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and the  
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## OFFICERS OF SYNOD

The Lord Bishop	The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville
Chancellor	Me David Blair
Vice-Chancellor	Me Malcolm McLeod
Secretary	Canon Stephen Kohner
Treasurer	Mr. Michael Boden
Registrar	Mr. James Sweeny

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## PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS

### DEANERY OF QUÉBEC:

The Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral	Québec
St. Bartholomew	Bourg-Louis
St. John the Evangelist	Portneuf
St. Paul	St. Malachie
St. Michael	Québec (Sillery)
Trinity Church	Québec (Ste-Foy)
St. Peter	Stoneham
Christ Church	Valcartier
St. James	Lac Beauport
St. James the Apostle	Cacouna
St. Bartholomew	Rivière-du-Loup
St. George	Metis Beach
Ascension	Inverness
Christ Church	Lower Ireland
Holy Trinity	Maple Grove

### **Deanery of the North Shore:**

St. Andrew & St. George	Baie-Comeau
St. John	Kawawachikamach
All Saints	Sept-Iles
St. Christopher	Bradore Bay
St. Peter	Old Fort Bay
St. Paul the Apostle	St. Paul's River
St. Augustine	St. Augustine
St. Michael and All Angels	Chevery
Christ Church	Harrington Harbour
St. Philip	Kegaska
St. Andrew	La Tabatière
St. Clement	Mutton Bay

## **DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS:**

All Saints	Hereford
St. George	Ayer's Cliff
St. Stephen	Coaticook
St. Matthias	Fitch Bay
St. James	Hatley
Christ Church	Stanstead
Church of the Epiphany	Way's Mills
The Advent	Sherbrooke
St. George	Georgeville
St. George	Lennoxville
St. Barnabas	Milby
St. Luke	Magog
St. Barnabas	North Hatley
St. John	Waterville
St. Mark	Acton Vale
St. Anne	Richmond
St. Paul	Sydenham Place
St. Augustine	Danville
Holy Trinity	Denison's Mills
St. George	Drummondville
Holy Trinity	Kirkdale
St. John	Brookbury
St. Paul	Bury
St. Peter	Cookshire
Christ Church	Eustis
St. Martin's Chapel	Lennoxville
St. Mark's Chapel	Lennoxville
St. James the Less	Compton
St. Peter	Sherbrooke

## **DEANERY OF GASPÉ:**

Chaleur Bay	
St. James	Port Daniel
St. Paul	Shigawake
Greater Parish of Gaspé	
St. Paul	Barachois
St. Paul	Gaspé

St. Peter	Malbaie
St. Matthew	Peninsula
St. Paul	Percé
St. John and St. Philip	Sandy Beach
St. James	Wakeham
St. Andrew	York

Magdalen Islands	
All Saints' Memorial	Entry Island
Holy Trinity	Grosse Isle

New Carlisle & New Richmond	
St. James	Hopetown
St. Andrew	New Carlisle
St. Mary Magdalene	New Richmond
St. Peter	Paspebiac

**DEANERY OF ST-LAURENT:**

Tous les Saints	Québec
St. Stephen	Grand'Mère
St. John the Divine	Thetford Mines

## MEMBERS OF SYNOD

### Officers

The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville	Bishop
Me. David Blair	Chancellor
Me Malcolm McLeod	Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Michael Boden	Treasurer
Canon Stephen Kohner	Secretary of Synod
Mr. James Sweeny	Registrar

### **DEANERY OF QUÉBEC**

(names appear in alphabetical order)

#### **Laity:**

Heather Beaumont	St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis
Sandra Bender	Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral
Keith Boeckner	Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral
Charles Bogue	St. Peter, Stoneham
Ann Chapman	St. James the Apostle, Cacouna
Erin Clarke	St. Michael, Sillery
Joan Gibb	St. Paul, St. Malachie
Canon Graham Jackson	Lay Incumbent: St. John the Evangelist & St. Bartholomew
Rosemary Minnich	St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf
Mary Ellen Reisner	Trinity, Ste-Foy

#### **Clergy:**

The Reverend Major Marcel Dumont (N)	St. Michael, Sillery
The Reverend Cynthia Patterson	Vocational Dean, Green Ministries
The Reverend Sarah Priebe	St. Michael, Sillery
The Very Reverend Christian Schreiner	Dean and Rector of Quebec St. Peter, Stoneham Christ Church, Valcartier
The Reverend Edwin Stretch	Trinity Church, Ste-Foy Coordinator of Pastoral Care

## DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS

(names appear in alphabetical order)

### Laity:

Katherine Archer	St. George, Drummondville
Jane Bishop	St. John, Brookbury
Ann Clark	Holy Trinity, Denison's Mills
Michael Davidson	St. Luke, Magog
Janice Fraser	St. George, Lennoxville
Phyllis Gauthier	St. James, Hatley
John Hoblyn	St. George, Georgeville
Helen Hodge	St. Peter, Cookshire
Sharrell Matthews	St. Stephen, Coaticook
Marilyn Mastine	St. Augustine, Danville
Don Nixon	St. Anne, Richmond
Scott Potter	Youth Representative
John Rasmussen	St. Barnabas, North Hatley
Ruth Sheeran	St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University
Jonathan St. Cyr	St. John, Waterville
Sam Steward Lazaris	Youth Representative
Katherine Taylor McCormick	Church of the Advent, Sherbrooke
Marsha Wallis	St. George, Ayer's Cliff
Serena Wintle	St. Paul, Bury
David Woodard	Christ Church, Stanstead

### Clergy:

The Reverend Ruth Charleau	S. John, Waterville
	Christ Church, Eustis
The Reverend Canon W. Lynn Dillabough	St. Francis Deanery Ministry Team
The Reverend Rose Mary Howe	All Saints, Hereford
The Reverend Bruce Lee	All Saints, Hereford
The Reverend Fred Richardson	
The Venerable Dean E. Ross	St. George, Georgeville
	Church of the Advent, Sherbrooke
The Venerable Edward Simonton	Archdeacon of St. Francis
	St. Francis Deanery Ministry Team
The Venerable Heather Thomson	St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University

## **DEANERY OF GASPÉ**

(names appear in alphabetical order)

### **Laity:**

Candace Aitkens	All Saints, Entry Island
Gracie Annett	St. Andrew, York
Lisa Craig	Holy Trinity, Grosse Isle
Lorna Duguay	St. James, Hopetown
Ron Eden	St. James, Wakeham
Sharon Howell	St. Paul, Gaspé
Edith Mackenzie	St. Paul, Shigawake
Margaret Ann Mauger	St. James, Port Daniel
Sandra Miller Leggo	St. Paul, Barachois
Phyllis Misson	St. Peter, Malbay
David Royal	St. Andrew, New Carlisle

### **Clergy:**

The Reverend Nicholas Forte	Parish of New Carlisle & Chaleur Bay
The Reverend Wendy Telfer	Greater Parish of Gaspé

## **DEANERY OF THE NORTH SHORE**

(names appear in alphabetical order)

### **Laity:**

Christina Bobbit	All Saints, Sept Iles
Ivan Etheridge	St. Christopher, Bradore
Dale Keats	St. Paul the Apostle, St. Paul's River
Canon Stephen Kohner	Lay Incumbent: St. Andrew & St. George, Baie-Comeau
Jody Lessard	St. Andrew & St. George, Baie-Comeau
Lloyd Ransom	Christ Church, Harrington Harbour
Mary Spingle	St. Peter, Old Fort Bay
Linda Stubbart	Lay Incumbent: All Saints, Sept Iles
Cheyenne Vachon	St. John, Kawawachikamach

