracy. We work to end sexual exploitation. We build strong families.

Throughout 2007, E4C continued to grow and develop in response to community need:

- We opened Holmes Place (named in honour of our first Executive Director, Rev. Art Holmes) as an adjunct to Elizabeth House, serving as a community based residence for formerly homeless women.
- In collaboration with the Metis Nation of Alberta and Alberta Employment & Immigration, we began the Women Moving Forward program to provide a focused group of resources in supporting formerly homeless women establishing independence.
- In partnership with the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund, E4C developed the Case Management Team, providing individually planned and targeted services and support. Both of these new services are aimed to break a cycle of homelessness and dependency.
- Clareview Head Start expanded to build both a capacity for school success and stronger family relationships.
- E4C worked with Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Seniors to better develop our emergency shelter services and staffing at the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre and also at our second stage housing and supportive services at Elizabeth House.
- Working with the United Way, Partners for Kids, and the City Centre Education Project, our child nutrition programs lead by the School Lunch program began to expand to new sites and new ages, ensuring that the needs of hungry children were met.
- E4C's ArtStart program tripled its size – providing kids with exposure and training in the arts and acquired the support of Senator Tommy Banks as its Honorary Patron.

E4C's continued evolution as an organization will focus on helping those in need to acquire the skills to move toward and achieve independence. This evolution involves the greater internal collaboration among our programs and services in developing and operating within new external partnerships and collaborations.

Edmonton's facing a critical time in relation to sky rocketing housing and fuel costs which will hit our service users extremely hard. Now more than ever families will be faced with the cruel decision of paying the rent and utility bills or buying food for their families. We want to be there to assist those most in need by being able to offer safe affordable housing alternatives and ensuring food and nutritional programs are available.

As an example of the work we do, in 2007, our Lunch Program served approximately 404,950 meals to students from kindergarten to grade 9, while our Snack Program served 1,129,492 nutritious snacks from kindergarten to grade 6. Alberta's Boom negatively impacts the low-income families we serve and the children in those families and the need is increasing.

WEAC provided services to 712 women with an average stay of 41 days and help 57 women safe, affordable housing within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ferris

Executive Director, Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation (E4C)

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Education for Ministry Groups are once again recruiting mentors and encouraging members of all parishes in the Diocese to investigate EFM for a comprehensive study and reflection on living into our Baptismal Covenant as part of our faith journey.

In June, 2007, seven people celebrated their graduation from the EFM classes mentored by The Reverend Paul T. Robinson at St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church. Dr. Patricia Bays attended the graduation as a guest speaker. Graduates enjoyed meeting participants from previous classes.

For the year 2008, The Reverend Robert Peel and Ms. June Miller mentored the EFM class which meets at St. Augustine's Anglican Church. This group has 10 students; one in the fourth year of study, two in the third year, and seven in the first year.

With the full support of Bishop Alexander, all parishes were invited to send interested people to an introductory EFM session at All Saints' Cathedral on Sunday June 8th, 2008. Organizers were pleased that 30 people came to the session to learn about EFM. As a result of this introductory session, a training session for new mentors was held June 26-28th, 2008. The EFM Program in the Diocese now has a number of new mentors and co-mentors. Two new EFM groups are planned for September 2008.

Graduates of EFM meet monthly at All Saints' Cathedral. One of the objectives of these meetings is to continue their ongoing educational component with a discussion of various books they have agreed to read. Another objective of the group is to plan activities in the Edmonton Diocese, with a view to providing information about the EFM programming available to all parishes in the City of Edmonton and surrounding area.

The Bishop appointed Percy and Anne Palmer as EFM Coordinators for the Diocese of Edmonton. With these appointments, EFM Edmonton now has contacts with EFM Canada. They will be planning and assisting with our Diocesan EFM activities on a regular basis.

The EFM coordinators would like to meet with the Bishop and members of the Executive Committee in the coming months to encourage the Diocese to become a sponsored Diocese with EFM Canada.

*Respectfully submitted,
Percy and Anne Palmer
Diocesan EFM Coordinators*

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Examining Chaplains are a group of 12 people, appointed by the Bishop to assist in the discernment process of those who feel called to ordained ministry.

When someone inquires about the possibility of ordained ministry, they enter into a lengthy period of prayerful discernment with the Bishop, their rector, the parish, the examining chaplains and ACPO (The Advisory Committee for Postulants for Ordination). In the course of this they receive appropriate education, ministry experience and spiritual direction.

The Examining Chaplains assist the Bishop in overseeing this process. They set up guidelines for parish discernment, they conduct interviews, they monitor the growth in each candidate, they provide support and encouragement and they are an advisory group for the Bishop in decisions around ordination. The Examining Chaplains have an active role from the first inquiry to ordination to the priesthood and placement in a parish. They also provide pastoral assistance to those who discover, as they make their way through the process, that they are called to an active lay ministry rather than ordained ministry.

Since the last regular Synod 42 individuals have been at some stage of the discernment process. In the past three years sixteen people have been ordained transitional deacon and/or priest. Two have been ordained to the vocational diaconate. There are currently ten people who are actively in various stages of discernment. There are also a number of people who, for various reasons, are “on hold” or in a very long term process.

In the past three years the Examining Chaplains have worked on establishing a consistent parish discernment process, on refining interview questions and on developing a vision and guidelines for the vocational diaconate.

It has been a delight to work with Bishop Victoria Matthews and with Bishop Jane Alexander. I am indebted to the previous chairs of this committee: The Rev. Peter Yeung and Mr. Joe Forsythe. Members of the Examining Chaplains are conscientious, hard-working, prayerful, insightful and compassionate. I thank them all for being part of this ministry.

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

HISTORY COMMITTEE; DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST

Including the report of the Diocesan Archivist

This committee has not met as a group for over a year now. Instead the group serves as resource personnel for the Diocesan Archivist, Kathryn Ivany. Our last corporate action was to send to each parish a list of materials held in the Archives, and we encouraged the parish representatives to “fill in the blanks” and to continue to preserve their history.

As a member of the History Committee, the Diocesan Archivist draws on the help of other members as she prepares for our Diocese’s centennial celebrations in 2013. We are hoping there will be a book detailing the life in this Diocese. It will require Committee members to assist with research in the Anglican Archives held at the Provincial Archives building. In the meantime, 2 volunteers for the Archivist are assisting with the sorting and cataloguing of the donated

materials so it can be found as well as preserved in the Archives. A third volunteer has been assisting the Archivist with research projects to lay the foundation for the centennial. The Archivist is extremely grateful for their assistance and support.

In the first year of her appointment, the Diocesan Archivist has responded to requests for historical information about the Diocese, and our sister Diocese of Athabasca (the records of which are also held at the Provincial Archives) from researchers within and without the Diocese, including those of the National Church Archives and researchers from the federal government relating to the Residential Schools issues. There have been requests from individuals for their own personal records: baptismal, marriage and death certificates as well as from parishes and diocesan organizations for historical information and assistance in how to preserve and store their records with historical value and when to transfer them to the Archives. There were approximately 25 requests for assistance and two visits to parishes to pick up records. Five donations of materials were made through the Synod Office as well, including material from Bishop Matthews and the Electoral Synod.

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. There were requests this year that were unable to be answered because the registers containing the baptismal records were not turned over to the Archives when the parish closed. The search for the missing registers continues.

We continue to receive praise for the ease of researching the materials of the Diocese of Edmonton in the Provincial Archives. Let's keep up the good work.

*Respectfully submitted,
Beth-Anne Exham, Chairperson, History Committee
Kathryn Ivany, Diocesan Archivist*

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

Since the inception of Inner City Pastoral Ministry thirty years ago, the ministry has sought to affirm with the church and live out within the inner city community its mission statement: "The Inner City Pastoral Ministry 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."

Birthered from the visionary leadership of the United Church, ICPM continues to be a ministry of presence. People of the inner city receive help and guidance in spiritual matters and counseling. Sunday by Sunday the Emmanuel Community gathers at the Bissell Centre Drop In for prayer, worship and a hearty lunch. A "stow away" altar was built that contains all the needed regalia, linens and symbols of worship to create this Sunday morning sacred space. A colorful and strikingly artistic banner, designed with both Christian and Aboriginal symbols of faith, quilted by the women of St Paul's Anglican Church, Leduc, helps immensely in transforming a plain room into a worship space.

The overwhelming generosity and passionate concern of the over 110 church and faith communities enable a weekly Sunday meal within the life of the ministry. Thank you to the many volunteers that make this ministry happen. Visiting and building relationships with the people of the inner city is our passion. Meeting people on the streets, sharing time with people within the many Drop In's, shelters and food kitchens, along with visits in homes, hospitals, the Remand Centers and the Edmonton Institution for Women fill our days. Referrals of individuals for needed food, clothing, shelter and addictions counseling links the ministry of ICPM to local support agencies.

Advocacy and education form the basis of our social justice ministry tackling "people issues" as broad as homelessness and housing, the vulnerability of women within the inner city environment, and the concerns of 1st Nations, Métis and Inuit people.

The Pastoral Team of ICPM is Pastor Rick Chapman, and part time Pastoral Associates Sister Marion Garneau (SCIC) and Linda Winski. Supported by the ecumenical board of ICPM, and as representatives of the wider church community, the Pastoral Team reaches out and ministers amongst the wide variety of people and conditions found within the inner city. The impoverished, fixed income seniors, persons with mental health disorders, addictions, misguided youth and people simply down on their luck are the many who receive from the Pastors a word of care, encouragement and prayer, the assurance of God's love and mercy.

ICPM would not exist without the continued financial support of its ecumenical partners, namely, the United, Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Church. Together, we continue to fulfill the mission mandate ... "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+
Inner City Pastoral Ministry*

LAY HOSPITAL VISITORS

Currently, there are ten active lay visitors involved in hospital visiting: nine within the city and one in the Barrhead area. While we continue to work to expand this ministry overall, it is hoped that we will be able to have more visitors in our rural parishes in the coming year.

The group will typically meet three times during the year to share experiences and to learn more about selected topics related to hospital visiting. We had a workshop this past May and are planning a fall retreat. The annual commissioning service and reception took place on June 1, with Bishop Jane presiding. At that time, we also celebrated the long term ministries of Ruth Genge and Gwyneth Bell as retiring lay visitors.

Lay hospital visitors typically commit to four hours per week and make monthly reports to the coordinator. Training sessions for those interested in exploring this form of ministry will begin again this fall. If there are lay people within the diocese who are interested in hospital visiting, please have them contact Joanne Neal at 780-466-3720.

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Edmonton Branch of Anglican Marriage Encounter is currently the strongest in Canada and it is flourishing. We have a wonderful, dedicated executive that organizes our fall weekend encounter as well as an annual spring community event. In addition, the executive oversees 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 spirals in Edmonton and surrounding area.

The year 2007 marked twenty five years of existence. Since 1982, hundreds of married couples' lives have been impacted. We held our 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the North Glenora Community Club. It was a wonderful evening of celebration and fellowship. Special acknowledgements were made to John and Nicky Waite from Abbotsford, B.C. who had been on the presenting team in 1982 and continued to be involved and supportive throughout the two and a half decades. Also recognized for their many years as clergy couple on the presenting team were Father David and Patti Prowse of Jasper, Alberta. Two couples were acknowledged for their leadership of the Edmonton organization:

- (1) Richard Pougnet & Lavonne Roloff who attended the very first weekend in Edmonton and have remained involved in the Marriage Encounter Community from that time.
- (2) Garry and Heather Tansem who are the current area coordinating couple as well as the weekend coordinators and have been involved since 1996.

Our next weekend is scheduled for October 17-19, 2008 at the Providence Renewal Centre in Edmonton. For information, contact Gottfried and Virginia Haase, (780) 438-3892 or haaseg@scenites.com. Registration Deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008.

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, Marriage Encounter*

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Natural Church Development (NCD) is one of the Diocesan initiatives under the guidance of the Stewardship and Financial Development Committee (SFDC). As noted in the SFDC Report, NCD was initiated in the Diocese in February 2007 as one of the *Letting Down the Net* initiatives.

This report gives a brief overview of Natural Church Development and the work underway in the Diocese.

What is Natural Church Development? Natural Church Development is a new way of thinking about church growth by focusing on the quality or health of the church and not just on the numbers or quantity. Natural Church Development is a long-term strategic process for progressively improving a church's health. Growing a church, like growing a plant, requires a long-term commitment, which is intentional and consistently addressing the most critical issues facing the church at each stage of growth.¹ Growing churches consistently exhibit eight quality characteristics: empowering leadership, gift-oriented ministry, passionate spirituality, functional structures, inspiring worship service, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships. Churches interested in NCD complete a survey to determine their "scores" in the eight areas. Those areas needing most attention are identified and plans put in place to address them. Surveys are repeated annually to assess progress being made.

NCD is well underway in the Diocese. In February 2007, an initial workshop was held for those interested in considering a NCD coaching role as well as a workshop targeting some parishes where it was felt NCD would be of interest. In June 2007, a Diocesan Gathering was held to introduce NCD to the Diocese. At that time Carol Blair was appointed to serve as NCD coordinator for the Diocese. In November 2007, a NCD workshop, conducted by Ian Campbell, Director of NCD Canada, was held for those parishes implementing NCD.

As of June 2008, the current status of NCD in the Diocese is:

- Ten parishes have implemented or are currently implementing NCD (in various stages of implementation), with another six parishes expressing interest.
- Up to five coaches are available to provide presentations to parishes and to offer ongoing coaching support if desired by the parishes.

NCD resources are readily available. For parishes interested in learning more about NCD, additional information can be found on the NCD Canada website (www.ncdcanada.com) as well as the Diocesan website. Contact with Carol Blair may also be made through the Diocesan Office.

