

**THE 85TH (ORDINARY) SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF QUÉBEC**

November 21-24, 2019

MONASTÈRE DES AUGUSTINES, QUEBEC, QC

The Eighty-fifth (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec was summoned by the President, the Right Reverend Bruce Myers OGS, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Quebec, to meet on the twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand nineteen.

The opening Eucharist was celebrated at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 21 in the chapel at Monastère des Augustines by the Right Reverend Bruce Myers OGS. During the Eucharist, the Bishop welcomed everyone and presented his charge.

Synod was called to order by Bishop Myers at 8:50 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Secretary read aloud the names of all clerics entitled to seats and entered in the Journal the names of those clerics present.

The Secretary then announced the names of the lay delegates duly elected and, the roll having been called, entered in the Journal the names of those delegates present.

The Secretary advised the Bishop that there was quorum.

A. Chapman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the first report.

- Voting will take place Friday, November 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the diocesan delegates to Provincial and General Synods, DEC, and the Board of Triers.
- The following two people were nominated as lay Provincial Synod delegates: Dale Keats; Ruth Sheeran
- All eligible clergy are automatically on the ballot for the Board of Triers and only clergy vote in that election.
- A number of nominations for DEC have been received but further lay or clerical members are required from some deaneries/region.

- Anne Chapman has been acclaimed to serve on the Cathedral Centenary Endowment Fund.
- Dr. Sean Otto has been acclaimed as diocesan Registrar. He took his seat as Registrar.
- Dale Keats has been acclaimed as Assistant Secretary of Synod.
- Nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary of Synod or a member of the Nominating Committee prior to 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 22.

Motion: Privileges of the House #1

DS-19-01

It was moved by M. Mastine and seconded by L. Hoy that the following be given Privileges of the House: Marie-Sol Gaudreau; Matthew Townsend; Norma Einish; The Rev. Thomas Ntilivamunda; Me Jacob Stone; The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls; The Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink; The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson; Mgr Pierre Goudreault; Robert Jordan; and Alma Mandic.

CARRIED

Bishop Myers asked the Secretary to read the names of members appointed by the Bishop to the various Sessional Committees of Synod (names appear in alphabetical order).

Agenda Committee

Louisa Blair; The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton OGS

Nominating Committee

Anne Chapman (chair); The Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano; Jody Lessard; The Rev. Joshua Paetku; and Jean Thivièrge.

Resolutions Committee (appointed by the Bishop)

Canon Stephen Kohner; Me Malcolm McLeod (chair); Ruth Sheeran; The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton OGS; and Le Vén. Pierre Voyer.

Scrutineers

Jane Bishop; The Rev. Francie Keats; The Rev. Cynthia Patterson; and Jean Thivièrge.

Vote of Thanks Committee

Canon Stephen Kohner; Marilyn Mastine

S. Kohner declared that the deadline for all motions is set for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 23.

Bishop Myers called for a moment of silence to remember those members of Synod who had died since the last meeting of Synod: The Rev. Carol Vatcher; The Rev. Susan Hutchinson; The Rev. Keith Dickerson; The Rev. Canon Edward Richard Vaughan; The Rev. Ron Owen; The Rev. Canon Harold Brazel; Father Keith Perrygore; The Rev. Donald Hinton; The Ven. Tom Settle; The Ven. Robert Bryan; The Ven. Allen Cooke; The Rev. Theodore Reinhardt; Father Richard Blythe; Mr. Keith Boeckner; Mr. William Rowe; and Mr. Rodney Duffy.

Motion: Approval of the Agenda

DS-19-02

It was moved by F. Keats and seconded by S. Otto that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Motion: Reading of the Minutes of the 84th Ordinary Synod

DS-19-03

It was moved by C. Schreiner and seconded by G. Gagliano that Synod dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 84th (Ordinary) Session and the Election of a Diocesan Coadjutor Bishop of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

CARRIED

Motion: Adoption of the Minutes of the 84th Ordinary Synod

DS-19-04

It was moved by D. Nixon and seconded by J. Thivièrge that Synod adopt the minutes of the 84th (Ordinary) Session and the Election of a Diocesan Coadjutor Bishop of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

CARRIED

Synod received the following Diocesan reports (see appended documents):

- Diocesan Executive Council report as submitted by S. Kohner;
- The Treasurer's report as submitted by M. Boden;
- The Communications Missioner report as submitted by M. Townsend;
- The Diocesan Registrar report as submitted by S. Otto;
- The Diocesan Archivist report as submitted by J. Robinson;
- Property Committee report as submitted by M-S Gaudreau;
- Canon for Lay Ministries report as submitted by The Rev. Canon G. Gagliano;
- Bishop's University and Champlain College Campus Ministry report as submitted by The Rev. J. Dymond;
- Deanery Reports:
 - Doyenné du St-Laurent: P. Voyer+

- St. Francis: R. Sheeran
- Quebec: A. Chapman
- North Shore: S. Kohner;
- The Diocesan Historian’s report as submitted by MEB Reisner;
- Canon Theologian’s report as submitted by The Rev. J. Metcalfe.