### **Clergy:**

Silas Nabinicaboo	St. John, Kawawachikamach
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## **DEANERY OF ST-LAURENT:**

(names appear in alphabetical order)

### **Laity:**

Chris Dushime

Jean Thivièrge

Youth Representative

Tous les Saints, Québec

### **Clergy:**

Le Vénérable Garth Bulmer

Le Révérend Denis Gévry

Le Révérend Michel Royer

Le Révérend Yves Samson

Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer

Executive Archdeacon

Assistant, St. James, Trois-Rivières

La Paroisse de Tous les Saints

St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf

St. James, Trois-Rivières

St. George, Drummondville

La Paroisse de Tous les Saints

Archidiacre de St-Laurent

### **Postulants for Ordination:**

Carol Edgar

Adele Finlayson

Gabriel Kwenga

Gene Ross

## **INVITED GUESTS:**

(in alphabetical order)

The Most Reverend Percy Coffin

The Reverend Kevin Flynn

Ms. Marie-Sol Gaudreau

Susan Graham-Walker

Ms. Sherry Knox

The Venerable Bruce Myers

The Venerable David Oliver

The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike

The Very Reverend Peter Wall

Archbishop, Ecclesiastical Province of  
Canada

Episcopal Candidate

Executive Director

National Church

Executive Assistant, Synod Office

Episcopal Candidate

Episcopal Candidate

Episcopal Candidate

Episcopal Candidate

**THE 84<sup>TH</sup> (ORDINARY) SESSION  
OF THE  
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF QUÉBEC**

November 26 - 29, 20125

**ST-AUGUSTIN-DE-DESMAURES, Québec**

The Eight-fourth (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec was summoned by the President, the Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Quebec, to meet on the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and fifteen.

The opening Eucharist was celebrated at 6:15p.m. Thursday, November 26 in the meeting hall at Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy by the Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville. During the Eucharist, Bishop Dennis welcomed everyone and presented his charge.

Synod was called to order by Bishop Drainville at 7:20p.m. The meeting was opened in prayer.

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

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

The Secretary declared that there were no defective certificates.

The Treasurer of Synod presented a list of those congregations in good standing in respect of their contribution to the Synod Funds, together with a list of those congregations at present in arrears, and the Secretary of Synod affixed thereto the names of the respective delegates.

Congregations in arrears and not considered to be in good standing because alternate arrangements were not made with the Treasurer of Synod were:

<b>Congregation:</b>	<b>Due to Synod:</b>
St. Augustine, St. Augustine	\$410.84
Church of the Epiphany, Way's Mills	\$457.13
St. Barnabas, Milby	\$200.30
Total	\$1068.27

The Secretary advised the Bishop that there was quorum.

J. Sweeny, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a first report.

- Voting, by house, will take place tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:00p.m. for the diocesan delegates to General Synod and the Board of Triers.
- The following three people in each house were nominated as General Synod delegates. The two receiving the most votes in each house will be our delegates and the persons coming third will be the alternate delegate for that house.
  - Lay: Dale Keats, Ruth Sheeran, James Sweeny
  - Clergy: W. Lynn Dillabough, Christian Schreiner Edward Simonton
- 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 require further lay members are required from the Gaspé (3), North Shore (2) and St-Laurent (3) deaneries to fill the requirement of two members and one alternate from each deanery.
- One more lay person is needed to serve on the Cathedral Centenary Endowment Fund.
- There were no nominations for the Quebec Diocesan Gazette Board.
- Nomination forms must be returned to the Secretary of Synod or a member of the Nominating Committee prior to 9:30 Saturday morning.

## **Motion: Privileges of the House #1**

### **DS-15-01**

It was moved by F. Richardson+ and seconded by J. Thivièrge that the Privileges of the House be granted to The Most Reverend Percy Coffin, Susan Graham-Walker, The Venerable David Oliver, The Venerable Bruce Myers, The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, The Very Reverend Peter Wall, The Reverend Kevin Flynn, Sherry Knox, and Marie-Sol Gaudreau.

### **CARRIED**

Bishop Drainville 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**

Officers of Synod

## **Nominating Committee**

G. Annett, J. Gibb, S. Kohner, Le Révérend Y. Samson, The Venerable E. Simonton, J. Sweeny (Chair)

## **Resolutions Committee (appointed by the Bishop)**

D. Blair, J. Rasmussen, M.E. Reisner, The Reverend E. Stretch, The Reverend W. Telfer

## **Committee on the Bishop's Charge**

The Reverend N. Forte, P. Gauthier, Le Révérend D. Gévry, Canon G. Jackson

## **Motion: Scrutineers**

### **DS-15-02**

It was moved by D. Nixon and seconded by K. Boeckner that A. Chapman, The Reverend R. Charleau, The Reverend Canon F. Richardson, and J. Lessard be appointed as scrutineers for the Electoral and Ordinary Synod.

### **CARRIED**

## **Vote of Thanks Committee**

S. Kohner

J. Sweeny declared that the deadline for nominations was set for 9:30a.m. Saturday, November 28 and the deadline for all motions for 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 28.

Bishop Drainville called for a moment of silence to remember those members of Synod who had died since the last meeting of Synod. These included The Reverend Canon Tony Hitsman, Mrs. Maureen Taylor, Mrs. Val Reeve, The Reverend Bob Castle, Mrs. Mary Woods, Mr. Denver Leggo, Mr. Hollis Plimpton, and The Venerable Stuart Martin.

**Motion: Approval of the Agenda**

**DS-15-03**

It was moved by D. Blair and seconded by L. Stubbert that the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Reading of the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Synod**

**DS-15-04**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by C. Schreiner that Synod dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> (Ordinary) Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Adoption of the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Synod**

**DS-15-05**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by K. Archer that Synod adopt the minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> (Ordinary) Session 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 *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* Report as submitted by G. R. Stinson
- The Diocesan Registrar, Archivist and Property Manager Report as submitted by J. Sweeny
- Deanery Reports:
  - Doyenné du St-Laurent: P. Voyer+
  - St. Francis: R. Sheeran
  - Quebec: J. Gibb
  - North Shore: S. Kohner
  - Gaspé: W. Telfer+
- The Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers report as submitted by W. Telfer+
- The Diocesan Historian's report as submitted by M.E. Reisner
- The Anglican Church Women report as submitted by J. Gibb
- The Bishop's Examining Chaplains Committee by G. Bulmer+
- Pastoral Care: E. Stretch+

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Synod was adjourned for the evening.

R. Sheeran presided over an Episcopal Election Candidates' Forum with the six candidates present: The Reverend Major (retd) Marcel Dumont (CD), The Reverend Kevin Flynn, The Venerable Bruce Myers, The Venerable David Oliver, The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, and The Very Reverend Peter Wall. A series of questions were posed followed by a question/answer period.

### **Friday, November 27, 2015**

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Archbishop Percy Coffin.

Following the service, members of Synod and observers were addressed by Archbishop Coffin, presider and by Me David Blair in regard to the Episcopal election process as outlined in Appendix C of the diocesan canons. The Secretary of Synod and the Registrar verified quorum (2/3 of clerical delegates and 2/3 of lay delegates) and handed out ballots to members of the electoral synod.

After the names of all six nominees were read and the nominees, all of whom were present, were introduced, ballots were cast in the first round under the supervision of the scrutineers.