My appreciation and sincere thanks are extended to the Bishop, Executive Officer, coaches and parishes for their interest, support and ongoing commitment to NCD in the Diocese. We look forward to continued interest and growth in NCD as one important tool and process to continually build healthy churches in the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Blair
NCD Coordinator

¹NCD Canada. Natural Church Development. An Introduction for Churches. Version 1.8 August 2008
<http://www.ncdcanada.com/downloads/ncdmanual.pdf>

PLANNED GIVING OFFICER

I have made planned giving presentations to 26 parishes and at three Wardens and Treasurer's workshops. More workshops are booked for the fall and winter, some of which will be return visits to parishes to talk specifically about stewardship. Since October 2006 the planned giving presentations have been accompanied by an introductory homily about stewardship. The presentations have prompted a number of people to revise their wills to include the Church while others have changed the beneficiary on their life insurance policies.

I have prepared and distributed to parishes a pamphlet about planned giving in general, plus pamphlets on eight planned giving topics: Will Power (bequests), Life Insurance, Gifts of Publicly Traded Securities, Charitable Gift Annuities, Retirement Funds, Giving a Strip Bond, Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Gifts of Residual Interests. Additional copies will be printed as needed. I have also prepared a number of articles on a variety of planned giving topics that have been published in *The Messenger*.

Executive Council approved a "Planned Giving Policy and Guidelines" at its November 2005 meeting. A companion document, "Guidelines for Accepting Planned Gifts to Parishes", was issued to each parish in January 2006 and is available on the Diocesan website.

Since the tax rules changed in 2006 with respect to gifts of securities—they now result in no taxable capital gains—parishioners in several parishes have taken advantage of the change to use gifts of appreciated securities to fulfill their annual pledges. The Provincial tax credit for charitable donations was changed in 2007 and gifts greater than \$200 now receive a 50% credit. A tax credit calculator is available on the Diocesan website.

I have worked with the Development Office of General Synod to issue several Charitable Gift Annuities. In each case, the parishioners involved received a donation receipt for a portion of the gift and they will also receive tax free income for life. (Tax free income is age dependent.) The respective parishes will receive most of the donated principal upon the death of the donor. In at least two cases, the parishes are receiving extra donations equal to the income from the annuity as the donors did not need the added income, preferring the additional tax credit instead.

I work closely with the Stewardship and Financial Development Committee. In October 2006 the diocese was selected to be a "pilot" for *Letting Down the Nets*, an initiative of General Synod. The Committee and I worked with LDTN to bring a focus on stewardship to the diocese. Several stewardship events were held, and a "Christian Stewardship in the Diocese of Edmonton" pamphlet was prepared and distributed. More recently, the Committee has been focusing on Natural Church Development. So far, ten parishes are using NCD to assess their strengths and weaknesses to plan their futures.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Connell
Planned Giving Officer*

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY OF CANADA

Why do we, the Prayer Book Society of Canada (PBSC), exist as a society? In short, 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). While the PBSC has always been open to liturgical renewal and refinement we believe that the BCP should be the reference point from which any revisions take place. In espousing the BCP our members find two major objections to the liturgical reforms undertaken over twenty years ago manifest in the *Book of Alternative Services* (BAS):

- a. pastoral
- b. aesthetic.

First, the major concern, pastoral. The English reformers of the 16th century changed our concept of confession. Rather than being solely directed to the intermediary of a priest for the confession and absolution of our sins, we are now called to confess our sins directly to our God (while still having the option of recourse to a priest for sacramental confession). We are assured that God will, through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, forgive our sins – *if we ask him to*. To ensure that we do ask Him to forgive our specific sins they devised a form of liturgy that is so inherently penitential – more so than what it replaced – that we sinners can not possibly miss the point. In the BAS liturgies, largely borrowed from the English (ICEL) translation of the new Roman Catholic Latin Mass, we have radically purged the liturgy of this penitential call. If the proper aim of the Church is to save souls, by deliberately purging our Anglican liturgy of this persistent call for repentance we have diminished the chance of the Church in achieving that goal. We are firmly convinced that the BAS liturgies put our parishioners at spiritual risk. In taking due care of our spiritual welfare, we would maintain that the BCP is complete; the BAS on the other hand is incomplete and parishes that do use it exclusively need to hear on occasion that penitential message of BCP worship – if we really do care about the spiritual welfare of our flocks.

The other question, aesthetics, is less grave for us personally but surely of great consequence for the Church. Our sacrificial offering to God should be the very best we can offer in terms of language, music, vestments, banners, etc. Our modern reformers consciously chose ordinary language; the BCP offers language that is by contrast noble and beautiful, certainly the very best that any English liturgist could offer. And in some cases ICEL translations are even erroneous: “*And also with you*” is not a proper translation of “*Et cum spiritu tuo*”; the BCPs “*And with thy spirit*”, reminding us that we are spiritual beings accidentally inhabiting a physical body, is correct. There are impending changes to the English translation of the current Roman Missal which will correct such translation problems and render the liturgy into a much more appropriate style of language. Since the BAS liturgy largely followed the Roman pattern of Eucharistic liturgy and leaned heavily on the ICEL translations, it would be reasonable for Anglicans to turn again to Rome and borrow from this new English translation of the Mass. The PBSC on the other hand would suggest that we would do just as well to turn to what we already have, the classical English liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer.

Since the last Synod, the Edmonton Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada has continued to offer talks, three or four a year on average, intended to propagate knowledge of our Anglican tradition and especially the BCP. We have also engaged in the crisis in the Canadian Church by organizing events like last year’s round table discussion on the St. Michael Report chaired by

Bishop Victoria. In current year's series of activities we will organize talks and other events, which will normally follow worship, Matins or Evensong. We will ask our speakers, often parish priests, if they can host the events in their parish. We hope that they can offer to conduct BCP worship for us to precede the talks. Given that so many parishes have lost the habit of worship with the BCP we are prepared to assist by providing a nucleus of choristers. In fact we would encourage any parish attempting to introduce Prayer Book worship into their parish to look on the PBSC as a resource to lean on as need be.

Respectfully submitted,

John Matthews

President, Edmonton Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada

PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF)

PWRDF helps Canadian Anglicans pray, act, and give in order that suffering people around the world can experience God's healing love shared in Jesus' name.

People of the Diocese of Edmonton have been faithful supporters of PWRDF for many years.

Initiatives in the Diocese of Edmonton since the 59th Synod, October, 2005 have included:

- A wide variety of special events and projects organized by PWRDF Parish Representatives and Clergy in local parishes
- 2 Workshops each year for Parish Representatives
- A Diocesan 'Steering Committee' comprised of Marion Bulmer (Former Diocesan Coordinator), Geoff Strong, Mark Vigrass, and the Rev. Stephen Hallford

Financial contributions from people and parishes of the Diocese of Edmonton transferred through the Synod Office to PWRDF totaled:

\$82,139.83 in 2005

\$75,344.74 in 2006

\$73,070.71 in 2007

(Please note that many people and parishes made contributions directly to PWRDF during these years which are not reflected in the Synod Office figures.)

Approximately 74% of PWRDF's income is from voluntary donations and bequests from individuals and parishes. The remaining 26% comes from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

PWRDF works with Anglican Dioceses, ecumenical organizations, and community-based development groups in approximately 30 countries to address the causes of poverty and improve the quality of life for vulnerable people.

PWRDF works with 12 Indigenous Partners in Canada to empower First Nations youth and women, promote traditional knowledge and languages, and find common ways to meet the needs of Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

PWRDF helps Canadian Anglicans respond to emergencies around the world with on-going and special appeals for funds. These funds go to Action by Churches Together (ACT). ACT is a global, ecumenical alliance of churches responding to catastrophes around the world. PWRDF gives priority to emergency appeals from Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America.

From 2004 – 2007 PWRDF operated a special program called Partnership for Life (PFL). PFL was a fund and awareness raising initiative to help Canadian Anglicans alleviate the suffering around the world caused by the HIV / AIDS epidemic. Over the course of PFL PWRDF received over \$3 million which has been allocated to PFL.

Thank you to the Steering Committee Members, PWRDF Parish Representatives, Clergy, and People of the Diocese who have generously prayed, acted, and given so that PWRDF could reach out in Jesus' name to people around the world who need help.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Stephen Hallford
PWRDF Diocesan Coordinator and Voting Representative*

REFUGEE CORDINATOR

The three years since the last report to Synod have been very busy for the parishes that are participating in refugee sponsorship. Holy Trinity, St. George's , St. Timothy's, St. Thomas of Sherwood Park and St. John the Evangelist, are either helping new arrivals or waiting for new families to arrive. Special plans are in process by P.W.R.D.F. for all dioceses across Canada, for later this year.

Holy Trinity has embarked on their first sponsorship of a Joint Assistance Refugee family. This is a huge undertaking, as Joint Assistance families are usually very high needs. For this reason, the Government provides the means for food, clothing and shelter and the sponsoring group provides the hands on settlement help. Holy Trinity has a very strong team and with God's help will do a great job.

St. Thomas in Sherwood Park has made application for several individuals, who are family of refugees they had previously sponsored. Thank you to Marion Bulmer for her great leadership skill and passion for refugee sponsorship.

St. George's Parish has had one family arrive within the last three years but they are still anxiously waiting for news of an interview date for a family from Kenya. Please keep the parish and this family in your prayers, as they have been waiting almost four years.

St. Timothy's Parish has given its approval for the sponsorship of a single female, Joint Assistance Sponsorship. To date there has been no one to match the parish to. I am confident we will be able to find someone for them soon.

St. John the Evangelist Parish has sponsored two Joint Assistance families in the past three years and are looking ahead to make an application in the near future. They also have a sponsorship in the works out of Kenya and are patiently waiting word.

With the help of Marion Bulmer and Scott McDonald we put together a power point presentation about sponsorship and would be delighted to use it to promote sponsorship in the diocese. Feel free to call the diocesan office for my contact if you would like to have me present it.

The exciting news from P.W.R.D.F. is that, in celebration of their 50th Anniversary, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, is asking Anglican Dioceses across Canada to sponsor a total of 50 families. Arrivals will hopefully happen between Oct. 2008 and Oct. 2009. The families to be sponsored will most likely be Visas Office Referred. This means that they will already have the clearance of the Visas Office overseas and therefore will come in a more timely fashion. It does however mean that the parish is responsible for both the financial and the settlement of these folks.

A thank you to St. George's, St. Thomas, St. Timothy's and St. John the Evangelist parishes for their participation in this very important outreach. This way we can help one family at a time.

Please pray for those Parishes that are sponsoring and also that more parishes would see sponsorship as their calling and would receive the blessing of seeing these families alive and healthy.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gail Millard
Refuge Coordinator*

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Stewardship and Financial Development Committee (SFDC) is a Standing Committee of Executive Council charged with responsibilities to encourage and develop awareness and understanding of the theology of stewardship, periodically review the financial needs of the Diocese and parishes, provide assistance to parishes in these areas, monitor the financial strength of the Diocese and consider ways of providing for the financial needs of the Diocese and assist in the development of diocesan financial resources.

The following table shows the major areas of work involving the SFDC since the 59th Synod.

Item	Work Accomplished	Work to Continue
<p>NeighbourWorks Diocesan Project Proposal Framework: a program was developed to support the funding of projects in the Diocese that further the mission and vision of the Diocese while responding to specific parish needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initial Framework completed and approved by Executive Council November 2005. ● Final framework and application forms (two forms: brief proposal and detailed application) completed June 2006. <p>All information is posted on the Diocesan website.</p>	<p>SFDC will pursue funding options to support the NeighbourWorks program in conjunction with Administration and Finance.</p>
<p>Letting Down the Nets: stewardship initiative and plan of the National Church to enhance the mission and ministry of parishes, dioceses and General Synod. The Diocese did considerable planning work in building the Diocesan profile as well as describing many successful initiatives being carried out in parishes across the Diocese, in its bid to become one of the national pilot projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diocese of Edmonton selected as a pilot site, March 2006. ● Diocesan Stewardship gathering held May 12 & 13, 2006. ● Natural Church Development (NCD) initiated in February 2007. See separate report on NCD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stewardship is an ongoing developmental activity across the Diocese. ● Natural Church Development is in progress.
<p>Updating the Diocesan Strategic Plan: the Diocesan Strategic Plan, 2004-2007, reached its end date, resulting in a review to determine the best approach to strategic planning in the Diocese going forward. Decision was made to produce a directional document for the Diocese rather than a detailed strategic plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Strategic Planning Group established in January 2007, to consider ways to update the Strategic Plan. ● A pamphlet entitled: <i>What is the Mission, Vision and Strategic Focus of the Diocese of Edmonton</i>, was completed in June 2007. ● Pamphlet distributed to all parishes with the expectation that each parish would use the information as a checklist to assess their own situation and identify ways in which each parish might grow and prosper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The strategic focus of the Diocese parallels the goals and objectives of NCD. ● Parishes continue to be encouraged to assess their situations and needs and how they might prosper and grow, with NCD being used as one of the tools to assist in that process.

In moving forward the SFDC will be focusing its energies on two key areas:

1. Maintaining stewardship awareness and programming.
2. Assisting with Diocesan / parish renewal through aided ministries, NCD and NeighbourWorks.

In closing this report, I extend my appreciation and hearty thank you to the following individuals who either resigned from or completed their terms on SFDC since the last Synod: The Right Reverend Victoria Matthews (Former Bishop, Ex-officio), Mr. Dale Purkis (Former Executive Officer, Ex-officio), Mr. Jon Hall, Mrs. Winnie Kinnear, The Reverend Joyce Mellor, Mr. Roy Parker, The Reverend Michael Sung, Dr. Clif Young, and Mr. Lorne Zalasky.