Synod was adjourned for the evening at 9:10 p.m.

Friday, November 22, 2019

Bishop Myers called the second session of Synod to order at 8:30 a.m. calling on Synod members to break off into groups and to reflect and respond on the reading John 17:6-19. Members proceeded to use the “Disciple’s Prayer Book” for their morning Bible study/morning prayer.

Following a short break and a reminder regarding the deadline for nominations, Bishop Myers welcomed and introduced Synod’s first guest speaker, The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. She spoke of change that is ever-present and necessary, one that is grounded firmly with the gospel. The Five Marks of Mission could prove to be helpful as the building blocks for future consultations as a new strategic plan and renewal of the national church will lead us to 2028. She spoke of the topics that emerged from General Synod in July 2019: the motion to amend the marriage canon, which failed to pass; then-Primate Fred Hiltz’s delivery of an apology for spiritual harm inflicted upon Indigenous peoples by the church; and the decision to form a self-governing Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada. The Primate also told Synod about the Council of General Synod’s theme for this triennium: “A Changing Church, A Searching World, A Faithful God.” The Primate invited members of Synod to discuss, in groups, such questions as, “What would be your hope for a strategic plan that would carry the national church and its work into approximately 2028?”

Following a short break, the close of nominations, and a hymn, the session continued with two “Good News” stories entitled “From refugee camp to summer camp” told by the Ven. Edward Simonton OGS and Ruth Sheeran and “This fragile earth, our island home: Climate change and the church” told by Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe.

Bishop Myers invited diocesan members of General Synod Ruth Sheeran, Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer, Dale Keats and the Very Rev. Dr. Edward Simonton OGS to speak about their observations and reflections on the deliberations and experiences of General Synod held in Vancouver from July 10-16, 2019.

Synod adjourned for lunch with elections for the Board of Triers, Provincial and General Synods and the DEC taking place between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Synod re-convened for its Third Session at 1:30 p.m.

Following a hymn, the Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano OGS told a “Good News” story entitled, “Equipping lay readers: roadshow edition”.

Bishop Myers led Synod in a discussion of the Marriage Canon and members were able to ask questions, offer remarks, and listen to interveners. He noted that the defeat of the motion at General Synod allowed for a local pastoral option, one in which would involve each region, deanery, and parish. He expressed his willingness to move forward on same-sex marriages only should this Synod express its desire to do so.

Bishop Myers invited members of Synod, should they desire, to form a group to present a motion.

Mike Boden, Treasurer and Marie-Sol Gaudreau, Executive Director, proceeded to present the Synod budget for 2020 and 2021. They noted that after a 12-year financial re-structuring, the results have been quite successful but has not come about without risks. They proceeded to present and explain the budget, emphasizing the benefits of investing in Church Society pooled funds since it directly benefits the diocese and Church Society through its 1.8% management fee and its annual rate of return on investments. A review of income, expenses, and deanery/mission funds was explained.

Following a break and a hymn, the third session of Synod continued with a “Good News” story entitled, “The Naskapi Bible: Preservation of a language” told by the Rev. Silas Nabinacaboo with Susan Nabinacaboo, Robert Swappie, and Norma Einish.

Synod then proceeded to deliberate on a series of proposed Canonical amendments led by Me Malcolm McLeod, Chancellor, and Canon Stephen Kohner, Secretary of Synod.

**Motion: Review of Diocesan Constitution and Canons
DS-19-05**

It was moved by J. Harvey and seconded by MEB Reisner that this Synod charge the DEC to critically examine, review and edit the Constitution and Canons of this diocese in order to propose amendments to the next Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 1: Definitions and Interpretations

DS-19-06

It was moved by D. Nixon and seconded by L. Gordon that the following be added to Canon 1: The definitions appear in alphabetical order.