First ballot results were as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Lay Votes</b>	<b>Clerical Votes</b>
DUMONT, Marcel	9	7
FLYNN, Kevin	1	1
MYERS, Bruce	27	8
OLIVER, David	1	1
PIKE, Stuart	18	4
WALL, Peter	2	0
SPOILED BALLOTS	0	0

No names were removed. Archbishop Coffin instructed members of Synod to cast their second ballot.

Second ballot results were as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Lay Votes</b>	<b>Clerical Votes</b>
DUMONT, Marcel	7	8
FLYNN, Kevin	0	0
MYERS, Bruce	32	9
OLIVER, David	17	3
PIKE, Stuart	17	3
WALL, Peter	1	0
SPOILED BALLOTS	0	0

Archbishop Coffin met with the candidates. In accordance with Appendix C, article 19.5b, the name of The Reverend Kevin Flynn was removed. In addition, The Very Reverend Peter Wall and The Reverend Major (ret'd) Marcel Dumont (CD) withdrew their names from the third ballot.

Archbishop Coffin instructed Synod members to cast their third ballot.

Third ballot results were as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Lay Votes</b>	<b>Clerical Votes</b>
MYERS, Bruce	33	11
OLIVER, David	2	2
PIKE, Stuart	21	7
SPOILED BALLOTS	1	0

In accordance with Appendix C, article 19.5b, the name of The Venerable David Oliver was removed.

Synod members adjourned for lunch and cast their votes for the election of delegates to General Synod and the Board of Triers, with only eligible clergy voting.

Archbishop Coffin called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Electoral Synod to order. He explained to Synod members the process pertaining to the number of voting sessions as per Appendix C, article 19.8. Synod members cast their fourth ballot.

Fourth ballot results were as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Lay Votes</b>	<b>Clerical Votes</b>
MYERS, Bruce	35	11
PIKE, Stuart	22	9
SPOILED BALLOTS	0	1

After the results were announced, Archbishop Coffin met with the two candidates. Since there was no candidate with the requisite majority of votes in the Houses of Lay and Clergy, Archbishop Coffin instructed Synod members to cast their fifth ballot.

Fifth ballot results were as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Lay Votes</b>	<b>Clerical Votes</b>
MYERS, Bruce	34	11
PIKE, Stuart	24	10
SPOILED BALLOTS	0	0

Archbishop Coffin met with the two candidates. He announced that The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike had withdrawn his candidacy and, subsequently, he was invited to address Synod.

In accordance with Appendix C, article 19.9, Archbishop Coffin proceeded to invite Synod members to vote a sixth time. Upon receiving the election results, Archbishop Coffin declared The Venerable Bruce Myers to be the coadjutor bishop-elect. He proceeded, in private with The Venerable Bruce Myers, to request his consent to the election. After their brief meeting, the Archbishop informed members of Synod and observers of the coadjutor bishop-elect's consent and gave the order that the ballots be destroyed. Coadjutor Bishop-elect Myers was invited by the Archbishop to speak to the assembly. This was followed by a short break.

Bishop Dennis Drainville called Synod to order at 3p.m. He thanked Susan Graham Walker for her presence and understanding for the fact that Synod would not be holding a Stewardship workshop, as initially planned.

Synod treasurer Mike Boden and Executive Director Marie-Sol Gaudreau presented the proposed 2016 and 2017 Synod budgets along with Deanery and program grants. A 2% increase in fair share assessment was proposed. A question and answer period followed.

Registrar James Sweeny presented and reviewed the proposed Constitutional and Canonical amendments. A question and answer period followed.

Synod adjourned at 4:20 p.m. for supper.

Bishop Drainville reconvened Synod at 6:20 p.m., beginning in prayer.

**Motion: Constitutional Amendment: Article 7 (second reading)**

**DS-15-06**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by S. Kohner that article 7 of the Constitution be struck and replaced with the following:

7. Synod shall consist of the Bishop, other Officers of Synod, clerics licensed by the Bishop and not under ecclesiastical censure, lay incumbents licensed by the Bishop, recognized postulants for ordination, and lay delegates, all of whom must be communicants.

Lay Delegates to Synod are elected by Parishes or Deaneries according to procedures provided for in the Canons, and such Lay Delegates, duly qualified and elected, and registered at Synod, shall remain Members of Synod until the next Session.

All Clerics duly licensed by the Bishop to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese shall be qualified to sit and vote in Synod. The actual number of Clerics and the selection of clerical delegates to Synod will be as provided for in the Canons.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #7: Summoning of Synod (Canon 4, article 4)**

**DS-15-07**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. McLeod that in Canon 4 article 4 the words “ninety (90)” be struck and replaced with “thirty (30)” to read: The Secretary shall then advise the delegates of Synod. Notice in writing of every Session of Synod shall be signed by the Secretary of Synod and shall be sent by mail or electronic means to the Clerical and the Lay Delegates at least thirty (30) days before the date set for such Session, which shall be sufficient notice, and its non-receipt by any Cleric or Lay Delegate for any reason shall not invalidate the proceedings of Synod.

**DEFEATED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #2: Definitions (Canon 1, Definition V)  
DS-15-08**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by K. Boeckner that in Canon 1 Definition V the word “summoning” be struck and be replaced with “opening Eucharist” to read MEMBER OF SYNOD: A cleric or lay delegate who has taken his or her seat at Synod. The member retains this status until the opening Eucharist of the next Ordinary or Electoral Synod.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #1: Definitions (Canon 1, Definition I)  
DS-15-09**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by R. Charleau+ that in Canon 1 Definition I the words “the Dean of the Cathedral followed by” be inserted after “unable to act” to now read: “ADMINISTRATOR”: If there be no coadjutor bishop, the Executive Archdeacon shall be the administrator of the See should it become vacant. If there be no Executive Archdeacon, or if the Executive Archdeacon be unable to act, the Dean of the Cathedral followed by the Archdeacon senior by appointment as an Archdeacon shall act as administrator. The administrator shall be the convening authority authorized to call an electoral Synod.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #34: Definitions (Canon 1, article 1)  
DS-15-10**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. McLeod that in Canon 1 the following be inserted as AA and BB following the entry numbered Z:

**AA A DEANERY** is a subdivision of the diocese, consisting of a one or more parishes and/or congregations The Bishop at his or her discretion may alter the limits of any existing Deanery, dissolve existing Deaneries, or create new Deaneries. When there is a deanery it serves as a region with regard to the diocesan canons.

**BB A REGION** is a subdivision of the diocese consisting of a one or more parishes and/or congregations where the Bishop has chosen either not to form deaneries or has dissolved existing ones. The makeup of regions is decided by the Bishop with the approval of the Diocesan Executive Council.