Current SFDC membership includes: The Right Reverend Jane Alexander (Bishop, Ex-Officio), Mrs. Carol Blair (Chair), Mr. David Barnum, The Reverend Penny Bruce, Mr. Jonathan Connell, Mr. David Connell (Executive Officer / Planned Giving Officer), Mr. Adrian Crane, The Reverend Keith Denman, Mr. Art Jones, The Reverend Stephanie London Crane, and The Reverend Elizabeth Wolfert.

We look forward to using our collective gifts and energies in continuing the work of SFDC in supporting and promoting the mission, vision and goals of the Diocese.

*Respectfully submitted,
Carol Blair
Chair, Stewardship and Financial Development*

TOGETHER ENCOUNTERING CHRIST (TEC)

2008 has been a challenging year for TEC. This is a bit surprising because most participants agreed the TEC May long weekend in 2007 was one of the most Spirit-empowered events we've had in recent memory. Despite this, few of the new candidates subsequently attended the Annual General Meeting two weeks later, and even fewer volunteered for positions on the Steering Committee to help guide TEC through the next year (2008). Louis Rowe, the youth director, never did find an assistant youth director who could shadow him in 2008 and take over as youth director after he was scheduled to step down in June 2008. Despite these challenges, we had a wonderful Fourth Day Event in November 2007, where we helped Rev. Wendy Ainsworth serve dinner at St. Faith's Church. Louis also organized a powerful TEC mini-weekend in February 2008 at St. George's church led by Rev. Don Aellen. Despite these highlights, the Leadership team got a late start in selecting a Core team to lead the weekend for May 2008 and concerns grew about timelines and recruiting all the necessary people, so prayerfully we decided to do something different. Our Core adults, Robyn Thompson and Grant Kemp, organized a special visioning retreat called One in a Crowd: God in the Midst of Us that was held from Saturday night to Monday afternoon on the May long weekend at Camp Van Es. It was attended by about 30 people, mainly young adults and by all accounts was a wonderful time of renewal and spiritual growth. Still, only 15 devoted souls attended the TEC Annual General Meeting at Laurier Park on June 12, 2008.

TEC is clearly going through a transition. There are several factors that have contributed to the apparent apathy described above. First and foremost, we have had problems with

communications all year, and as adult advisor, I take full responsibility for this. I commend Gina Blank for her great work on the TEC website, and Margaret MacLaren for all her hard work telephoning and emailing, but Leadership needs to adhere better to timing and timelines. Secondly, it's hard to measure the impact of Bishop Victoria leaving, the interim during selection of a new bishop and the influence of the general uncertainties of the Anglican Church of Canada and the impact of the meeting of the General Synod. In addition, Rev. Kevin Kraglund, who took over from Rev. Stephanie London-Crane in 2007 as TEC Spiritual Director, will focus on his parish and new son in the coming year. Thus TEC awaits the appointment of a new Spiritual Director.

The future of TEC seeks guidance from the Holy Spirit. To allow us to be led by the Spirit, it was decided at the AGM this year that the Steering Committee will meet for a meal and bible study together at the home of the adult advisor, while focusing our attention on planning and recruiting for the 2009 TEC May long weekend. Our goal is that TEC weekend 2009 will provide an infusion of enthusiastic, committed young followers of Christ to participate in the TEC of 2009-2010. I am encouraged by the support that Bishop Alexander has expressed to TEC and I envision a stronger coordination between all aspects of youth and young adult ministries across the Diocese wherein together we can encounter Christ.

*Faithfully submitted,
Mark Peppler
Adult Advisor, TEC*

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX 1

Proceedings of the 59th Synod, October 21st and 22nd, 2005

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59TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
October 21st and 22nd, 2005

Minutes of Proceedings

Friday, October 21ST, 2005 All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton

The 59th 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 – Right Reverend Victoria Matthews, Bishop

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:52 p.m.

2. Appointment of Secretary of Synod

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

3. Election of Clerical and Lay Recorders

Barbara Burrows announced that the **Reverend Matthew Oliver** has been nominated as Clerical Recorder and **Nona Wilson** has been nominated as Lay Recorder for the 60th Synod.

Moved by **Barbara Burrows**, and seconded by **Chelsy Stevens** that nominations be closed.
CARRIED.

The Chair declared that the **Reverend Matthew Oliver** is acclaimed as Clerical Recorder and **Nona Wilson** is acclaimed as Lay Recorder for the 60th Synod.

Note: The Reverend David Prowse and David Holehouse are the recorders for this Synod as elected at the 58th Synod.

ACCLAIMED.

4. Report of the Credentials Committee

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

5. Presentation of the Lists of The Members Of Synod to the Clerical and Lay Recorders

The Credentials Committee presented the lists of the members of Synod who are entitled to be present and vote to the Recorders.

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 are 97 members of the clergy who are delegates to this Synod and 64 are 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 are 190 lay members who are delegates to this Synod and 145 are registered and entitled to vote.

8. **Motion to Accept The Rolls**

Moved by **Rev. Joanne Chambers**, and seconded by **Liz Hubbard** that we accept the rolls.
CARRIED.

9. **Quorum**

Rev. **JOANNE CHAMBERS**, Chair of Credentials Committee reported that, there being present 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 is a quorum for this Synod.

10. **Appointed Members of Synod**

The **Bishop** announced those members of Synod who had been appointed:

Planning Team Members:

- Brian Burrows – Resolutions Chair
- Liz Hubbard – Credentials Co-Chair
- Connie McClung – Member-at-Large
- Peter Wightman – Elections Officer

Lay Recorder

- David Holehouse

Youth Delegates:

- Christophe Crowell-Bour
- Nicole Fredette
- Amanda Knack
- Jay Krause
- Kathleen Polet
- Jeff Shandro
- Chelsy Stevens
- Sarah Taylor
- Michael Wasylsyn

Others:

- Mary Kay Brook

11. **Courtesies of the House**

The **Bishop** announced the names of those extended the courtesies of the House:

- Cathy Brown, Diocesan Treasurer
- David Connell, Planned Giving Officer of the Diocese
- Barbara White, Bishop's Secretary
- Archdeacon John Robertson, National Consultant – Planned Giving

- Sarah Andrusco, Emmanuel & St. Chad
- Agnes Moore, Scrutineer
- Dale Toffan, Scrutineer

12. Announcements by the Secretary of Synod

a. Acknowledgement of FaithLife Financial

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to FaithLife Financial, for the conference supplies, and for \$1,000 contributed towards the transportation costs of our speaker, John Robertson.

b. Parking

We would also like to acknowledge Imperial Parking for extending to us free parking for tonight in the lot next door.

13. Report of the Agenda Committee

Dale Purkis, Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee reported.

Moved by **Dale Purkis**, seconded by **Liz Hubbard**, that the agenda for the 59th Synod be adopted as printed and circulated as Agenda Revision 2 on the pink coloured paper. Note the time for the ballot box closure, and inclusion of St. Michael Report times.

CARRIED.

14. Minutes of the 58th Synod

These Minutes had been distributed to Synod delegates and needed to be moved and seconded by persons in attendance at the 59th Synod.

Moved by **Dale Purkis**, seconded by **Very Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson**, the adoption of the minutes for the 58th Synod as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

15. Appointment of Election Officers and Scrutineers

The **Chair** appointed **Rev. Canon Anne Wightman** and **Peter Wightman** as Elections Officers, and Rev. Adela Torchia, Agnes Moore, Dale Toffan and Brian Burrows to be scrutineers for voting.

16. 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 sessions.

Moved by **Rev. Kathy Bowman**, seconded by **Ven. Alan Naylor** that the printed reports be received.

CARRIED.

17. Presentation of 2004 Audited Financial Report

Dale Purkis, Executive Officer of the Diocese, presented this.

Moved by **Dale Purkis**, seconded by **Scott Montgomery**, that the Auditor's Report for the 2004 fiscal period be received by the 59th Synod.

CARRIED.

18. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Scott Montgomery, Chair of Administration and Finance Committee, reported on behalf of Audit Sub-committee. He referred to the following sections of the Constitution:

Constitution C120 – The Synod shall elect an Accountant who shall be either a chartered accountant, or a firm of chartered accountants, licensed to do business in the Province of Alberta.

Constitution C122 – The Accountant shall review the financial books, records and statements of the Diocese annually and report to the Executive Council following such a review.

Moved by **Scott Montgomery**, seconded by **Ven. Alan Naylor**, that the firm of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, of Edmonton, Alberta, be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.

CARRIED.

19. Report of the Resolutions Committee

Brian Burrows, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, announced that the Resolutions Committee has received 4 resolutions for consideration at this 59th Synod. This includes 3 resolutions included in the Report of the Legislative Committee and one submitted by members. All resolutions were distributed with the Convening Circular. The resolutions will be presented for consideration in the course of the Synod business sessions.

20. Report of the Nominating Committee

The **Reverend Michael Sung**, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that the Nominating Committee report was included in the registration packages.

Moved by **Rev. Michael Sung**, seconded by **Rev. David Prowse**, that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted, (with the withdrawal of Rev Will Drake, Battle River, from Executive Council).

CARRIED.

21. Announcements

Barbara Burrows gave the following announcements:

- Copies of the Bishop's Charge will be handed out at the doors as you leave.
- We meet at St. Matthias tomorrow – coffee at 7:30; Morning Prayer at 8:00; call to order at 8:30.
- Remember to wear their official name tags tomorrow so that you will be able to vote and eat.
- Remember to bring your worship booklets back tomorrow for use at morning prayer.

63. Barbara Andrews from Sorrento has offered a gift certificate for a course, and has randomly chosen to give it to Carol Blair.

Sally Harrison gave information on billets.

22. Closing Prayers

23. Recess For The Day at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 22nd, 2005, St. Matthias Anglican Church, Edmonton

Morning Prayer was led by Rev. Kevin Kraglund.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

24. Report of Credentials Committee

Rev. Joanne Chambers and Liz Hubbard announced the number of members registered: 67 members of clergy registered; 164 members of lay registered. Total of 231 present.

25. Balloting Procedures for Elective Positions Explained

Rev. Anne Wightman led delegates through the election procedures. Ballots to be completed and in by 12:30. Instructions – Removal of Will Drake in Battle River; removal of Shawn Milley, replace with Robyn Thompson in Whitemud; add Scott Walker on laity side for Diocesan Court, (non member of the Law Society). Add Hy Dahl to Yellowhead, for Church Development Trust Fund.

26. Presentation: PrayerWorks Hall

David Connell, Rev. Maureen Crerar, and Rev. Wendy Ainsworth presented a report on PrayerWorks Hall at St. Faith's. Wendy and Maureen reviewed the progress of the parish of St. Faith's providing meals to people in need, and to serving them with dignity and respect. Their project became a diocesan project, providing meals, an after-school program, meetings, community space. David described the diocese's involvement and the naming of PrayerWorks Hall – prayer does work. Notes from the presenters are included in the Appendix.

27. Legislative Committee Report

Chancellor David Jones presented the report of the Legislative Committee as printed in the Circular – (Appendix 5).

There were five legislative issues, concerning the time parish annual meetings are held, period of notice required for special meetings of Synod, a new Canon 10A governing management of the Church Development Trust, some corrections and alterations to the Constitution and Canons, the different meanings of geographic or historical "missions" (a note to be included at the end of the Canons for information, not a Canon in itself), and relationships between parish corporations and vestries (another note designed to be helpful when questions arise). David answered questions of clarification. Notes from this discussion are included in the Appendix.

28. Members' Concerns Time

This is time in which members addressed concerns they might have around the life of the Diocese. Such issues raised are not meant for debate, and there should not be rebuttals.

Rev. Elizabeth Thompson, St. Augustine's, Parkland – I would like to thank those people on the Dream Team (at Diocesan Office) that had to compile all the reports. There are several omissions however on Page 75 regarding changes in clergy status. Bishop replied Barb White will correct.

Rev. Stephen Hallford, Diocesan PWRDF Coordinator – expressed thanks to each parish and their parish reps for bringing PWRDF to their people. There is a tremendous amount of suffering after the earthquake in Pakistan/Kashmir, the good news is that the federal government will match any contributions we make until October 26. Thus every dollar we give will cost us 60 c after tax credits, and will result in \$2 relief on the ground.

Brian Burrows, All Saints' Cathedral – regarding the announcement yesterday of the Supreme Court decision on federal liability in residential schools cases – some people in the parishes said to me it sounds as if this was a bad thing for the church. I think it would be helpful if someone explained to us the significance of that decision.

David Jones replied – The decision comes out of a residential school that the Presbyterian Church founded and the United Church took over in Port Alberni, B.C. There was sexual abuse at the school, there was litigation and the trial court found the federal government 75% vicariously liable because they ran the school, and the United Church 25% liable. The Court of Appeal of B.C. then found that 10% of vicarious liability lay with the federal government and none with the church, suggesting the charity should be immune from vicarious liability. The Supreme Court of Canada has now ruled there is no immunity from liability, and has reinstated the liability formula. In doing that, the Court also said there were some other claims about damages that had happened earlier than the “limitation period,” and one question was – could you look at those earlier facts to increase your damages? The Court said No. The period of limitation prevents that. However the limitation for sexual abuse doesn't start to run for a long period of time. Also, though the Court said we won't talk about cultural deprivation claims, they gave some very clear indications that the mere going to a school is not by itself a legal wrong. For us as church, I think it means we settled with the federal government, the federal government has then been sued by people who attended Anglican schools where wrong was done, and the federal government then relentlessly third-partied the Anglican church, saying it was 50-50 liability. The Supreme Court now says it doesn't have to be 50-50, each case must be settled on its facts. The Anglican Church in fact settled at 70-30, with us accepting 30% of the liability. We also have a cap of \$25 million on our liability. By settling, we got rid of all the litigation costs which undoubtedly would have bankrupted the church and some dioceses. So at the end of the day I'm quite content that we settled. Our settlement doesn't cover cultural deprivation – that's still being dealt with, as to whether that's a legal wrong. I'm not sure if the Supreme Court will recognize that. And the federal government in talks with the Assembly of First Nations has set up a task force under a recently retired judge to make recommendations to the federal government about some global method of settling the cultural deprivation claims. The AFN has suggested something like a lump sum to everybody who went to the schools, plus an additional sum according to the number of years you spent there. The retired judge will report back next March-April. The federal government wants to find a global way to deal with that issue, rather than go case by case.