CARRIED

Motion: Appendix C: The Election, Appointment, Consecration and Resignation of Bishops

DS-19-07

It was moved by J. Harvey and seconded by J. Dymond that Appendix C be re-named as Canon 33.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 3, article 3: The Election, Appointment, Consecration and Resignation of Bishops

DS-19-08

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by L. Hoy that Canon 3, article 3 be amended so as to read: The current provincial Canon referred to in article 1 shall be published as part of the Quebec Diocesan Canons as Canon 33.

CARRIED

Motion: Appendix A, article 6: Privileges of the House

DS-19-09

It was moved by C. Schreiner and seconded by M. Mastine that Appendix A, article 6 be amended so as to read: Following the election of officers, if that was necessary, the Synod shall recognize and grant Privileges of the House to others at this time or as required at any time during any sitting of Synod.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 14, article 4.B.iii.c): Archdeaonries and Deaneries

DS-19-10

It was moved by J. Bishop and seconded by L. Demers that Canon 14, article 4.B.iii.c. be amended so as to read: an elected lay person from a Parish where the person who attended Synod as the lay delegate from that Parish has resigned, died, has formally become a member of another vestry within the diocese, or has moved their permanent residence outside the boundaries of the diocese of Quebec.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 14, article 4.H: Archdeaonries and Deaneries

DS-19-11

It was moved by S. Otto and seconded by F. Keats that Canon 14, article 4.H. be amended so as to read: A person who has resigned, died, become a member of another vestry or has moved yet has not been replaced, will not count towards quorum. When that parochial member is replaced, that person counts for quorum,

if this person has not been duly replaced.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 23, article 3: Parish Records, and Statistics

DS-19-12

It was moved by J. Thivièrge and seconded by G. Gagliano that the first sentence in Canon 23, article 3 be amended so as to read: Not later than April 15th of every year and not later than September 15th of every year for summer congregations, the Corporation of each Parish shall submit to Synod, through the Diocesan Office, a report on the full operation of the Parish and the election of Parish officers.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 26, article 4: The Care and Administration of Cemeteries

DS-19-13

It was moved by L. Blair and seconded by C. Aitkens that in Canon 26, article 4, the date of March 15th be amended to read as April 15th.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 15, article 12: Vestry Meetings, Church-wardens and Corporations

DS-19-14

It was moved by M. A. Mauger and seconded by S. Nadeau that Canon 15, article 12 be amended so as to read: Such Deputy Church-wardens must be 18 years of age, members of the Church in which they are to serve and members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED

Motion: References to “Executive Archdeacon”

DS-19-15

It was moved by C. Aitkens and seconded by S. Otto that any reference to “Executive Archdeacon” be replaced with “Vicar General”.

CARRIED

Motion: Appendix A, article 5.C.: Order of Proceedings at Meetings of Synod

DS-19-16

It was moved by D. Nixon and seconded by S. Otto that Appendix A, article 5.c. be amended so as to read: The office holders so elected will be appointed to the office immediately upon election in the case of a vacancy or up to three months following the prorogation of Synod in the case of a holder elected to replace either the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary who has filled the maximum term.

CARRIED

Motion: Canon 5, article 4: Procedures for the Election of Lay Delegates to Synod

DS-19-17

It was moved by J. Harvey and seconded by J. Rasmussen that Canon 5, article 4 be amended so as to read: Electors, being all Parishioners within the Parishes in the region, of full legal age who shall have declared themselves in writing at the parish's annual vestry meeting to be members of the Anglican Church of Canada shall have the right of voting at the election.

CARRIED

Following supper and the singing of a hymn, Synod re-convened at 7 p.m. continuing with the third session of Synod.

A. Chapman and S. Kohner presented an update of the election results as follows:

Registrar: Dr. Sean Otto (acclaimed)

Assistant Secretary of Synod: Dale Keats (acclaimed)

Delegates to Provincial Synod:

- Lay: Dale Keats; Ruth Sheeran; Samuel Sinayigaye (alternate)
- Clerical: The Rev. Francie Keats; The Rev. Joshua Paetkau

Delegates to General Synod:

- Lay: Candace Aitkens; Stephen Kohner; Sean Otto (alternate)
- Clerical: The Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano; The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe; The Rev. Joshua Paetkau (alternate)
- Youth: Spencer Nadeau (acclaimed)

DEC:

- Gaspé: Candace Aitkens; Bethany Fehr Paektau; Margaret Ann Mauger (alternate)
- North Shore: Dale Keats; Jody Lessard; The Rev. Francie Keats (alternate)
- St. Francis: Ruth Sheeran; The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton; Sam Borsman (alternate)
- St-Laurent: Samuel Sinayigaye; Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer; Jean Thivièrge (alternate)
- Quebec: Anne Chapman; The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner; Louisa Blair (alternate)
- Kawawachikamach: Susan Nabinicaboo; Robert Swappie; The Rev. Silas Nabinicaboo (alternate)

Lay member of the Cathedral Centenary Fund: Anne Chapman

Board of Triers: The Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano OGS; The Rev. Francie Keats; The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe; The Rev. Cynthia Patterson; Le Vén. Pierre Voyer

Motion: Election Results

DS-19-18

It was moved by C. Schreiner and seconded by M. Garon that the election results be accepted as presented by the nominating committee.

CARRIED

Motion: Destruction of ballots

DS-19-19

It was moved by L. Hoy and seconded by D. Nixon that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Bishop Bruce welcomed and introduced The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop of Montreal as guest speaker. She invited Synod to reflect on the question: Do we really want what God wants for us, and are we willing to give up what we think we deserve to get there?

The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner led Compline. Synod adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Saturday, November 23, 2019

A service of Morning Prayer and Bible Study was held at 8:30 a.m.

Bishop Myers called Synod to order at 9:30 a.m. and opened the fourth session in prayer. The deadline for all resolutions was set at 1:30 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas Ntilvamunda told a “Good News” story entitled, “An emerging intercultural ministry”.

Bishop Myers welcomed and introduced The Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink, Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. He encouraged our diocese to make use of the on-line resources of “Dio”, in particular the on-line courses and webinars. An important question to ask oneself when one is out in the community is “Who are the people I don’t know very well and that I need to get to know, before I can seek reconciliation with them?” Reconciliation begins with knowing one another.

After a short break, the Very Rev. Christian Schreiner told a “Good News” story entitled, “Muslim neighbours becoming friends”.

Bishop Myers welcomed and introduced Mgr. Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière. He emphasized the need of the church to take into account the ongoing formation of its members-also a church that will be formed by different types of gatherings. An emphasis on pastoral leadership and youth ministry also needs to be prioritized.

Before breaking for lunch, the 1:30 p.m. deadline for all motions was announced.

Bishop Myers called Synod back to order at 1:30 p.m. and opened the fifth session with a hymn. Marilyn Mastine told a “Good News” story entitled, “Country Gospel Hour”. Canon Stephen Kohner, diocesan ambassador to the AFC, made a presentation on The Anglican Foundation of Canada followed by remarks regarding the Primate’s World Relief and Development (diocesan representative Jonathan Patton was not able to make the presentation himself). Matthew Townsend, diocesan Communications Missioner, presented an update on the various facets of communication tools that are used: print; press; digital.

Motion: Cemeteries

DS-19-20

It was moved by L. Berchervaise and seconded by M. A. Mauger that the diocesan Registrar request that those presiding at burials record the specific location of each burial when possible.

CARRIED

Motion: Pastoral Care

DS-19-21

It was moved by C. Patterson and seconded by C. Aitkens that this Synod extend its gratitude to the Quebec City Pastoral Team for all of its prompt, faithful, and loving responses to the care of people from the regions.

CARRIED

Motion: Synod Journal Proofreaders

DS-19-22

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by L. Blair that Synod appoints Dale Keats and Jane Bishop as proofreaders of the 2019 Synod Journal.

CARRIED

Motion: Same-Sex Marriage

DS-19-23

It was moved by C. Schreiner and seconded by MEB Reisner that the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec, meeting in Quebec City from November 21 to November 24, 2019, request that the Bishop of Quebec authorize the solemnization of the marriage of same-sex couples in the Diocese of Quebec.

Motion: Same-Sex Marriage

DS-19-24

It was moved by S. Otto and seconded by A. Chapman that the rules of order of this Synod be temporarily suspended in order to conduct a secret ballot on the motion dealing with same-sex marriage.

CARRIED

Synod proceeded to vote, by secret vote, motion DS-19-23.

Voting results:

37 in favour

6 not in favour

DS-19-23 was CARRIED

Motion: Destruction of ballots

DS-19-25

It was moved by M. McLeod and seconded by M. Mastine that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Motion: Adoption of the Synod Budget for 2020 and 2021

DS-19-26

It was moved by S. Otto and seconded by D. Nixon that this Synod increase the amount allocated to The Anglican Foundation to \$500 in the proposed 2020 and 2021 Synod budget. Furthermore, Synod approves the amended 2020 and 2021 budget.