**CARRIED**

**Canonical Amendments #10, #11, and #33 were withdrawn.**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #28: The Bishop's Council (Canon 25)**  
**DS-15-11**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that Canon 25 be struck.  
**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #32: Trusteeship (Canon 31)**  
**DS-15-12**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by G. Kwenga that Canon 31 be struck.  
**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #31: The Cathedral Chapter (Canon 29)**  
**DS-15-13**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by R. Minnich that Canon 29 be struck.  
**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #29: The Care and Administration of Cemeteries (Canon 26)**  
**DS-15-14**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Nixon that in Canon 26 article 7 d strike, the words “with the local archdeacon hold, at least, an annual meeting of” be struck and the words “whenever possible or necessary meet with the” be inserted and the words “from all congregations in the deanery” be struck and the words “of parishes and congregations” be inserted to read:

d. whenever possible or necessary meet with the with representatives of parishes and congregations with cemeteries

i) to receive reports on the state and needs of each cemetery

ii) to coordinate, where advantageous, maintenance contracts

iii) to prepare long-term plans (10 years) for the ongoing care and administration of all the cemeteries.

and

that article 8 be struck and article 9 be renumbered as 8.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #23: Parish Records and Statistics (Canon 23)**  
**DS-15-15**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that in Canon 16 article 4 C the following be inserted after the first sentence “These proceeds will, unless an exception is made by the Bishop, be deposited in Church Society Pooled Funds with the revenue being directed to the parish;” to now read:

C. The submission indicates how the Corporation wishes to use the proceeds of the sale. These proceeds will, unless an exception is made by the Bishop, be deposited in Church Society Pooled Funds with the revenue being directed to the parish;

and

in article 5 the words “church or a” be inserted before “parish” and the words “Parish or in the” be inserted before the word ‘region’ to read:

**5. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY WHEN A CHURCH OR PARISH CLOSES**

In the case of the closure of a Church or a Parish the proceeds from the liquidation of its assets registered in their name or in the name of the Bishop in Trust for them, shall be turned over to the Synod and after any arrears to the Synod and Church Society are paid, be invested in the diocesan pooled funds, and that the income be allocated for use the ongoing ministry of the diocese with a priority for ministry in the Parish or in the region.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #25: The Quebec Diocesan Gazette (Canon 22)**

**DS-15-16**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by J. Hoblyn that Canon 22 article 2 be replaced with “The Gazette shall be one of the diocese’s instruments of communication and is published by Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.”

and

that in article 5 the words “elected members of the Gazette Board and upon their recommendation.” be struck and the following inserted in its place: “Diocesan Executive Council.” To read:

5. The editor of the Gazette, whose duties and responsibilities shall be outlined in a position description, shall be appointed by the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the Diocesan Executive Council.

and

that articles 6, 7 and 8 be struck.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #17: Appointment of Incumbents (Canon 11)**

**DS-15-17**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by J. Hoblyn that Canon 11 be struck.

**DS-15-18**

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by E. Simonton+ that **DS-15-17** be tabled.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #19: Procedures for the Appointment, Termination of Appointment of Clerics (Canon 13)**

**DS-15-19**

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by G. Kwenga that the title and article 1 of Canon 13 be struck and the following inserted: CANON 13:  
PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CLERICS

1. APPOINTMENT

1. A. When the position of Incumbent or cleric to a Parish falls vacant, any appointment shall be made by the Bishop through a Letter of Appointment. A vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred on the Bishop's acceptance of the Incumbent's or cleric's resignation. In a parish the Bishop assumes the role of Incumbent until an appointment, either interim or other, is made.

B. Clerics shall be appointed by the Bishop by Letter of Appointment, which Letter shall include statements regarding:

- i. scope of Responsibility
- ii. remuneration and benefits
- iii. term of appointment
- iv. exclusivity
- v. mobility
- vi. confidentiality

C. Appointments to Parishes shall be made by the Bishop following consultation with the parish and recommendation from the Diocesan Executive Council.

D. Summer Congregations

Church-wardens for congregations which exist during part of the year only shall act as a Selection Committee for the clerics to minister to their congregations. The churchwardens shall consult annually with the Bishop to recommend the

appointments. If deemed acceptable to the Bishop, letters of appointment shall be issued.

**CARRIED**

**DS-15-20**

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by E. Simonton+ that **DS-15-17** re-introduced.

**CARRIED**

**DS-15-17**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by J. Hoblyn that Canon 11 be struck.

**CARRIED**

At this point, Synod had a service of Compline and adjourned for the evening.

**Saturday, November 28, 2015**

A service of Morning Prayer was held at 8:30.

Bishop Drainville called Synod to order and opened the Session in prayer. Synod sang “Happy Birthday” to The Reverend Nicholas Forte. The deadline for all nominations was announced for 9:30 that morning along with the deadline for all resolutions set at 1:15 p.m. The Bishop’s Charge Committee was asked to meet during the morning’s coffee break as was the nominating committee.

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #9: Procedures for the Election of Clerical and Lay Delegates to Synod (Canon 5)**

**DS-15-21**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by F. Richardson+ that Canon 5 be struck and replaced with:

**CANON 5: PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF CLERICAL AND LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD**

1. The diocese will be divided into a number of regions by the Bishop with the approval of the Diocesan Executive Council. Where the Bishop has at his or her discretion allowed for or created deaneries those will serve as the region. There are currently five deaneries (Gaspé, North Shore, St-Laurent, St Francis and Quebec), which will remain in place unless changed by the Bishop and the Diocesan Executive Council under the authority of these canons.
2. Lay Delegates shall be Communicants of at least one year's standing, of full legal age and shall be elected annually.

3. All Clerics duly licensed by the Bishop to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese shall be qualified to sit and vote in Synod. The actual number of Clerics and the selection of clerical delegates to Synod will be as provided for in article 11 of this Canon.
4. 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 and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election.
5. Diocesan Synod will have a total membership of forty-five (45) members: the five (5) Officers of Synod, thirty (30) lay members and ten 10 clerical members.
6. Each region will elect annually from among the lay persons nominated two (2) lay delegates from their region to Diocesan Synod.
7. Each region will elect one youth lay delegate to Diocesan Synod from those nominated. These youth members must be at least sixteen years of age but not older than twenty-six at the time of election and shall be elected annually.
8. Lay incumbents licensed by the Bishop, recognized postulants for ordination will be lay delegates.
9. The remaining lay delegate positions will be divided among the regions based on the percentage each region has of the total diocesan average attendance collected by the synod office for and submitted to the General Synod. The words "average attendance", as used in this section and elsewhere, shall mean the average attendance for liturgical celebrations for Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September and Christmas in the year in which the prior Synod was held, as reported to the Diocese.
10. The election for all these lay delegates mentioned above will be conducted by the Secretary of Synod in a manner approved by the Diocesan Executive Council.
11. All full time stipendiary clergy will be delegates to Diocesan Synod. After the summoning of a synod the Secretary of Synod will conduct an election from among the remaining clergy eligible under the Constitution to attend to bring the number of clerical delegates to synod to ten (10).

12. The Secretary of Synod will record the number of votes cast for each person in the delegate elections. If those elected delegates should be unable to attend, the Secretary of Synod will advise the next persons in order on the regional or clergy list to serve as the alternate delegate. These alternates, when called upon to attend Synod shall be Synod Delegate and shall remain in office until the opening Eucharist of the next Ordinary or Electoral Synod.

Discussion ensued in regard to Article 5.

**DS-15-22**

It was moved by K. Boeckner and seconded by S. Bender that Canon 5 article 5 be amended so as to read:

The Diocesan Synod will have a membership of the five (5) officers of Synod, lay incumbents licensed by the Bishop, recognized postulants for ordination, thirty (30) lay members and ten (10) clerical members.

**CARRIED**

Synod continued to discuss proposed Canonical amendment 9 (Canon 5)

**DS-15-23**

It was moved by E. Simonton+ and seconded by A. Chapman that proposed Canonical amendment 9, **article 9** be amended to read:

A) the words after “shall mean” shall read: the total accumulated attendance on Sundays, plus Christmas and Ascension, of the region in a given year divided by 52; B) Delete the words in article 9 “for and submitted to the General Synod”.