Rob MacMillan, St. Andrew's, Camrose – I'm glad to hear the PWRDF is supporting the Pakistan campaign, but another country under the radar is Guatemala – they have suffered great tragedy as well. Are they looking at a campaign for Guatemala? Could they lobby the federal government for the same (dollar matching) deal?

History Quiz – Beth-Anne Exham, Chair of the History Committee for Diocese, provided answers to a History Quiz at various points during the proceedings. The questions, and her answers, are included in the Appendix.

29. **St. Michael Report**

Bishop Victoria Matthews – report on blessing of same sex unions. The Bishop is Chair of the Primate’s Theological Commission, to which the matter of how the issue relates to concepts of doctrine was referred in June, 2004. General Synod asked the Primate to refer it to the commission to decide if this matter was doctrinal or not. It is an important question because the way we make decisions differs as to the weight of the question. If we suggest it’s doctrinal it suggests it needs to be a decision made by General Synod, not diocese by diocese.

Our report is now being referred to every diocese to be discussed. We will have a Diocesan Gathering on the subject.

The Bishop briefly took delegates through some key paragraphs of the Commission’s report. On page 6, it is stated that the Commission has concluded that this is a matter of doctrine. On pages 9 and 10 the report says culture is a context in which Christians live out their faith and formulate doctrine. We have to see our norms through the eyes of Christ, and promote those norms that honor him.

On page 11 – what is doctrine? It is formed when the church makes a statement of who God is and how God acts, and as the blessing of marriages makes a statement about God, it must be considered as a doctrinal matter. The term doctrine is used several ways – teaching founded on scripture, interpreted in the context of tradition and in the context of reason. There are Core Doctrines, such as the earliest explications of Scripture regarding the Trinity and Jesus. There are other doctrinal issues where difference can be tolerated without disunity. The latter are still doctrine.

On Page 13 – The Church aspires to enter the fullness of truth. The Church has reversed positions before – such as on slavery.

The core of this is the development of doctrine. Some churches believe doctrine can never change, but this is not our position.

On the Cultural Context page, in paragraphs 39-41, the Commission articulates the importance of blessing.

The Bishop emphasized that while the 12 members of the Commission represent the whole range of opinion and background, there was full agreement that this is a matter of doctrine.

30. **Presentation: Church Giving and Gift Planning – John Robertson**

David Connell introduced the guest speaker, **Archdeacon John Robertson**, National Gift Planning Officer with the Anglican Church of Canada, living in Kingston, ON.

Archdeacon John Robertson provided a number of insights into the scriptural and

procedural issues around church giving and gift planning. The call to stewardship and mission are part of one pilgrimage – what is God calling us to do right here, right now, and what is God calling us to become as a community of faith.

The Archdeacon was given a standing ovation for his talk and the gifts presented to the Bishop. Notes from the speaker's presentation are included in the Appendix.

Thanks to the speaker were extended by **Carol Blair**.

31. Resolutions

Brian Burrows announced that there was one resolution printed in the Convening Circular on page 59. He called on Rev. Chris Pappas and Art Jones, mover and seconder of the motion to speak to it.

Resolution 59-RC-1 Travel Assistance Program

Moved by Chris Pappas, seconded by Art Jones:

Resolved that this Synod approves the implementation of a travel assistance program which will factor travel expenses into the formula for calculating apportionment and assessment.

Rev. Chris Pappas, Yellowhead Deanery - – This resolution came from a deanery meeting last year, and just asks that travel expenses be factored into apportionment and assessment formula. We are allowed some deductions in apportionment if a parish has a mortgage, for instance, or if you have more than one clergy, if you have church staff, etc. We are asking that one of those factors be the cost of parish travel. This is really important for the rural parishes in other deaneries too. At St. Mary Abbot's, in September we paid 10% of the expenses in travel costs for that month. Travel costs me \$1,000 split between two parishes with annual budgets of \$50,000. It is a legitimate cost of what it takes to do ministry in our parishes.

Art Jones, St John's, Onoway – seconded – one goal of this diocese is to reach more self sufficient parishes, and anything we can do to save some of the money they now spend would enhance that possibility.

Discussion – Rev. Wendy Ainsworth, St Faith's, Edmonton – I support the motion. What percentage factor would be used? All parishes pay travel costs – I paid \$250 last month and my parish can't cover these costs either.

Rev. Chris Pappas – we didn't have a percentage in mind, we would allow the Synod Office to work that out.

CARRIED.

Mid-day prayers were led by the Ven. Alan Naylor.

Announcements – Barbara Burrows & Neil Gordon

- Please note that the vegetarian option is only for those who requested it on their Notice of Intention to Attend form.

- Please allow the elections officers and the scrutineers to get their food at the beginning of the line.
- Rev. Anne Wightman announced that elections will close at 12:30 p.m.

32. **Presentation: Youth Ministry and Summer Camps**

Rev. Stephanie London-Crane introduced this report by indicating that God has blessed us with a number of wonderful youth programs, a number of people giving their time and energy and prayer in building up the next generation of disciples.

Chelsy Stevens provided a summer camp presentation with slides regarding Camp Van Es; wilderness camps and canoe camps. She expressed thanks to the sponsors whose donations allow many youngsters to attend.

Grant Kemp, youth director of TEC in 2005, described Together Encountering Christ as a stepping stone to life in Christ, similar to the Cursillo experience, but for the 16-22 age group. It is a chance to interact with youth in other churches in diocese, and with other denominations. Grant encouraged all parishes to encourage young people to go to TEC's mini weekend November 4 & 5.

Rev. Kevin Kraglund, from Gibbons-Bon Accord, spoke about a parish visioning process two years ago, in which one of the goals was an emphasis on youth ministry. We began a joint youth group with Bon Accord and Gibbons, ran Alpha for Youth last year for a dozen young people, this year we are running another teen program. Now we have decided to run the junior and senior youth ministry one evening a month. It is working quite well, though we would like to meet more often. I lead the senior group with a lay person, the junior group is led by the Rector's warden and Treasurer. We view youth ministry as a shared ministry.

Amy Croy, youth pastor at St. Paul's, Edmonton, reported that three years ago, the youth ministry adopted a three year cycle of missions, inspired by Jesus' instructions to be his witnesses to the end of the earth. In Year 1 we did local mission, in year 2 native mission, year 3 one to Guatemala.

Evelyn Polet, also from St. Paul's, spoke of her trip to Guatemala. They went to a village and two small towns in the northern region, inhabited by a Mayan tribe. They showed Christ's love to the people through action, built outhouses for six communities and put on children's programs. They worked in two orphanages, and did some home visits, attended a women's bible study, encouraged a youth group to reach out to their own rural community. It was an incredible experience, and the people gave them much more – Christ's universal love also. They would like to make this form of mission a tradition in our church.

Sarah Taylor of the Diocesan Youth Ministry-Youth Ministry Audit, reported that she was one of four who helped with the Youth Ministry audit for the diocese. Surveys were done with parishes in September and October. Preliminary findings: Youth Ministry varies widely throughout the diocese, with varying parish needs. The group recommends four regularly scheduled youth events to occur throughout the diocese, one of them rotating through rural parishes. This will encourage the building of community among youth in the diocese. Camps begin these relationships, and there is a need to follow through with that. They also want to

provide relief for youth workers from planning etc, to free them up so they can focus on relationship formation. They want to provide youth in parishes without groups the opportunity to attend events, and they want to develop opportunities for youth ministers to network amongst themselves.

Stephanie London-Crane mentioned three upcoming youth events: The TEC mini weekend at St George's in November; a young adult retreat at Strathcona Wilderness Centre in December, and a Star Wars movie marathon in December at the Cathedral, including a gathering for the leaders. All parishes are encouraged to develop youth offerings, and to encourage young people to attend diocesan programs.

33. Presentation: Strategic Plan Update

Carol Blair, Chair of Stewardship and Financial Development, presented this report, a copy of which is attached to these proceedings. In conclusion she expressed a thank-you to all who have helped move this plan forward.

34. Presentation: College Of Emmanuel & St. Chad

Sarah Andrusco, the Director of Development at the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, attended in place of Dr. Walter Deller, Principal.

Ms Andrusco presented a DVD showing the history and programs of the college, based at the University of Saskatchewan. She offered an invitation to the diocese to continue its financial support to the college, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary. She said the college has an \$8 million capital fundraising program, to establish new program chairs at the institution. The college has raised \$1 million of this and continues looking for donors. The college faced the possibility of closure in April, but two donors redirecting their gifts have given it three more years to continue its campaign across the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. The college hopes parishes will continue to earmark 1-2% of their funds for theological education, with perhaps some directed towards the college in Saskatoon. "Without theological education, we break the cycle," she said.

The Bishop named a number of previous graduates who now serve the Diocese of Edmonton, and said some from the diocese have given seminars there, "so we certainly have a good relationship."

35. New Clergy Introductions

The **Bishop** introduced some new members of the clergy; one coming back home to the diocese, Bryson Randall; Karen Hunt from the diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI; Shawn Devlin from the Diocese of Toronto Trinity College, now assistant curate at Holy Trinity Edmonton; Mary Gavin at Christ Church, as associate for an interim period, from the Diocese of Saskatoon.

36. Presentation: Video On Aids / Africa

Robyn Thompson presented a video on behalf of General Synod delegates. She commented on her experience as a member of General Synod. Her first impression was that representatives from our diocese were a wonderful group to be with. Despite our differing opinions we had fun and worshipped together. The second impression was the overwhelming impact of Stephen Lewis's presentation. In 1984 he was appointed Canadian ambassador to UN, until 1988. He drafted the UN's African Recovery, and now is the Secretary General's

special envoy on AIDS in Africa, with a mandate to ensure the work done in 2001 on AIDS at the UN sessions was not lost. The General Synod delegates don't want this work to be lost, it is extremely significant, and so they want to share the presentation with you. HIV AIDS Africa is something PWRDF is working on, our representatives are committed to keeping it going, as well as water partnerships. If you are moved to act, please seek out your PWRDF representative or priest.

The video recorded a speech in which Mr. Lewis addressed the difficulty of getting African churches on board in dealing with the epidemic. He spoke of his frustration with the lack of recognition of the problem, the lack of drugs, the disproportionate decimation of the female population, the destruction of the community's productive capacity, and the huge numbers of AIDS orphans. "There has to be a mobilization of will in Canada and elsewhere to turn this pandemic around," he said. "We can show religious leadership in this country, among our own people with AIDS, by treating them with decency and compassion. Broaden that to the world, and your influence can be infinite."

The Bishop expressed thanks to Robyn and her leadership on the Eco Justice Committee.

37. Presentation: Administration And Finance Report

Scott Montgomery presented a report on organization and responsibilities of the A&F Committee. A copy of his slide presentation is attached to this report.

Dale Purkis, Executive Officer, presented a narrative budget for 2006. A copy is attached to this report. Dale said that a narrative budget is a tool for communicating with your parish on what your operation is all about. The 2006 Diocesan budget will be available after it is approved by Executive Council.

38. Report of the Elections Officer

Rev. Anne Wightman gave the report of the first election ballot.

Total Ballots: 228
 Spoiled – Clergy: 0
 Spoiled – Lay: 0
 Spoiled – Youth: 0

** indicates acclamations*

Diocesan Executive Council:

(one member of the Clergy and two members of the Laity from each Region)

Region	Clergy	Lay Member
Battle River	* Bob Peel	* Catherine Haiste
Cold Lake	* Ralph Warnock	Dan Irving Sue Nimmo
Edmonton West	Maureen Crerar	Sally Harrison Tom Snyder
Whitemud	Don Aellen	Mary Gilchrist Robyn Thompson

Yellowhead

* Chris Pappas

* Art Jones

* Don Robertson

Diocesan Court:

(2 members of the Clergy and 2 members of the Laity [one of whom must be a member of the Law Society of Alberta]):

Clergy:

* Wendy Ainsworth

* Michael Sung

Laity:

* Mary Kay Brook (member of Law Society)

* Scott Walker

Provincial Synod:

(4 Clergy, 3 Laity, 1 Youth)

Clergy (4):

Kevin Kraglund

Matt Oliver

Michael Sung

Ralph Warnock

1st alternate: Don Aellen

2nd alternate: Diane Reid

Laity (3):

Helen Fossey

Sally Harrison

Lesley Lambert

Youth (1):

* Chelsy Stevens

General Synod:

(4 Clergy, 4 Laity, 1 Youth)

Clergy (4):

Maureen Crerar

Greg Kerr-Wilson

Susan Storey

Joseph Walker

1st alternate: Stephen London

2nd alternate: Tim Chesterton

Laity (4):

Barbara Burrows

Sally Harrison

David Jones

Robyn Thompson

1st alternate: Doug Schindel

2nd alternate: Cynthia Boodram

Youth (1):

* Sarah Taylor

Church Development Trust Fund:

(1 from each Region)

Region	Representative
Battle River (1)	Rev. Kathy Bowman
Cold Lake (1)	Rev. Matt Oliver
Edmonton West (1)	Rev. Jane Alexander
Whitemud (1)	Rev. Joanne Chambers
Yellowhead (1)	Hy Dahl

39. St. Michael Report – Continued.

The **Bishop** reintroduced the topic, and invited delegates to make their comments at the microphone with questions or contributions.