CARRIED

Following a break, M. McLeod introduced the diocesan Safe Church policy. The judicial records check remains problematic and that dossier will need attention. Robert Jordan and Alma Mandic of Ecclesiastical Insurance then spoke about Safe Church, the police checks, pertinent issues, and showed a video dealing with an on-line course that could be used as a valuable educational resource . The main emphasis remains on being vigilant.

Motion: Vote of Thanks

DS-19-27

It was moved by M. Mastine and seconded by S. Kohner that this Synod express its sincere thanks to:

- ❖ The Rt. Reverend Bruce Myers OGS, Presider
- ❖ Me. Malcolm McLeod, Chancellor
- ❖ Me. Jacob Stone, Vice-Chancellor
- ❖ Mr. Mike Boden, Treasurer
- ❖ Dr. Sean Otto, Registrar

- ❖ Canon Stephen Kohner, Secretary
- ❖ Marie-Sol Gaudreau, Director General
- ❖ The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe, Canon Theologian, and The Ven. Dr. Edward Simonton OGS, Vicar General
- ❖ Isabelle Morin, Executive Assistant, and Emma Earle, Bookkeeper
- ❖ Our invited speakers: The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate; The Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink (Principal, Montreal Diocesan Theological College); The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson (Bishop of Montréal); The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe; Mgr. Pierre Goudreault (Évêque catholique romain de Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière); Robert Jordan and Alma Mandic (Ecclesiastical Insurance); Jonathan Patton (PWRDF); Canon Stephen Kohner (Anglican Foundation)
- ❖ Matthew Townsend, Communications Missioner, for exclusive social media and print contributions
- ❖ To all those who prepared “Good News Stories”: Ruth Sheeran (From refugee camp to summer camp); Marilyn Mastine (Country Gospel Hour); The Naskapi Bible Translation presentation group consisting of The Rev. Silas Nabinicaboo, Susan Nabinicaboo, Robert Swappie and Norma Einish; The Rev. Thomas Ntilivamunda (An emerging intercultural Ministry); The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner (Muslim neighbours becoming friends); The Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano (Equipping lay readers)
- ❖ To the Parishes of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral, who graciously and warmly welcomed us at Sunday’s Closing Eucharist and those assisting
- ❖ The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner, The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe, The Rev. Silas Nabinicaboo, and all those who assisted with the worship services
- ❖ Staff at Monastère des Augustines, for their hospitality and sharing of their sacred spaces and Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec.
- ❖ The Nominating Committee and the Scrutineers (list of names in Journal)
- ❖ The Agenda Committee (list of names in Journal)
- ❖ The Resolutions/Constitution and Canons sub-committee Committee (list of names in Journal)
- ❖ All those who prepared Synod reports
- ❖ The Anglican Foundation gift bags and other promotional items
- ❖ Bethany Fehr Paetkau and Samuel Croteau for the gift of music
- ❖ The observers who have taken an interest in Synod proceedings
- ❖ Proofreaders of the Synod Journal: Dale Keats & Jane Bishop
- ❖ Ecclesiastical Insurance for sponsoring the banquet
- ❖ Members of Synod for their presence and the treasures they bring forth, and their active participation in the life and ministry of our Diocese
- ❖ We thank God for this gathering who has blessed us with a positive, engaging, and peaceful Synod, giving us hope for the future despite perils unknown.

CARRIED

Motion: Adjournment

DS-19-28

It was moved by J. Thivièrge that Synod be adjourned.

CARRIED

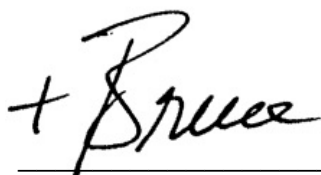
Synod adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

A banquet was held at the Garrison Club, sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Sunday, November 24, 2019

A meeting of the D.E.C. was held at 9:30 a.m. in Carter Hall.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 11a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. The guest preacher was Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate. Ms. Irène Brisson of St. Michael, Sillery was presented the Order of the Diocese of Quebec, being nominated by the Deanery of Quebec. Bishop Myers thanked all the participants who contributed so positively to the process of Synod 2019. Bishop Myers prorogued Synod after signing the Schedule of Enactments as presented to him by the Secretary of Synod.



The Right Reverend Bruce Myers OGS
President



Canon Stephen Kohner
Secretary