**CARRIED**

Synod continued to discuss proposed Canonical amendment 9 (Canon 5)

**DS-15-24**

It was moved by E. Simonton+ and seconded by R. Sheeran that in proposed Canonical amendment 9, **article 11**, the phrase “full-time stipendiary clerics” be replaced with “Stipendiary full time Incumbents, Chaplains or Missioners”.

**DS-15-25**

It was moved by R. Sheeran and seconded by D. Keats that the proposed Canonical amendment 9, **article 11** as presented by withdrawn.

**CARRIED**

**(DS-15-24 was withdrawn)**

Synod continued to discuss proposed Canonical amendment 9 (Canon 5)

**DS-15-26**

It was moved by R. Sheeran and seconded by J. Sweeny that in proposed Canonical Amendment 9, article 11, the second sentence be replaced with “After the summoning of a synod the Secretary of Synod will conduct an election among the clergy eligible to attend under the Constitution to bring the number of clerical delegates to synod to ten (10)”.

**CARRIED**

**Those in favour: 45**

**Those opposed: 31**

Synod continued to consider proposed Canonical amendment 9.

**DS-15-21B**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by F. Richardson+ that proposed Canonical amendment #9 with the approved amendments be approved.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #8: Summoning Synod (Canon 4, article 6)**

**DS-15-27**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by L. Stubbart that Canon 4, article 6 be struck and replaced with “Every year the Chairperson of each Annual Parish Meeting (or Vestry) shall send to the Secretary of Synod as well as the Diocesan Office the names of all lay and youth alternates nominated to serve as delegates from their region.”

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #6: Summoning Synod (Canon 4, article 3B)**

**DS-15-28**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by C. Schreiner+ that in Canon 4, article 3 B the word ‘Regions’ be inserted between ‘parishes’ and ‘and’ to read: “B. the names of all Parishes, Regions and deaneries entitled to send delegates,”

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #12: The Diocesan Executive Council (Canon 8, article 3B)**

**DS-15-29**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 8 article 1.A. iii. & 1.B.ii. the words “region or” be inserted before the word “deanery” and that in B.ii. the words “appropriate Deanery Council. Should a Deanery Council fail to elect a replacement in three months from the time of the vacancy, the Bishop shall appoint.” be struck and replaced with the words “Diocesan Executive Council” to read:

“A.iii. ELECTED MEMBERS: two representatives and one substitute representative from each region or deanery who shall be elected by Synod from among its members. No more than one-third of the elected members shall be clergy. The substitute representative would attend a D.E.C. meeting with full voting rights only if one of the two elected members from the region or deanery was unable to participate.

B. ii. Vacancies among elected members shall be filled from among the Members of Synod of the affected region or deanery by the Diocesan Executive Council.”

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #15: Vestry Meetings, Church-Wardens and Corporations (Canon 15)**

**DS-15-30**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by J. Rasmussen that in Canon 15 article 1 A between the words “Church-wardens” and “for” the following words be inserted: “and in the case of amalgamated parishes Deputy Church-wardens” to read: “A. appointing/electing Church-wardens and in the case of amalgamated parishes Deputy Church-wardens for the ensuing year.”

and

that in article 1 C strike the word “electing” be struck and the word “nominating” be inserted and that after “Synod” be inserted “according to Canon 5” to read: “C. nominating Lay Delegates and their alternates to Synod according to Canon 5, and”

and

that in article 12 in the first sentence strike the words “may decide” be struck and the word “will” be inserted, the words “or more” be struck and, after striking the “s” on church-wardens”, the words “for each church in the Parish” be inserted so that the sentence reads: “A Parish Vestry with more than one Church will at their annual meeting elect one Deputy Church-warden for each church in the Parish”

and

that a new article 17 be inserted, which reads as follows: “17. Church corporations can be dissolved by a request from the Corporation to the Bishop and his or her agreement by Episcopal Act with that request.”

and

that articles 17, 18 and 19 be renumbered as 18, 19 and 20.

### **CARRIED**

S. Kohner announced the election results of the delegates to General Synod.

**General Synod Lay:** Ruth Sheeran, James Sweeny, Dale Keats (alternate)

**General Synod Clergy:** The Reverend Canon W. Lynn Dillabough, The Venerable Dr. Edward Simonton, Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer (alternate)

Members of the Bishop’s Charge Committee presented their report to Synod. Some of the highlights...

- Must we continue to change? The answer was a resounding YES, remaining faithful to God.
- The diocese is facing many challenges: de-population, youth migration, loss of natural resource income in the regions, too many church buildings, etc.
- Many amazing things have evolved from the losses: new energy, sale of church buildings, effective financial team, etc.
- Quebec Lodge Camp is taking on a new life after almost a decade of incertitude.
- Church sponsored youth events/projects are on the rise.
- Renovation projects are opening up churches as more welcoming types of places.
- Francophone ministry is growing/expanding and there is a need and desire to protect and encourage the francophone voice and enhance the communication in French, especially at Synods.
- There is a concerted response to the refugee issues.
- There is interest in the ministry of Aldo, in caring for “all creatures great and small”.
- The importance of moving forward was stressed.

M. Boden and M-S Gaudreau presented the Synod budget for 2016 and 2017 along with the Deanery and Synod Committee budgets

**Motion: Adoption of the Synod Budget for 2016 and 2017**

**DS-15-31**

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by F. Richardson+ that the proposed budget be approved with a fair share rate of 18.5% for assessable income and that non-pooled funds investment income be assessed at 20.5%.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Appointment of Auditors 2016-2017-2018**

**DS-15-32**

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by D. Blair that Synod accept the recommendation of the joint audit committee of appointing PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as Synod's audit firm for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

**CARRIED**

Bishop Drainville thanked the Synod staff who worked diligently on the preparation of the Synod budget. Synod broke for lunch and re-convened at 1:20 p.m.

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #18: Discipline (Canon 12)**

**DS-15-33**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 12 article 5.A the words "ten" and "five" be struck and replaced with "five" and "two" respectively

and

that in article 5.B the words "ten" and "five" be struck and replaced with "five" and "three" respectively

and

that article 5.C be struck and inserted in its place "All members of the Board must be present to conduct a trial."

The whole to now read:

"A. Five licensed Clerics of at least two years' standing in this Diocese shall be elected by ballot of the Clerics at each Ordinary Meeting of Synod, from whom the Board of Triers shall be selected.

B. When the Bishop serves notice on the accused of the time and place of the trial, he or she also serves on the accused the names of the five Clerics. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the said names, the accused selects three of them to

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form the Board of Triers and advises the Bishop as to the choice. If the accused does not so advise the Bishop, the Bishop selects the three Clerics who must not be related by blood or marriage to any of the parties involved.

C. All members of the Board must be present to conduct a trial.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #24: Boundaries of Parishes (Canon 18)  
DS-15-34**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that Canon 18 be struck and the following be inserted as Canon 18 “Amalgamation of Parishes”

1. The Bishop has the right and power to define the boundaries of new Parishes.
2. The Bishop may erect a new Parish out of part or all of one or more existing Parishes. Before doing so, the Bishop shall consult the Clerics and the Lay Delegates of the existing Parishes in a Parish meeting.
3. Parishes proposing to amalgamate must enter into a joint agreement for such amalgamation, prescribing the terms and conditions thereof, the mode of carrying the same into effect, and stating the name of the new Parish, the names, callings and places of residence of the church-wardens and deputy church-wardens thereof, and how and when the subsequent church-wardens and deputy church-wardens as required by the diocesan canons shall be appointed or elected, as applicable, with such other details as may be necessary to perfect the amalgamation and to provide for the subsequent management and working of the new Parish.
4. The agreement shall be submitted to the Bishop and members of each of the existing Parishes in a Parish meeting thereof called for the purpose of taking the same into consideration.
5. To be adopted, the joint agreement must be voted by at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting; the adoption shall be certified on the agreement by the Bishop under his seal. Following the adoption, the Bishop shall issue an Episcopal Act of amalgamation under his seal of office.
6. All rights of creditors against the property, rights and assets of a Parish amalgamated, and all liens upon its property, rights and assets, shall be unimpaired by such amalgamation, and all debts, contracts, liabilities and duties of such Parish shall thenceforth attach to the new Parish, and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if such debts, contracts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.