Renee Jackson, St. Paul's: I really appreciate the work that this Commission has done in terms of referencing and citing scripture throughout the report. I find that very comforting. I would genuinely like to have scripture cited on paragraph 12, pg 13. It would make it easier for me to begin to understand and try to come to some kind of place of being open to a possibility, that when it says blessing is consistent with the teaching of scripture . . . could scripture be attached to that?

The **Bishop** – I won't do that right now, but will get back to you through the Anglican Messenger and Anglican Journal.

Bryson Randall, Holy Trinity, Tofield – I'm very heartened by paragraph 3, when the Commission called the whole church to engage in discussing this matter in a certain manner. Question – do you feel there's any chance that the dialogue is going to change?

The **Bishop** – I think there is a possibility that we could move into more constructive conversation (not that in the past it has been destructive totally) but I am aware of the tendency of people to speak to those who are like minded. On Clergy Day I asked people to sit with those they would not normally talk to – it didn't happen. At an Essentials event at the University of Alberta, I found exactly who I expected to see there. When Christ Church offered a dialogue series, I saw not entirely, but almost, exactly who I expected to see there. We shouldn't be afraid of each other, if we listen to each other we will learn. No one knows where this is going to lead the Anglican Church of Canada. At this point it is a very important conversation. I do encourage you in your parishes and in the diocese to continue the conversation. Faith Worship & Ministry have provided questions so that this can be engaged in a helpful way.

The Bishop invited delegates to take 5 minutes at their tables to discuss what does the word Doctrine mean to them, what do they think of when they hear the word?

40. Resolutions – Continued

Resolution 59-LC-1

Resolved that Canon 5.84 be amended to read as follows:

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

5.84 There shall be an annual meeting of parishioners held **prior to the end of February** in each unless the written consent of the Bishop is obtained for such meeting to be held at some other time.

Moved by David Jones, seconded by Lloyd Egan, St. Michael & All Angels.

CARRIED.

Resolution 59-LC-2

Resolved that Section C48.1 be added to the Constitution as follows:

C48.1: In exceptional circumstances, the Bishop with the consent of Executive Council may call a Special Meeting of Synod to take place sooner than would be possible by complying with the times specified in sections C30 (Notice of Synod), C32 (appointment of Agenda and Resolutions Committee), C34 (appointment of Nominations Committee), C38 (approval of agenda) and C39 (Convening Circular). In such exceptional circumstances, shorter times for these steps shall be specified by Executive Council when consenting to the calling of the Special Meeting of Synod.

Moved by David Jones, seconded by Lloyd Egan, St. Michael & All Angels.

CARRIED.

Resolution 59-LC-3

Replacement of Canon 10 with Canon 10A

Resolved that:

With effect from 1 January 2006,

(a) Canon 10 be replaced with Canon 10A be enacted, and

(b) Canon 5.15 be amended to read as follows (changed words shown in bold):

5.15 Upon disestablishment all property both real and personal formerly held by the parish disestablished, shall vest in the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, **and such portion thereof as may be determined by Executive Council shall be designated to the Diocesan Development Fund.**

Canon 10A as listed in the Convening Circular

No person spoke against these changes, thus they stand as presented.

41. Courtesy Motions

Moved by **Ven. Alan Naylor**, seconded by **Rev. Stephen London**, that thanks be expressed to the following people for their help in making this a successful 59th Synod:

- Staff of the Synod Office

- o Dale Purkis, Executive Officer and former Diocesan Treasurer
- o Cathy Brown, Diocesan Treasurer
- o Barbara White, Bishop's secretary

- David Connell, Planned Giving Officer
- Chelsy Stevens, Diocesan Secretary
- Colleen Sanderson, STEP student for the summer, who helped with formatting the circular
- All who assisted with registration
- All who helped stuff envelopes for mailing and for registration
- All Saints' Cathedral Hospitality Ministry, for Friday's dinner and refreshments
- The People of All Saints' Cathedral, the staff, and especially Jeremy Spurgeon for the Opening Eucharist
- Reverend Keith Denman for conducting the first-timers' orientation
- Reverend Stephanie London-Crane for conducting the orientation for the youth
- The choristers from various parishes who participated in the Opening Eucharist
- Synod Planning Team:
 - Barbara Burrows, Secretary of Synod
 - Bishop Victoria Matthews
 - Very Reverend Greg Kerr-Wilson and Reverend Jane Alexander, Worship and Music Committee
 - Dale Purkis, Agenda Committee
 - The Reverend Joanne Chambers and Liz Hubbard, Registration and Credentials Committee
 - Brian Burrows, Resolutions Committee
 - The Reverend Michael Sung, Nominations Committee
 - The Reverend Anne and Peter Wightman, Elections Committee
 - Chancellor David Jones and the Legislative Committee
 - Helen Fossey, facilities and food for St. Matthias
 - Connie McClung, liaison with the Cathedral for Friday evening
 - Sally Harrison, coordinator for billets
 - Beth-Anne Exham, coordinator of volunteers
- The Reverend David Prowse and David Holehouse, Synod Recorders
- The team of scrutineers for the elections and balloting
- Graham Fletcher, for being here all day to help with AV equipment
- Bill Ozard, office administrator for St. Matthias, for arranging the set-up for today, and the Rev. Neil Gordon for hosting us.
- ACW of St. Matthias, for the coffee, tea and snacks throughout the day
- Elizabethan Caterers, for the wonderful lunch and beverages
- Beth Bohnart, and FaithLife Financial, for their donation of \$1000 towards the expenses of our speaker
- Imperial Parking, for their donation of parking at the Cathedral for the first night of Synod.
- Archdeacon John Robertson, National Consultant – Financial Development
- Sarah Andrusco, Director of Development, College of Emmanuel & St. Chad
- Carol Blair, for all her work on the Strategic Plan.
- Bishop Victoria for her leadership.

CARRIED.

42. Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent

The **Bishop** declared her assent to the Acts of the 59th Synod.

43. Concluding Devotion was led by Rev. Elizabeth Thompson.

44. Prorogation

All business having been concluded, the **Bishop** prorogued Synod at 4:42 p.m.

Appendix to the Minutes:

Includes notes from speakers for the following presentations:

26. Presentation on PrayerWorks Hall

27. Legislative Committee Report – notes of discussion questions of clarification

30. Presentation on Church Giving and Gift Planning – John Robertson

Questions and Answers to the History Quiz

Also attached to the printed copy of these proceedings:

- Administrative & Finance Committee report
- Narrative Budget 2006
- Strategic Plan Overview
- Biographies of Nominees for elected positions.

Reports are also available on the Diocesan website, <http://edmonton.anglican.org/>.

59TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
October 21st and 22nd, 2005

APPENDIX to the MINUTES

This Appendix includes:

- **Notes from Speakers on Presentation 26 – PrayerWorks Hall**
- **Notes from Questions of Clarification from the Legislative Committee Report - #27**
- **Notes from John Robertson on Presentation 30 – Church Giving and Gift Planning**
- **Questions and Answers to the History Quiz**

26. Presentation on PrayerWorks Hall

Rev. Wendy Ainsworth, Rev. Maureen Crerar, David Connell

Wendy –In 1999 I was part of the lay ministry team at St Faith’s, people came to the door asking for food. There was no meal ministry at that time, but we were confronted with the need. A children’s program was started at that time, one day a week when school let out early, they were coming to us without having had lunch, there was a concern for them too. We had a spaghetti dinner for about 35 people in June, 1999. The intention then was to respect the dignity of all coming needing food – we used real china and cutlery. We nourished body and soul and made everyone welcome. The outcome was that some people started coming into the church and not just the hall, we were able to begin to build the congregation. It created an interface for St Faith’s with the community, it began the process of creating a safe place where people could be accepted.

Maureen – Past Rector at St Faith’s. The mission statement for the parish is to reach out and grow in Christ’s love. The basis for this ministry is the needs of the community. There were people on fixed incomes, various supports, assistance – many would say that after they had paid their rent they had only \$25 for a month’s food. Also a lot of working poor, and many would say this is one good meal I can feed my family. Others had mental and other illnesses where shopping and cooking were not a part of their everyday life. Some had no cooking facilities at all. There was also homelessness where the basic need was for water and food. Our mission was to reach out to those in need with a meal and to serve people with dignity and respect. The theological framework is Matthew 25. Action was needed. Our response was to reach out in Christ’s love. The problem was the parish was small; there were few people and resources. Secondly the condition of the parish hall was beyond repair. The kitchen was inadequate, but the mission moved forward. We asked people in other congregations to help us, we reached out to the family of our diocese. Teams came in to help set up and prepare and serve. Eleven parishes became involved with pulpit exchange, student helpers, etc. This expanded the ministry and changed the lives of people. We went from once a month meals to a soup kitchen every Thursday a Saturday breakfast each week. Rotary, Cursillo, TEC became involved, and we also built a women’s fellowship guild. Outcomes have been many volunteers, and several hundred people a week going through the hall. Some

have gone from eating meals to being on Vestry, some have been baptized. The hall was still a problem, however, and it was time to call upon the diocese – and this became a diocesan project.

David – We provide 10,000 meals a year, and have a Thursday after-school program, AA meetings, women's and youth meetings, several community groups using the hall. We named it Prayer Works Hall in July, 2005, because prayer does work. On July 18, 2005, we had the sod turning, and construction began at that time. The budget is \$977,221, and completion is expected in early December. The diocese sold Elizabeth House, plus there is a CFEP grant, St Faith's fundraising, and an anonymous donor, bringing funds available to \$827,221. This leaves \$150,000, or 15% to be raised. Please consider a gift, or think of others who might help us out. What about the government's Prosperity Bonus of \$400 – youth idea is to give \$100 of it to this project.

Wendy – we now serve 150 people on the third Friday of each month, we have Thursday lunches for 70 people and more in the winter. We do Saturday breakfasts for 70-100. We will start to serve hot afternoon meal on Wednesdays. Some options for the future continue to be more meal programs, a drop in place that's safe, women's and children's program in the morning so women can get out. Our ecumenical contacts would like to come and learn how to serve the needs of the community and do something similar in their own community – St Faith's could become a centre of teaching.

27. Legislative Committee Report

Questions of clarification:

Rev. Susan Storey, St Thomas – Part 104 of proposed Canon 10A . If parishes are unable to give their 1% to the diocese for this purpose, does that leave the diocese in a difficult financial position? David replied – we felt it was something we could live with, wouldn't cause significant difficulty. Most parishes accept what they have been asked to; we were comfortable with this requirement.

Alan Roe, Emmanuel Gibbons, - this will change the parish apportionment, where will funds come from? David replied – Executive Council will have to determine this. Not all parishes are paying 1% into the Church Development Trust, so it may be a wash. It would only increase apportionment if this is an additional amount – but this is a way of making the Diocese budget that amount. It's a Diocesan obligation rather than saying every parish must pay 1%. We received \$24,000 from parishes, while we have to set aside \$48,000 – and we are OK with that.

Alan Roe – Regarding missions. We are the Battenburg Mission guys. Regarding Section 8 – I'm not sure how close points need to be to be operated as a single parish. We include three points. David – The Canons say you are one parish with one corporation, one vestry. This note (in the Legislative Committee Report) doesn't propose any change.

Rob Hubbard, Tofield: To clarify – are we going to now not have the 1% payment to the diocese as a parish responsibility? David replied – Yes, we will not have that, parishes will not make that 1% apportionment payment.

Rev. Peter Yeung, Vermilion – regarding parish structure. The corporation used to be the legal entity of the parish – (David – still is) – is it answerable to vestry and if vestry has an elected chair, does that person become the legal signing officer? If the parish wants to sell the rectory, it used to be the corporation would do all the legal work. David replied - it still would – the chair of vestry is the incumbent, who is also a member of corporation. But vestry may agree to create signing officers for bank accounts etc. This note (in the Legislative Committee Report) clarifies the present structure, it does not propose any change

30. Presentation: Church Giving and Gift Planning – John Robertson

It is absolutely essential in my view for parish clergy, lay leaders and diocesan leaders to have a compelling clear sense of vision, mission and outreach, a well articulated sense of program, of where you are going and why. The call to stewardship and mission are part of one pilgrimage. If you could just wrestle with two questions, you are doing well – what is God calling us to do right here, right now, and what is God calling us to become as a community of faith.

There are 80,000 plus charities in Canada, and I dare say that most of those have a clear sense of who and whose they are and where they are going. They have a well communicated sense of mission and purpose, with realistic goals. When coupled with outstanding ministry, program and outreach, and ecumenical work where possible, it's amazing what can be done.

Those with a good understanding of the theology of abundance rather than of scarcity are the faith communities that are moving forward; those willing to go out in faith and service to make an investment to make a difference in people's lives. Examples are Prayer Works Hall, and other projects that bring people in from the wider community and show them the love, compassion, and welcome that so many are yearning for.

When we can talk about the generosity of God and express it back to people, we are very much on the right track. Sharing is all about gratitude, about offering an act of thanksgiving to say how much we appreciate God's gifts. It is all about gratitude for God's gifts and blessings. Parishes and dioceses which make stewardship education a year-round priority, with a clear sense of vision and purpose, are the faith communities that are doing well, where people respond generously in order to make a difference. They treat volunteers well, with position descriptions, with recognition and thank-you's, encouraging people to share their time, abilities and talents, recognizing liturgically the gifts of people week by week.

In a parish of mine we had a Police Week, with gatherings and talks, and then a Sunday appreciation for these men and women. We did the same for teachers, medical people, etc, week by week, so gradually parishioners could see that what they were doing in the week was important and valued.

We need to learn how to be generous. It's good for us spiritually, we need to take it seriously and to be realistic. I used to think I was being quite generous with my support of my parishes, but when I did the math, I was shocked. The results were appalling – 2% of my annual income was given for the work of God. I decided that didn't really reflect my sense of values and priorities, so I resolved to raise this gradually to at least the 10% standard. I thought that

God owns and gives everything, 100% of what I enjoy, so now I'm enjoying 90% for my own purposes and sharing the other 10% to say thank you God.

Some strategies for parishes are – communicate well, tell the story of your parish life, report back as to how you have allocated the gifts your colleagues have offered and say thank you. Tell them what it was that they made possible. Send receipts out on time. Use commitment and pledge cards. We do it for cable etc, why not for the work of God? I'm appalled with parishes that think pledge cards are beyond the pale. There's no excuse not to make a commitment for the coming year's mission and vision. How else can we budget? We need to challenge our people to be generous financially and with their time.

We need to offer options for giving. The Sunday envelope is very old fashioned. How many of you are paid by an envelope once a week? I went to preauthorized debit, because it does work for a parish. In the first year if you can get 50% of your members to give electronically and offer a weekly as well as a monthly option, giving is up 37% on average. If people start giving in this way, give them a little card they can drop in the plate, so they don't feel left out of a very significant moment in the life of the liturgy. We had a credit card person who sat at the welcoming table inside the door with a card-swiping machine – it works!

Instead of bulk canvas for the annual stewardship campaign, how about small-group gatherings in people's homes, so people have an opportunity to share their dreams and hopes and delight with the work of the parish family, and let the Rector and other leaders communicate? In my Ontario parish one year we had 27 of them. It's exhausting, but it sure works, because it lets people be part of the consultative process, and it's a teaching moment too.

Gift planning is my main focus – and this is a wonderful opportunity for all of us. The theological basis is the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12, - the man who built large barns and wanted to relax, until God said your life is demanded of you tonight, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? We all have an estate, we all will need to answer that question some day. I heard that 80% of people in Newfoundland didn't have wills, and one man asked me why one was needed. I asked why don't you have wills? He said, it might be because we are going to die. The average in Canada is only 50-60% of adults have wills. This is an opportunity for all of us to do some teaching,. If we are to love one another, surely we have the responsibility to help one another be responsible stewards, in looking after our children, disabled people in our family, elderly parents. It's an opportunity for the Anglican Church in our parishes to put forward the question posed in Luke. Aging parents will be passing on to the next generation \$1 trillion in the next decade or so. If churches ask, people will respond. Don' be too shy about giving people the option and opportunity to give from their gifts and assets – it's a wonderful way of making a difference in carrying forward their values and priorities. They can give gifts right away, of listed securities, etc, you don't have to die to be generous. We can solve the capital gains issue too. If you give shares to the church, the tax is 25 per cent, not 50 per cent, and the donation receipt cancels out that tax. Plus you make a very significant difference.

The most import tool is the bequest – most gifts come that way. All you have to do is invite people to consider the possibility of endowing a program or position or ministry or project, or church planting – it's an endless list.

Of the 60 % of Canadians who do not have a will– a survey showed that if they did have a will, 37% said they'd remember their church. So we have a tremendous opportunity. We have Gift Planning consultants in 12 dioceses, including David Connell in Edmonton. We can enter into a partnership agreement with you to give leadership to this priority. I can be a resource person to you. Results over last 11.5 yrs have been \$15 million in gift annuities alone, \$13 million of that given direct for parishes like yours. There are more I don't know about. Annuities cover 5% of planned gifts, and we estimate \$100 million has been raised in bequests in the same time. Most of the money is given direct to specific parishes to ensure their vital ministry continues uninterrupted and can expand. We just have to ask.

Not all donors are wealthy, but everyone has an estate, and everyone has to answer our Lord's question about what it means to be a generous steward. Have a gift planning policy ready for your parish, so that when the widow sends you a bequest, you will know what to do with it. I was discussing the Prayer Works Hall project with a friend called Mary Constance Fraser of Kingston – one of the most generous people I know. She has given a cheque for the Hall, and I present it coupled with one from my own family, to back up the words I have just said.

History Quiz

Beth-Anne Exham, Chair of the History Committee for Diocese, provided answers to a History Quiz at various points during the proceedings. The questions, and her answers, are included here:

1. What was the name of Canon Newton's rectory which eventually became a city park? Hermitage.
2. The earliest lilacs imported and planted in Edmonton were brought in by which early clergyman? Canon Newton.
3. Which Bishop has an auxiliary hospital named after him? Henry Allen Gray.
4. Which pre-WWI church was moved to Fort Edmonton Park as a museum piece? St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton.
5. What was the name of the Anglican boys' home started in 1964 by John Ramsay Stuart? Oakhill Boys' Ranch.
6. What was the name of the girls' residence in downtown Edmonton donated by an anonymous benefactress from England? St. Catherine's Residence for Girls.
7. Which mountain community church commemorates in service the life of which famous military nurse charged with spying during WW1? St. Mary & St. George, Jasper; Edith Cavell.
8. Which church has an altar frontal made from material from a coronation? St. Aidan & St Hilda, Rexboro.
9. Which parish has the longest continually used church building in the Diocese? Emmanuel, Gibbons.
10. Which Archbishops established the Archbishop's Western Canadian Fund that set up the Edmonton Mission in 1907? The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.
11. What was the name of the chapel at Camp Kapasiwin? St. Monica.

12. Which Anglican parish held services in Bishop Savaryn Roman Catholic School before they bought the Roman Catholic Church? Good Shepherd.
13. How many Edmonton bishops became Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada? Name them. Two – W.B. Barfoot and H.H. Clarke
14. Which parish held services in a place named after the national capital of Canada? Christ Church, Ottawa (St. Saviour, Vermilion)
15. Which five points make up St. Edmund's Parish? Sedgewick, Hardisty, Hughenden, Lougheed, and Killam.
16. Name some parishes shared with other Dioceses: St. Mary, Ponoka with Calgary, and Frog Lake, with Saskatchewan.
17. The first stained glass window in Edmonton was made for the SSJD Priory chapel. Where is it now? Christ Church, Edmonton.
18. Where do Camp Come Alive hold their summer camps? Camp Van Es.
19. Which was the last parish established in the Diocese of Edmonton? Holy Trinity, Riverbend.
20. In what year will the Diocese of Edmonton celebrate 100 years? 2013.
21. Name the Bishops of Edmonton: Henry Allen Gray, Arthur Edward Burgett, Walter Foster Barfoot, Howard Hewlett Clarke, William Gerald Burch, John Arthur William Langstone, E. Kent Clark, Kenneth Lyle Genge and Victoria Matthews.
22. What part of Bishop Allen Gray's crest is in a corner of a cathedral window? A greyhound.
23. How did St. Matthias join the apostles? By prayer and casting lots.
24. Name any native or First Nations clergy ordained in the Diocese: Maddie Urion, Travis Enright.
25. What parish church reopened in 2004 after being closed for 17 years? St Matthew's, Viking.

APPENDIX 2

**Proceedings of the 60th (Electoral) Synod,
March 8th, 2008**

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**Minutes of the 60th (Electoral) Synod
Diocese of Edmonton**

**All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
March 8, 2008**

Registration for delegates took place in Cathedral Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

CHAIR:

The Chair for the Electoral Synod was Archbishop John Clarke, Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair of the Electoral Synod, Archbishop John Clarke, Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land, called Synod to order at 9:30 a.m. Delegates were welcomed and Synod opened with prayer. The Archbishop noted that there will be no winners or losers – we are calling someone who will serve us in the Church of God, and they will continue to lead as God is calling them to do.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY:

Archbishop Clarke appointed Barbara Burrows as Secretary of Synod.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDERS:

As nominated by the Administrator, The Very Rev. Jane Alexander, the Chair appointed The Rev. Matthew Oliver as Clerical Recorder of Synod and Ms. Nona Wilson as Lay Recorder of Synod.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

The members of the Credentials Committee are the Rev. Joanne Chambers and Mrs. Sarah Kemp.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS:

As nominated by the Administrator, the Chair appointed the following Scrutineers:

For Clerical voting:

- Archdeacon Michael Sung
- Rev. Ted Eden
- Mr. Jeremy Webster

For Lay voting:

- Dr. Tom Snyder
- Mr. Andrew Hopkyns
- Rev. Lee Bezanson

THE LISTS OF THE MEMBERS OF SYNOD:

The lists of the members of Synod were presented to the Clerical and Lay Recorders by the Chair of the Credentials Committee.

The Clerical Recorder reported that there were 91 members of the clergy who were present and entitled to vote, which is at least 60% of those entitled to vote. He further announced that the Roll would be called as the First Ballot takes place.

The Lay Recorder reported that there were 158 lay members present and entitled to vote, which is at least 60% of those entitled to vote. She further announced that the Roll would be called as the First Ballot takes place.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ROLLS:

The Chair called for a motion to accept the Rolls.

MOTION:

Moved by Rev. Joanne Chambers and Seconded by Mrs. Sarah Kemp:

“That the list of members, as presented to the Recorders, be accepted.”

CARRIED.

QUORUM:

There being present at least 60% of the members of each house, the Chair announced that there is a quorum for this Synod.

OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS:

The Archbishop gave members the opportunity to ask questions as to procedure, etc. There were no questions.

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Mr. David Jones, Chancellor, and Chair of the Search Committee presented the report of the Search Committee. He advised Synod that the members of the Search Committee were the following:

Clerical members elected by Executive Council:

- Rev. Michael Rolph
- Rev. Canon Daniel Van Alstine
- Rev. Wendy Ainsworth (resigned upon becoming a candidate)
- Alternates: Rev. Thomas Brauer and Rev. Michael Williamson

Lay members elected by Executive Council:

- David Jones, Q.C. (Chancellor)
- Sally Harrison
- Ian Thomas
- Alternates: Bruce Clark and Cynthia Boodram

One Bishop, one clerical member and one lay member appointed by the Metropolitan:

- Rt. Rev Derek Hoskin, Bishop of Calgary
- Ven. Kenneth Wells (Diocese of Calgary)
- Lorea Eufemia (Diocese of Saskatoon)

David Connell, Executive Officer, served as Secretary to the Search Committee.

In his report, the Chancellor also gave background information as to the function of the Search Committee and a brief description of its meetings. (The full Report of the Search Committee is appended to the Diocesan copy of the minutes of the Electoral Synod.)

MOTION:

Moved by David Jones and Seconded by Rev. Michael Rolph:

“That Synod receive this report.”

CARRIED.

MOTION:

Moved by David Jones and Seconded by Rev. Michael Rolph:

“That on behalf of the Search Committee, the following candidates be nominated:

- **Rev. Wendy Ainsworth**
- **Very Rev. Jane Alexander**
- **Rt. Rev. David Ashdown**
- **Rev. Canon Darcey Lazerte**
- **Ven. Edward King**
- **Rev. Mervyn Mercer**
- **Very Rev. Peter Wall**

David Jones also reported that one more nomination had been received by the later deadline of 72 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting of the Electoral Synod as provided for in the Provincial Canon IX, and that person was Rev. Will Drake, nominated by Mr. Julian Martin, and seconded by Ms. Kasia Zoldziowski.

The Archbishop made it clear that Rev. Will Drake has in fact been nominated.

CARRIED.

SYNOD RECESSED:

The Synod recessed for the Eucharist at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

SYNOD RECONVENED:

The Archbishop acknowledged the staff of the Synod Office, the Secretary of Synod and the Diocesan Administrator in all the work they did in preparing for this Synod.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – 2ND REPORT:

The Credentials Committee reported no more members in the Order of Clergy and two more members in the Order of Laity now present and entitled to vote. (Total of 91 clergy and 160 lay members.)

MOTION:

Moved by Rev. Joanne Chambers and Seconded by Mrs. Sarah Kemp:

“That the Revised List of Members present and entitled to vote be accepted.”
CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Secretary of Synod, made announcements regarding the process of balloting and members proceeding to lunch.

BALLOTING:

The Archbishop led the Synod in a prayer for guidance, and then advised Members to print the name of their selected candidate on the appropriately coloured ballot. He advised that the names of each member of the clergy and each member of the laity will be called by the respective Recorders for the first ballot. For further balloting, members of Synod were asked to place their ballot in the ballot box and be sure the Recorders check their name off. When the outcome of a ballot is ready to be announced, the organist will summon everyone back with a hymn.

THE FIRST BALLOT:

The first ballot was called for at 11:35 a.m., and was closed at 11:55 a.m. The Scrutineers retired to count the ballots while the Synod recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Synod reconvened with a hymn and a prayer. The Archbishop reported 89 votes cast by the Clergy (no spoiled ballots), with 45 votes being required for a majority of the clerical votes. He also reported 160 votes cast by the Laity (no spoiled ballots) with 81 votes being required for a majority of the lay votes.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST BALLOT:

	Clerical	Lay	Aggregate
AINSWORTH, Rev. Wendy	5	7	12
ALEXANDER, Very Rev. Jane	29	51	80
ASHDOWN, Rt. Rev. David	11	20	31
DRAKE, Rev. Will	12	8	20
KING, Ven. Edward	1	11	12
LAZERTE, Rev. Canon Darcey	3	20	23
MERCER, Rev. Dr. Mervyn	17	22	39
WALL, Very Rev. Peter	11	21	32

Archbishop Clarke declared that there **had not** been an election and the names to be deleted from the next ballot are:

- Rev. Wendy Ainsworth

- Ven. Edward King

THE SECOND BALLOT:

After a prayer, balloting began for the Second Ballot at 1:10 p.m. and concluded at 1:20 p.m. The Synod recessed while the Scrutineers counted the ballots.