7. Graveyards and cemeteries associated with the former Parishes become the responsibility of the new Parish, as the case may be. The Church-wardens may at the annual vestry meeting request that the vestry elect a cemetery committee or committees from their members to assist the Church-wardens to manage the affairs of and maintain these cemeteries.

8. The erection of an amalgamated Parish will be recorded as an Episcopal Act. A copy of this Act will be sent to the church corporations of the existing Parishes which were amalgamated.

9. The Incumbent and Church-wardens of the amalgamated church corporations will call a joint Special Vestry meeting of the members of their Parishes which will serve as the first annual vestry meeting of the new Parish for the purpose of:

- (a) Appointing/electing church-wardens and deputy church-wardens as required by the diocesan canons;
- (b) Receiving the final audited financial statement from the former corporations, approving a budget for the new Parish, transacting other business connected with the temporalities of the church and other matters relating to the life of the church;
- (c) Nominating of candidates for election as regional Lay Delegates and their alternates to Synod;
- (d) Appointing two or more auditors;
- (e) Confirming the value of all insured property; and
- (f) Conducting such other business as shall be required by the Canons, requested by the Bishop or necessary for the benefit of the corporation

10. Current Church Corporations may apply for continuance under the Quebec Religious Corporations Act. Any such application or any new church corporations created under the Religious Corporations Act will be bound by the Diocesan Canons and will be required to have the Lord Bishop of Quebec as the Visitor.

**CARRIED**

## **Motion: Canonical Amendment #20: Procedures for the Appointment, Termination of Incumbents (Canon 13)**

### **DS-15-35**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 13 article 2 and article 4 the words “Incumbent” and “Incumbents” be struck and replaced by the words “Cleric” or “Clerics” and in article 4.A strike the word “four” be struck and “two” inserted in its place and article 5 be struck, the whole now to read:

#### **“2. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

A. Any Cleric may, at any time, resign his or her appointment by giving three (3) months written notice to the Bishop. The Bishop may, at his or her discretion, shorten this period.

B. An appointment may be revoked and the license terminated by the Bishop with just and sufficient cause or for administrative reasons.

C. Just and sufficient cause shall include, but not be limited to:

i. breaches of discipline as outlined in the Diocesan, Provincial and General Synod Canons

ii. failure or inability to exercise effective ministry

iii. the loss of the Cleric’s good name among up-right and serious-minded persons, or aversion to the Cleric when it can be foreseen that these factors will not quickly come to an end.

iv. a manner of acting which causes grave harm or disturbance to ecclesiastical communion.

v. bad administration of the temporalities of office with grave harm to the Church, when no other remedy can be found to eliminate this harm.

D. Termination of an appointment for reasons other than those included in C) above, or the transfer of Clerics, may occur for administrative reasons and shall include, but not be limited to:

i. redefinition of a particular ministry

ii. reorganization and restructuring of the Diocese, or any or all of the Deaneries

iii. abolition of an existing position

iv. economic grounds

#### **4. PROCEDURES**

A. If an investigation shows that there exists a reason mentioned in paragraph 2. C) and D) above, the Bishop is to discuss the matter with the Archdeacons. If he or she then believes that he or she should proceed with the removal from office, the Bishop must indicate to the Cleric the reasons and the arguments, and in a pastoral manner persuade the Cleric to resign the office within two weeks. The resignation can be given not only purely and simply, but even upon a condition, provided the condition is one which the Bishop can lawfully accept and does in fact accept.

B. If the Cleric has not replied within the time prescribed, the Bishop is to renew his or her invitation and extend the period of time within which a reply is to be made. If it is clear to the Bishop that the Cleric has received this second invitation but has not replied, even though not prevented from doing so by any impediment, or refuses to resign and gives no reason for this, the Bishop is to issue a Decree of Removal.

C. If however, the Cleric opposes the case put forward and the reasons given in it, but advances arguments which seem to the Bishop to be insufficient, then the Bishop must:

- i. invite the Cleric to inspect the acts of the case and put together the objections, or contrary evidence, in a written answer
- ii. after this, complete the instruction of the case, if this is necessary, and again weigh the matter, including the written answer, with the Archdeacons
- iii. finally, decide whether or not the Cleric is to be removed, and without delay, issue the appropriate decree.

D. Before having recourse, the person must seek in writing from the Bishop the revocation or amendment of the Decree. Once this petition has been lodged, it is by that very fact understood that the execution of the Decree is suspended, until the resolution of the case by the Metropolitan or the Primate, or the cessation of the recourse. The petition must be lodged within a time limit of two weeks from the time the Decree was lawfully notified.

E.

- i. A Cleric who has been removed from office in terms of section 2.c. iii) above, must abstain from exercising any function of that office, leave the house of residence, if any, free as soon as possible, and hand over everything pertaining to the office to the person to whom the Bishop has entrusted it.
- ii. If, however, it is a question of a sick person who cannot be transferred elsewhere from the house of residence without inconvenience, the Bishop is to leave the Cleric the use of the house for as long as this necessity lasts.
- iii. While recourse against a Decree of Removal is pending, the Bishop cannot Institute and Induct a new Cleric to the office, but is to make provision in the meantime by way of a Priest-in-Charge.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #21: Archdeaconries and Deaneries (Canon 14)**

**DS-15-36**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 14 in article 2.D strike the words “and shall be a member of the Bishop’s Council” be struck and

that the following be inserted as 2.F:

An Archdeacon may resign or may be removed from office by the Bishop prior to the completion of his or her term.”

and

that article 7.A be struck and replaced by: “Where the Bishop has decided to have a Deanery, it shall have a Deanery Council.”

and

that in article 7.B.iii.b) between the words “each” and “parish” the words “church in an amalgamated” be inserted to read: “b) an elected layperson from each church in an amalgamated Parish not already represented by a lay member of Synod.”

and

that articles 3, 4 and 5 be struck, renumbering articles 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #15: Parish Obligations (Canon 10)**

**DS-15-37**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that in Canon 10 article 1.B the words “their Deanery Council” be struck and replaced by “the Diocesan budgeted funds” and that 1.G be struck and 1.H and 1.I be renumbered as 1.G and 1.H.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #13: The Diocesan Executive Council (Canon 8)**

**DS-15-38**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 8 article 3 insert the following be inserted after 3.J:

K. Making recommendations to the Bishop regarding the appointment of clerics.

L. Making recommendations to the Bishop regarding the appointment of the editor of the Diocesan Gazette.

M. Creating if needed, of a sub-committee to receive application and distribute funds for missions in areas where there is no Deanery.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #14: The Diocesan Executive Council (Canon 8)**

**DS-15-39**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 8 article 4.c strike the word “special” to read: Meetings can be held face to face, by teleconferencing, by e-mail or any other means that the Bishop deems appropriate.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #30: Appointment of a Bishop’s Commissary (Canon 28)**

**DS-15-40**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by G. Kwenga that in Canon 28 2.B the words “in performing the assigned duties” be inserted between the words “Bishop” and “during” and in 2.C insert the words “for those duties” be inserted between the words “powers” and “while” so it reads:

B. act for the Bishop in performing the assigned duties during the Bishop's absence, and C. hold all the Bishop's executive powers for those duties while so acting.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #27: Parish Records and Statistics (Canon 23)**

**DS-15-41**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that in Canon 23 article 3 the word “and” be struck before “Balance” and the words “and the Budget” be inserted before the word “adopted” to read:

Not later than March 15th of every year, 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. This report shall contain a full Financial Statement, Balance Sheet and the Budget adopted by the Annual Vestry Meeting and all other pertinent information and statistics in accordance with the requirements of the Diocesan Synod.”

and

that in article 4 before the words “Provincial and” be inserted before the word “Federal” and that an “s” be added to “Return” to read:

Not later than July 1st of each year, the corporation of each Parish shall deposit a copy of the duly completed Provincial and Federal Charitable Returns with the Synod Office.

and

that in article 6 “incumbent” be struck and replaced with “cleric” .

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #26: Parish Records and Statistics (Canon 23)**

**DS-15-42**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 23 articles 1 and 2 be struck and replaced with:

1. Each Parish shall obtain, from the Diocesan Registrar, a Register, in which the Cleric shall record all details of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. Upon the deposit of the completed register in the diocesan Archives, a new register will be provided.

2. The Cleric shall moreover maintain:

A. a list of the names of any persons received into the Church and the date of his or her reception;

B. a current Register of Communicants; and

C. with the assistance of the Church-wardens or Deputy church-wardens the Vestry book.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #16: Parish Obligations (Canon 10)**

**DS-15-43**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that in Canon 10 article 2.A. the words “two months” be struck and that the following be inserted at the end of A:

Likewise, if the Executive Archdeacon feels that the parish is not meeting the obligations listed in article 1 above, a letter will be sent to the parish requiring a commitment to the obligations.

and

that article 2.B be replaced by the following:

B. If the Parish is unable to meet its obligations, when informed in accordance with 2.A above, and the Treasurer states it cannot make viable arrangements to meet the financial obligations within an additional two months or the Parish fails to respond positively to the Executive Archdeacon's letter referred to in 2.A above, the Bishop shall immediately appoint of a Board of Inquiry to ascertain if the Parish is viable and if so how the Parish can support itself and meet all of its obligations, or if not viable should it be closed.

and

that in 2.D the word "Incumbent" be replaced by Cleric(s)

and

that 2.E and 2.F be struck,

and

that in the last sentence in Canon 10 the word "other" be struck, the words "that is in default or that has not met the obligations set out in this Canon." be inserted after "parish" and the words "unless these conditions have been met." be struck so that it reads:

## 2. DEFAULT

A. Should any payment of the stipend or travel expenses or the payment of Fair Share to Synod, or insurance, or any other remittances due to the Incorporated Synod or to the Church Society be in arrears, the Treasurer shall inform the Parish and its congregations immediately. Likewise, if the Executive Archdeacon feels that the parish is not meeting the obligations listed in article 1, above a letter will be sent to the parish requiring a commitment to the obligations.

B. If the Parish is unable to meet its obligations, when informed in accordance with 2.A above and the Treasurer states it cannot make viable arrangements to meet the financial obligations within an additional two months or the Parish fails to respond positively to the Executive Archdeacon's letter referred to in 2.A above, the Bishop shall immediately appoint a Board of Inquiry to ascertain if the Parish is viable and if so how the Parish can support itself and meet all of its obligations or if not viable should it be closed.

C. The Board of Inquiry shall report in writing to the Bishop within thirty (30) days of its appointment.

D. Within one month after the report to the Bishop is received, the Bishop shall make his or her decision known to the Parish and Cleric(s).

No cleric may be appointed to that Parish that is in default or that has not met the obligations set out in this Canon.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #3: The Bishop (Canon 2)**

**DS-15-44**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 2 article 2.B the words “principal minister” be replaced by “steward of all the ministries in the diocese and by the Bishop's authority and license deacons and priests receive their mandates.” To read:

The Bishop is steward of all the ministries in the diocese and by the Bishop's authority and license deacons and priests receive their mandates. Within the Diocese and to the Bishop belongs the right to ordain and confirm; to consecrate Church buildings, chapels and burial grounds; to institute clerics to their charges; to hold visitations to discover the state, sufficiency and ability of the clerics and other persons holding positions or responsibility for the affairs of the Diocese; to summon all Synod and diocesan conferences and to preside thereat either in person or by such deputy as may canonically be appointed.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #4: The Bishop (Canon 2)**

**DS-15-45**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 2 article 2D in the first line after the word “Bishop” the words “as chief minister of the diocese” be inserted to read:

The Bishop as chief minister of the diocese has general pastoral responsibility for the people of the Diocese, which may, from time to time, be shared with the Archdeacons and Rural Deans, at the Bishop’s discretion.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #5: The Bishop (Canon 2)**

**DS-15-46**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that in Canon 2 article 3 the following be added after 3.B :

C. The Bishop is the spiritual head of the Cathedral.

D. The Bishop has the right to attend all corporation and congregation meetings

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and may chair same at his/her discretion.

E. The Bishop has the right of presence and to preside over all liturgical events in any parish in the diocese, and/or may require that a pastoral letter be read at any service in the Diocese.

**CARRIED**

**Motion: Canonical Amendment #8: Summoning Synod (Canon 4, article 6)**

**DS-15-47**

It was moved by D. Blair and seconded by S. Kohner that Synod re-visit motion DS-15-27.

**CARRIED**

**DS-15-48**

It was moved by D. Blair and seconded by S. Kohner that Canonical Amendment #8: Summoning Synod (Canon 4, article 6) be amended so as to read: “Every year the Chairperson of each Annual Parish Meeting (or Vestry) shall send to the Secretary of Synod as well as the Diocesan office the names of the candidates for all lay and youth delegates from their region.”

**CARRIED**

Bishop Drainville invited J. Sweeny to review the proposed General Synod amendments to the Marriage Canon. Following this, Synod returned to consider a number of motions.

**DS-15-49**

Il était proposé par Archidiacre G. Bulmer et appuyé par Archidiacre P. Voyer que ce Synode:

- a) demande que le Doyenné du St-Laurent prépare un avis pour le comité exécutif diocésain pour favoriser la participation active aux réunions du Synode des membres francophones,
- b) mette en place les recommandations proposées par le doyenné et le comité exécutif diocésain lors du prochain Synode.

**APPROUVÉ**

**DS-15-50**

It was moved by C. Vachon and seconded by S. Nabinicaboo+ that the Officers of Synod address the issues surrounding representation at Synod and report to the D.E.C. in time for their spring 2016 meeting.

**CARRIED**

S. Kohner proceeded to report the election results.

### **Board of Triers**

The Venerable Heather Thomson, The Reverend Canon W. Lynn Dillabough, The Very Reverend Christian Schreiner, The Reverend Cynthia Patterson, The Reverend Ruth Charleau, The Reverend Canon Fred Richardson, Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer, The Venerable Garth Bulmer, The Venerable Dean E. Ross, Le Révérend Michel Royer

### **Cathedral Centenary Fund**

James Sweeny, Erin Clarke

### **D.E.C.**

- **Deanery of Quebec:** Anne Chapman, The Very Reverend Christian Schreiner, Sandra Bender (alternate)
- **Deanery of St. Francis:** The Venerable Dr. Edward Simonton, Ruth Sheeran, The Reverend Canon W. Lynn Dillabough
- **Deanery of the Gaspé:** Candace Aitken, Dave Royal, Ron Eden (alternate)
- **Deanery of the North Shore:** Dale Keats, Jody Lessard, Linda Stubbert (alternate)
- **Doyenné du St-Laurent:** Jean Thivièrge, The Venerable Garth Bulmer

### **Motion: Election Results: D.E.C.**

#### **DS-15-51**

It was moved by D. Nixon and seconded by K. Boeckner that the election results be accepted as presented by the nominating committee.