At 2:10 p.m. the Synod reconvened with a hymn and a prayer. The Archbishop reported 89 votes cast by the Clergy (one spoiled ballot), with 45 votes being required for a majority of the clerical votes. He also reported 160 votes cast by the Laity (no spoiled ballots) with 81 votes being required for a majority of the lay votes.

RESULTS OF THE SECOND BALLOT:

	Clerical	Lay	Aggregate
ALEXANDER, Very Rev. Jane	39	73	112
ASHDOWN, Rt. Rev. David	12	18	30
DRAKE, Rev. Will	4	6	10
LAZERTE, Rev. Canon Darcey	2	17	19
MERCER, Rev. Dr. Mervyn	22	28	50
WALL, Very Rev. Peter	9	18	27

Archbishop Clarke declared that there **had not** been an election, and that the name of Rev. William Drake would be removed from the ballot.

THIRD BALLOT:

After a prayer, balloting began for the Third Ballot at 2:15 p.m. and concluded at 2:20 p.m. The Synod recessed while the Scrutineers counted the ballots.

At 3:00 p.m. the Synod reconvened with a hymn. As the Members remained standing, the Archbishop announced that there **had** been an election, and that the Very Rev. Jane Alexander was our new bishop-elect. After a standing ovation, The Archbishop asked Jane if she consented to the election, to which she replied that she would, with God's help. The Archbishop reported 89 votes cast by the Clergy (no spoiled ballots), with 45 votes being required for a majority of the clerical votes. He also reported 159 votes cast by the Laity (no spoiled ballots) with 80 votes being required for a majority of the lay votes.

RESULTS OF THE THIRD BALLOT:

	Clerical	Lay	Aggregate
ALEXANDER, Very Rev. Jane	52	89	141
ASHDOWN, Rt. Rev. David	10	14	24
LAZERTE, Rev. Canon Darcey	2	9	11

MERCER, Rev. Dr. Mervyn	21	35	56
WALL, Very Rev. Peter	4	12	16

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONSECRATION DATE:

Archbishop Clarke announced that he has advised the Provincial House of Bishops of the results of this Electoral Synod, verbally, and he will advise them in writing.

Archbishop Clarke announced that the consecration of the Tenth Bishop of Edmonton will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at All Saints' Cathedral. All Bishops of the Province of Rupert's Land will be present.

VOTE OF THANKS:

The Ven. Kathy Bowman moved a vote of thanks to all who have made this electoral synod happen, including the members of the Search Committee, the Synod Office staff, the people and clergy of All Saints' Cathedral for their hospitality, volunteers, Archbishop Clarke for presiding at this Synod, all candidates who were nominated, all volunteers, scrutineers, the Secretary of Synod and the Chancellor.

Members of Synod concurred with applause.

BALLOTS TO BE DESTROYED:

MOTION:

Moved by Ven. Michael Sung and Seconded by Dr. Tom Snyder:

“That the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED.

The Archbishop closed this Electoral Synod with a blessing. Synod was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

APPENDIX 3

Changes in Clergy Status since the 59th Synod

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**CHANGES IN CLERGY STATUS
SINCE THE 59TH SYNOD
October 21 – 22, 2005**

LICENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

October 21	2005	The Reverend Anne Wightman appointed a Canon in the Stall of St. George at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
October 31	2005	The Reverend Michael Wimmer retires from St. David's, Edmonton.
November 1	2005	The Reverend Matt Oliver appointed Assistant Curate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton (seven month term).
November 16	2005	The Reverend Colin Belton ordained to the Priesthood at St. Timothy's, Edmonton.
November 20	2005	The Reverend Nancy Rutter appointed Vocational Deacon at St. George's, Devon.
December 1	2005	The Reverend Peter Yeung appointed Rector of All Saints', Drayton Valley and St. Paul's, Evansburg.
December 1	2005	The Reverend Keith Marsh appointed Rector of the parishes of St. Saviour's, Vermilion and Christ Church, Mannville.
December 1	2005	The Reverend Donald Gray appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton.
December 1	2005	Major the Reverend Lee Bezanson appointed Rector of Good Shepherd, Edmonton.
December 12	2005	The Reverend Frank Wilson appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Andrew's, Camrose.
January 1	2006	The Reverend Jim Derksen appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Faith's, Edmonton.
January 1	2006	The Reverend Elizabeth Wolfert appointed Deacon-in-Charge (one-quarter time) of St. Andrew's, Morinville.
January 1	2006	The Reverend Karen Hunt appointed Associate Priest (one-quarter time) at St. Paul's, Leduc.
January 10	2006	The Reverend Dr. Chris Pappas appointed Regional Dean of Yellowhead Region.
January 15	2006	The Reverend Dr. Adela Torchia, appointed Interim at St. Mary & St. George, Jasper.
January 20	2006	The Reverend Charles Mortimer appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's, Sangudo.

January 26	2006	The Reverend Diane Reid appointed Lay Reader Co-ordinator for the Diocese of Edmonton.
February 1	2006	The Reverend Dan Van Alstine appointed Regional Dean of Battle River Region.
February 1	2006	The Venerable Kathy Bowman appointed Anglican Chaplain to the Grey Nuns Hospital.
February 12	2006	René Faille ordained to the diaconate at St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead.
March 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Joyce Mellor appointed Interim (half-time) at St. Thomas's, Wainwright and St. Mary's, Edgerton.
March 1	2006	The Reverend Will Drake appointed Rector of St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton.
March 26	2006	The Reverend Elizabeth Wolfert and the Reverend Dr. Adela Torchia ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
May 1	2006	The Reverend Madeleine Urion appointed Priest Associate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
June 1	2006	The Reverend Matthew Oliver and the Reverend Madeleine Urion appointed as interim team at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
August 1	2006	The Reverend Dana Dean appointed Rector of St. Thomas, Wainwright (2/3 time) and St. Mary's, Edgerton (1/3 time).
August 1	2006	The Reverend Rick Chapman appointed Pastor of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry.
August 1	2006	The Reverend Elizabeth Wolfert appointed (half-time) "minister to young Anglicans and their families" at St. Matthew's, St. Albert.
August 3	2006	Colleen Sanderson ordained to the diaconate at St. Patrick's, Edmonton.
August 6	2006	The Reverend David Prowse appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper.
August 15	2006	The Very Reverend Michael Rolph appointed Rector of Christ Church, Edmonton.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Emma Vickery appointed Rector of St. George's, Edmonton.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Joyce Mellor appointed interim priest-in-charge (one-quarter time) at St. Mary's, Vegreville.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Lisa Wang appointed Interim Priest at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

September 1	2006	The Reverend Quinn Strikwerda appointed Assistant Curate (one-half time) at St. Timothy's, Edmonton.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Coleen Lynch appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Stephen's, Edmonton.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Matthew Oliver appointed Honorary Assistant at St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Christopher Pappas appointed Archdeacon of Yellowhead Region.
September 1	2006	The Reverend Michael Sung appointed Archdeacon of Edmonton West Region.
October 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Jane Alexander appointed Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton.
October 1	2006	Major the Reverend Lee Bezanson appointed Regional Dean of Edmonton West.
October 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Adela Torchia appointed Rector of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper.
October 1	2006	The Reverend Mary Gavin appointed Interim (one-half time) at St. Timothy's, Edmonton.
October 1	2006	The Reverend Dr. Elisabeth Thompson appointed Interim (one-quarter time) Priest-in-Charge of St. Augustine, Parkland, Spruce Grove.
October 1	2006	The Reverend Greg Lynn appointed Interim team member (70% time) of St. Augustine, Parkland, Spruce Grove.
November 1	2006	The Reverend Maureen Crerar appointed Canon Pastor with responsibility for the recently ordained (first three years of ordination).
November 1	2006	Major the Reverend Jacques Vaillancourt and Lieutenant the Reverend John Jagoe appointed Honorary Assistants at St. Thomas, Wainwright.
November 1	2006	The Reverend Stephanie London-Crane appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton.
November 1	2006	The Reverend Daniel Van Alstine appointed Canon Pastor with responsibility for retired clergy and clergy widows/widowers.
November 5	2006	The Reverend Penny Bruce resigns as Rector of St. Mary's, Ponoka and will become Honorary Assistant of St. Faith's, Edmonton.
November 15	2006	The Reverend Ralph Warnock resigns as Rector of St. Mary's, Edmonton to relocate to Jamaica.

December 15	2006	The Reverend Ted Eden appointed Regional Dean for Whitemud Region.
December 15	2006	The Reverend Kevin Kraglund appointed priest advisor for Together Encountering Christ.
January 1	2007	The Reverend Linda Whittle appointed Anglican Chaplain at the University of Alberta Hospital.
January 1	2007	The Reverend Joseph Walker appointed Rector of St. Timothy's, Edmonton.
January 1	2007	The Reverend Thomas Brauer appointed Rector of St. Mary's, Edmonton.
January 5	2007	The Reverend Cameron Burns, the Reverend Colleen Sanderson, the Reverend Thomas Brauer, the Reverend Sean Devlin, the Reverend Travis Enright and the Reverend Quinn Strikwerda ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
January 15	2007	The Reverend Brian Melbourne appointed Interim of St. Mary's, Ponoka.
February 15	2007	The Reverend Neil Gordon appointed Rector of St. Thomas, Sherwood Park.
February 15	2007	The Reverend Douglas McClure appointed Rector of St. Augustine's-Parkland, Spruce Grove.
February 15	2007	The Reverend Dr. Lisa Wang appointed Educational Chaplain at the University of Alberta.
February 15	2007	The Reverend Greg Lynn appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, part-time, of St. Matthias, Edmonton.
February 15	2007	The Reverend Donald Gray appointed assistant Interim at St. Matthias, Edmonton.
March 1	2007	The Reverend Karen Hunt appointed Interim of the parishes of All Saints', Drayton Valley and St. Paul's, Evansburg.
March 1	2007	Captain Kathy Hutchison, CA, appointed parish evangelist at St. Peter's, Edmonton.
April 16	2007	The Reverend Mary Gavin appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Margaret's, Edmonton during the sabbatical of the Reverend Tim Chesterton.
May 15	2007	The Reverend Colleen Sanderson appointed Priest Assistant at All Saints' Cathedral until June 30 th , 2007.
June 1	2007	The Reverend Rene Faille appointed Deacon-in-Charge of St. Patrick's, Whitecourt.

June 30	2007	The Reverend Joanne Chambers resigned as Rector of St. Columba, Beaumont.
July 1	2007	The Reverend Colleen Sanderson appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Margaret's, Edmonton during the sabbatical of the Reverend Tim Chesterton.
July 15	2007	The Reverend Cameron Burns appointed Rector of St. David's, Edmonton.
August 1	2007	The Reverend Travis Enright appointed Assistant Curate of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
August 1	2007	The Reverend Colleen Sanderson appointed Assistant Curate of Christ Church, Edmonton.
August 1	2007	The Reverend Kevin Kraglund appointed Incumbent of St. Matthias, Edmonton.
August 1	2007	The Reverend Greg Lynn appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of Emmanuel, Gibbons; Holy Trinity, Bon Accord and St. Mary's, Redwater.
September 1	2007	The Reverend Canon Maureen Crerar appointed Priest of the Riverbend Church Plant.
September 1	2007	The Reverend Canon Dr. Susan Storey appointed Incumbent of St. Columba, Beaumont.
September 1	2007	The Reverend Ralph Warnock appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of the parishes of All Saints, Drayton Valley and St. Paul's, Evansburg.
September 1	2007	The Reverend Quinn Strikwerda appointed co-ordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy for the Diocese.
September 1	2007	The Reverend Colleen Sanderson appointed Anglican Chaplain for the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the Reverend Thomas Brauer appointed emergency on-call chaplain for the same institution.
September 8	2007	Lori Calkins, Alexandra Meek Sharman and Joanne Webster ordained to the diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
September 15	2007	The Reverend Linda Whittle appointed Incumbent of St. Francis of Assisi, Hinton.
September 15	2007	The Reverend Lori Calkins appointed Assistant Curate at St. Thomas, Sherwood Park.
September 15	2007	The Venerable Kathy Bowman appointed Chief Examining Chaplain for the Diocese of Edmonton.
October 1	2007	The Reverend Sean Devlin appointed as Rector of All Saints, Drayton Valley and St. Paul's, Evansburg.

October 1	2007	The Reverend Canon Maureen Crerar appointed half-time Riverbend Church Plant, Edmonton and half-time Associate Priest at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
October 1	2007	The Reverend Travis Enright appointed half-time Assistant Curate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton and half-time Riverbend Church Plant, Edmonton.
October 14	2007	The Reverend Joanne Chambers appointed 1/5 time Associate Priest at St. Paul's, Leduc.
October 15	2007	The Reverend Joanne Chambers appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's, Leduc during the period of the Reverend Sheila Hagan-Bloxham's short term disability.
October 17	2007	The Reverend Cameron Burns appointed Co-ordinator of Lay Readers for the Diocese of Edmonton.
October 18	2007	The Reverend René Faille ordained to the priesthood at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
November 1	2007	Commander the Reverend Canon John Wilcox appointed Honorary Assistant at Christ Church, Edmonton.
November 24	2007	Joanne Neal, Donna Willer, Tom Dean and Chelsy Stevens ordained to the diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral.
November 26	2007	Jonathan Crane ordained to the diaconate at St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton.
December 4	2007	The Reverend Travis Enright appointed Assistant Curate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
December 15	2007	The Reverend William Patterson appointed Rector of St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake, St. James the Apostle, Bonnyville and St. John the Baptist, St. Paul.
December 15	2007	The Reverend Quinn Strikwerda appointed Rector of St. Augustine's-Parkland, Spruce Grove.
January 15	2008	The Reverend Penny Bruce appointed Honorary Assistant at St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton.
February 1	2008	The Reverend Coleen Lynch appointed Rector of St. George's, Devon.
February 1	2008	The Reverend Dr. Joyce Mellor appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Philip's, Westlock.
February 1	2008	The Reverend Donna Willer appointed Interim Deacon-in-Charge of St. Mary's, Vegreville.
February 6	2008	The Reverend Madeleine Urion appointed Honorary Assistant of St. Augustine's-Parkland, Spruce Grove.

February 19	2008	The Reverend Canon Maureen Crerar appointed Canon Pastor to the newly ordained and Honorary Assistant at All Saints' Cathedral.
March 1	2008	The Reverend Peter Heritage appointed Honorary Assistant at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
May 1	2008	The Reverend Joanne Webster appointed Assistant Curate (half-time) at St. Paul's, Leduc.
May 1	2008	The Reverend Wayne Masliuk appointed Interim Deacon-in-Charge of St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda, Rexboro.
May 15	2008	The Rt. Reverend Ken Genge appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of All Saints' Cathedral.
June 15	2008	The Reverend Michael Rolph appointed Archdeacon of McLeod River.
June 15	2008	The Reverend David Lehmann appointed Regional Dean of Cold Lake.
June 15	2008	The Reverend Michael Williamson appointed Regional Dean of Edmonton West.
June 15	2008	The Reverend Joseph Walker appointed Regional Dean of Yellowhead.
September 1	2008	The Reverend Lee Bezanson appointed Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton.
September 1	2008	The Reverend Donna Willer appointed Deacon-in-Charge of St. Philip's, Westlock, St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead and St. Peter's, Lac La Nonne.
January 1	2009	The Reverend Thomas Dean appointed Incumbent of St. John's, Onoway.
Jun. 15	2008	The Reverend Michael Williamson appointed Regional Dean of Edmonton West.
Jun. 15	2008	The Reverend Joseph Walker appointed Regional Dean of Yellowhead.
Aug. 20	2008	The Reverend Madeleine Urion appointed Interim Educational Chaplain at the University of Alberta.
Sept. 1	2008	The Reverend Lee Bezanson appointed Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton.
Sept. 1	2008	The Reverend Donna Willer appointed Deacon-in-Charge of St. Philip's, Westlock, St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead and St. Peter's, Lac La Nonne.
Sept. 1	2008	The Reverend Canon Maureen Crerar appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of Good Shepherd, Edmonton.

Sept. 1	2008	The Reverend Joyce Mellor appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Catherine's, Edson.
Sept. 1	2008	The Reverend Penny Bruce appointed Priest Assistant (half-time) at St Matthias, Edmonton.
Sept. 21	2008	The Reverend Ralph Warnock appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. John's, Onoway.
Jan. 1	2009	The Reverend Thomas Dean appointed Incumbent of St. John's, Onoway.

APPENDIX 4

Report From General Synod

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ACTS OF THE 2007 GENERAL SYNOD

1. Declared the 38th session of General Synod to be constituted.
2. Accepted the Orders of the Day for June 20, 2007.
3. Extended the Courtesies of the General Synod to numerous Partners and Visitors and to the Directors of General Synod at the National Office.
4. Adopted the minutes of the 37th session of General Synod.
5. Adopted Draft Agenda #9.
6. Received the reports printed in the Convening Circular.
7. Received the Notices of Motion, as printed in the Convening Circular, and the Memorials as amended.
8. Agreed that the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.
9. ded Rule 16 of the Rules of Order and Procedure by deleting paragraph e), re-lettering paragraphs f) to j) to be paragraphs k) to o) and adding new paragraphs e) to j).
10. Approved amendments to Canon VIII – General Synod Pension and Benefit Plan – by deleting and adding portions to sections 1.b)ix), 2.d), 4.b) and 6.g).
11. Approved an amendment to Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan – by revising section 1.a).
12. Approved amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII – General Synod Pension and Benefit Plans – by deleting and adding portions to most sections and adding a new section 20 resulting from the merger of the Clergy Pension Plan of the Diocese of Montreal into the General Synod Plan.
13. Approved amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX – Lay Retirement Plan – by deleting Section 6 – Disability Benefit – and sub-section 9.3 – Disability Benefit – in their entirety and adding the word “Reserved” in both sections.
14. Approved amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan – by deleting and adding portions to Regulations 2, 3, 7 and 8.
15. Adopted on *second reading* an amendment to Canon XVII – The Licensing of Clergy.
16. Approved the merger of the Eco-Justice and Partners in Mission Committees and created a new Standing Committee to be named the Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.
17. Adopted amendments to section 39 of the Constitution of the General Synod pertaining to the above merger.
18. Approved the membership for the new Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.

19. Approved an amendment to section 39 f) of the Constitution of the General Synod regarding the composition of the Communications and Information Resources Committee.
20. Approved an amendment to section 39 g) of the Constitution of the General Synod allowing representation on Standing Committees from churches with whom the Anglican Church of Canada is in full communion.
21. Approved the mandate for the new Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.
22. Approved the Auditor's Report and the audited Financial Statements of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.
23. Approved appointment of Ernst & Young as Auditors for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation, for the fiscal year of 2007.
24. Agreed that the Council of the North Support Grants would be no less than the current level for the next five years (2007-2011 inclusive).
25. Gave permission and encouraged the Council of the North to launch collective fund-raising activities to supplement the income received from the Council of the North Support Grants, in full collaboration with the activities of the Office of Financial Development.
26. Endorsed the report of the Windsor Report Response Group, as adopted by the Council of General Synod in March 2007, and agreed that the report and the list of the Anglican Church of Canada's commitments be forwarded to the Anglican Communion Office and the Provinces of the Anglican Communion.
27. Undertook to provide the necessary resources in stewardship and congregational development to assist all Council of the North dioceses to move as close as possible to self-sufficiency.
28. Elected the Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews as Prolocutor of General Synod.
29. Elected Bishop Fred Hiltz as the 13th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.
30. Adopted on *first reading* an amendment to section 6 of the Declaration of Principles.
31. Adopted on *first reading* an amendment to section 3 b) of the Declaration of Principles.
32. Adopted on *first reading* an amendment to section 6 of the Declaration of Principles by adding the following new clause:
 - s) the appointment, election, confirmation, consecration and resignation of a Bishop Ordinary having jurisdiction over the chaplains of the Anglican Church of Canada on duty with the Canadian Forces.

33. Accepted the conclusion of the Primate's Theological Commission's *St. Michael Report* that the blessing of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine, but is not core doctrine in the sense of being creedal, and should not be a communion-breaking issue.
34. Elected Chancellor (Canon) Robert Falby as Deputy Prolocutor of General Synod.
35. Defeated a motion to revise the agenda.
36. Agreed to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the *Blessing of Same Sex Unions*.
37. Agreed to rise from the Committee of the Whole.
38. Agreed to suspend Rule of Order 23(a) relative to Resolution A185.
39. Defeated a motion regarding Voting Requirements for Resolutions A186 and A187, relative to revised Resolution A185.
40. Defeated a motion to suspend Rule of Order 18 e) including a request that the votes on Resolution A186 be done by secret ballot.
41. Elected the members of the Council of General Synod – 2007-2010
42. Resolved that the blessing of same-sex unions is not in conflict with the core doctrine (in the sense of being creedal) of The Anglican Church of Canada.
43. Defeated a motion to:
 - Affirm the authority and jurisdiction of any diocesan synod,
 - a) with the concurrence of the diocesan Bishop; and
 - b) in a manner which respects the conscience of the incumbent and the will of the parish,
 to authorize the blessing of committed same sex unions.
44. Requested the Council of General Synod to consider a revision of Canon XXI (On Marriage) including theological rationale to allow marriage of all legally qualified persons and to report back to General Synod 2010.
45. Welcomed the Statement of the House of Bishops of October, 2006, urging the church to show pastoral understanding and sensitivity to all same-sex couples, including those civilly married, and committing the House to develop pastoral strategies to give effect to the acceptance of gays and lesbians.
46. Ratified sections a-d of the proposed constitutional changes for the Anglican Consultative Council, as proposed in ACC-13 Resolution 4; and agreed *not* to ratify ACC-13 Resolution 4, section e) of the proposed constitutional changes for the Anglican Consultative Council.
47. Referred to the Council of General Synod for further work, including consultation with the provinces and dioceses of our church, a request that *first reading* be given to amending the Declaration of Principles.

48. Referred to the Council of General Synod for further work and consultation a request that *first reading* be given to a resolution amending section 11 of the Declaration of Principles.
49. Accepted the *second* report of the Nominating Committee relative to Standing Committees.
50. Requested the Primate, after consultation with the House of Bishops, to initiate discussion with the provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada regarding:
 - 1) the possible reform of the provincial organization of the Anglican Church of Canada.
 - 2) the possible reform of the diocesan organization of the Anglican Church of Canada.
51. Directed the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to prepare principles and an agenda for revision of our contemporary language worship texts and the creation of fresh liturgical expressions.
52.
 1. Requested the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister, reminding him of a previous call from the Anglican Church of Canada on the Government of Canada to deliver and implement a plan to reach the UN target of 0.7% of Gross National Income for Official Development Assistance by 2015, and urgently requesting that budgetary measures be taken toward achieving this target.
 2. Requested PWRDF and the General Synod through its Partnerships program to:
 - Reconsider how the Millennium Development Goals, in light of the attention given them by the wider Anglican Communion at the recent TEAM 2007 Conference, can be used effectively to inform and advance the global development and advocacy work of PWRDF and General Synod throughout the 2007-2010 triennium.
 - Participate as appropriate in the Make Poverty History campaign and the Micah Challenge, national and global movements advocating for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
 - Explore the possibilities of working in partnership with The Episcopal Church, and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to promote the Millennium Development Goals.
 3. Requested the Partners in Mission Committee and the Ecojustice Committee (or their successor) and the PWRDF, in consultation with the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to:
 - Identify theological themes underlying the eight (8) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the church's response to them.
 - Determine which of the MDGs should be given priority for advocacy and action within Canada.

52. cont. • Develop, identify and promote educational resources to raise awareness in Anglican dioceses and parishes about the Millennium Development Goals, and about poverty and development issues in Canada using the framework of the MDGs and other Millennium campaign strategies, especially Make Poverty History and The Micah Challenge.
53. Approved amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Pre-2005 Document, as approved by the Council of General Synod.
54. Adopted on *second reading* amendments to the Declaration of Principles as follows:
1. by amending section 3 c).
 2. by amending subsection 3 f) vi).
55. Adopted an amendment to the Constitution of the General Synod as follows:
1. by amending section 8 c).
 2. by amending subsection 8 f) vi).
56. 1. Committed the Anglican Church of Canada, through its Ecojustice Committee (or its successor), to support the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons in its efforts to raise political will for the achievement of a Nuclear Weapons Convention.
2. Requested the Chair of the Ecojustice Committee (or its successor) to direct a letter to ICAN expressing our support for the demands of ICAN.
57. Adopted the “Guidelines for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations” formulated by the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations and proposed for all churches of the Anglican Communion, as the standard to be generally followed by this Church in all situations in which Anglican bishops and priests are invited to participate in ordinations outside the Anglican Communion, or in which clergy of other churches are invited to participate in Anglican ordinations; and requested all Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada to follow these Guidelines as the standard for Ecumenical Participation in Ordinations when such questions arise.
58. 1. Requested the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada to write to the Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, including the dioceses of Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, of Cyprus and the Gulf, and of Egypt to express:
- Affirmation of the bonds of fellowship we share as Anglicans with the clergy and people of Jerusalem and the Middle East
 - Solidarity with Anglicans and other Christians in the Province of the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East in their struggle for justice and peace.
 - Commitment to active prayer and education concerning the condition of the Palestinian people and to advocacy for a peaceful and just solution to the conflict in the region.

58. cont. 2. Requested the Ecojustice Committee and Partners in Mission Committee or their successor (in cooperation with Faith Worship and Ministry Committee) to study the policy of ECUSA on the Middle East as a basis for formulating a policy for the Anglican Church of Canada in relation to the Middle East.
3. Requested the Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada to make a solidarity visit to Anglicans and other Christians in Israel and Palestine, and with others seeking peace in the region and, to the extent possible, to extend the visit to other parts of the Middle East, including Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, the Gulf and/or Egypt.
4. Requested the EcoJustice Committee or its successor, in cooperation with KAIROS, to:
- identify or develop resources for Canadian Anglicans on structural conflict and peace issues in Palestine and Israel
 - equip those travelling to the region and suggest people, organizations and connections in Canada with whom to de-brief upon return.
59. Asked the Council of General Synod to convene a taskforce to conduct a detailed study of the role, duties and functions of the Primate.
60. Defeated a motion to ban the use of tobacco products.
61. In light of the Statement of the House of Bishops to members of General Synod, dated April 30, 2007, General Synod 2007:
1. Asked the Primate to request the Primate's Theological Commission to consult with dioceses and parishes and to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on:
 - the theological question whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine;
 - Scripture's witness to the integrity of every human person and the question of the sanctity of human relationships.
 2. Asked the Primate to request the Anglican Communion Task Force to report in advance of General Synod 2010 on the implications of the blessing of same-sex unions and/or marriage for our church and the Anglican Communion.
 3. Supported and encouraged dioceses to offer the most generous pastoral provision possible within the current teaching of the church to gays and lesbians and their families.
 4. Requested Faith, Worship and Ministry to develop a process to engage the dioceses and parishes of the Anglican Church of Canada in a study of the Christian perspective of human sexuality through the lens of scripture, reason, tradition and current scientific understanding.
62. Forwarded the seventeen remaining motions on the *No Debate List* to the Council of General Synod for consideration.
63. Expressed deep appreciation to everyone who contributed to the organization, hosting, leadership, guidance, worship and program of General Synod 2007.

APPENDIX 5

Audited Financial Reports

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