**CARRIED**

### **Motion: Destruction of ballots**

#### **DS-15-52**

It was moved by Y. Samson+ and seconded by M. Mastine that the ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

### **Motion: Synod Journal Proofreaders**

#### **DS-15-53**

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by S. Nabinicaboo+ that Synod appoint K. Boeckner and S. Bender as proofreaders of the Synod 2015 Synod Journal.

**CARRIED**

## **Motion: Vote of Thanks**

### **DS-15-54**

It was moved by Y. Samson+ and seconded by W. Telfer+ that this Synod express its sincere thanks to:

- ❖ The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, Presider
- ❖ The Most Reverend Percy Coffin, Presider – Electoral Synod
- ❖ Me David Blair, Chancellor
- ❖ Me Malcolm McLeod, Vice-Chancellor
- ❖ Mr. Mike Boden, Treasurer
- ❖ Mr. James Sweeny, Registrar
- ❖ Canon Stephen Kohner, Secretary
- ❖ Marie-Sol Gaudreau, Executive Director
- ❖ Sherry Knox, Executive Assistant
- ❖ The Electoral Synod Candidates: The Reverend Major (retd) Marcel Dumont, The Reverend Kevin Flynn, The Venerable Bruce Myers, The Venerable David Oliver, The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, The Reverend Peter Wall
- ❖ The members of the Episcopal Search Committee: The Venerable Garth Bulmer, The Venerable Dr. Edward Simonton, Ruth Sheeran, Dale Keats, Canon Stephen Kohner, The Reverend Wendy Telfer
- ❖ Susan Graham Walker and the Anglican Foundation
- ❖ To the Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral who graciously and warmly welcomed us at Sunday's Closing Eucharist
- ❖ The Very Reverend Christian Schreiner and all those who assisted with the worship services
- ❖ Staff at Notre-Dame-de-Foy
- ❖ The Nominating Committee: G. Annett, J. Gibb, S. Kohner, Le Révérend Y. Samson, The Venerable Dr. E. Simonton J. Sweeny (Chair)
- ❖ The Scrutineers: A. Chapman, The Reverend R. Charleau, The Reverend Canon F. Richardson, J. Lessard
- ❖ The Constitution and Canons sub-committee: Me D. Blair, The Venerable G. Bulmer, M-S Gaudreau, Me Malcolm McLeod, R. Sheeran, The Venerable Dr. E. Simonton, J. Sweeny (Chair)
- ❖ The Resolutions Committee: Me D. Blair, J. Rasmussen, Dr. MEB Reisner, The Reverend E. Stretch, The Reverend W. Telfer
- ❖ The Committee on the Bishop's Charge: The Reverend N. Forte, P. Gauthier, Le Révérend D. Gévry, Canon G. Jackson
- ❖ All those who prepared Synod reports
- ❖ The observers who have taken an interest in Synod proceedings

- ❖ Proofreaders of the Synod Journal: Sandra Bender & Keith Boeckner
- ❖ Members of Synod for their presence and the treasures they bring forth, and their active participation in the life and ministry of our Diocese

**CARRIED**

Bishop Drainville took the opportunity to thank three people who will soon be leaving their positions within the diocese. Their contributions to the mission, ministry and life of the diocese have been manifold and have had a profound impact on how the diocese has functioned over the past years, through the good times and the bad and the ever-challenging. He thanked:

- Sherry Knox, Executive Assistant
- The Venerable G. Bulmer, Executive Archdeacon
- Me David Blair, Diocesan Chancellor

Synod gave them each a standing ovation.

**Motion: Adjournment**

**DS-15-55**

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

**CARRIED**

Synod adjourned at 4:15p.m. A meeting of the D.E.C. was held at 6:15pm. A banquet to honour Me David Blair was held at 7pm wherein he was admitted to the Order of the Diocese of Quebec.

**Sunday, November 29, 2015**

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 11a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Bishop Drainville thanked all the participants who contributed so positively to the process of Synod 2015. After indicating that he had signed the Schedule of Enactments, Bishop Drainville prorogued Synod.

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The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville  
President

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Canon Stephen Kohner  
Secretary

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Keith Boeckner  
Proofreader

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Sandra Bender  
Proofreader

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of the Diocese of Quebec**

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## SCHEDULE OF ALL ENACTMENTS

The following have been adopted and sanctioned by Bishop Dennis Drainville at the 84<sup>th</sup> (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

- Motion: Privileges of the House granted to The Most Reverend Percy Coffin, Me Malcolm McLeod, Susan Graham-Walker, The Venerable David Oliver, The Venerable Bruce Myers, The Reverend Canon Stuart Pike, The Very Reverend Peter Wall, The Reverend Kevin Flynn, Sherry Knox, Marie-Sol Gaudreau
- Motion: Approval of the Agenda
- Motion: Dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.
- Motion: Approval of Minutes and Journal of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.
- Motion: Constitutional amendment #1: Article 7 (final reading)
- Canonical Amendment motion #2
- Canonical Amendment motion #1
- Canonical Amendment motion #34
- Canonical Amendment motion #34
- Canonical Amendment motion #28
- Canonical Amendment motion #32
- Canonical Amendment motion #31
- Canonical Amendment motion #29
- Canonical Amendment motion #23
- Canonical Amendment motion #25
- Canonical Amendment motion #19
- Canonical Amendment motion #17 with amendments
- Canonical Amendment motion #9 with amendments

- Canonical Amendment motion #8
- Canonical Amendment motion #12
- Canonical Amendment motion #22 with amendment
- Canonical Amendment motion #8
- Motion: That this Synod accepts the proposed 2016 and 2017 budgets as presented by the treasurer
- Motion: appointed of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Synod auditors for 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Canonical Amendment motion #18
- Canonical Amendment motion #24
- Canonical Amendment motion #20
- Canonical Amendment motion #21
- Canonical Amendment motion #15
- Canonical Amendment motion #13
- Canonical Amendment motion #14
- Canonical Amendment motion #30
- Canonical Amendment motion #27
- Canonical Amendment motion #26
- Canonical Amendment motion #16
- Canonical Amendment motion #3
- Canonical Amendment motion #4
- Canonical Amendment motion #5
- Revisit Canonical Amendment motion 8
- Approve Canonical Amended motion 8
- Motion: to confirm the election results of the Cathedral Centenary Endowment Fund, General Synod Lay and Clerical delegates, members of the Diocesan Executive Council and alternates, and Board of Triers

- Motion: to destroy the ballots of all Synod ballots
- Motion: Participation actif des francophones
- Motion: empower the Officers of Synod to address the issues surrounding Indigenous/First Nations and Francophone representation at Synod and report to the D.E.C. in time for their spring 2016 meeting.
- Motion: to appoint Keith Boekner and Sandra Bender as proofreaders of the Synod 2015 Journal
- Motion of thanks
- Motion to Adjourn

Signed on Sunday, November 29, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis Drainville". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville,  
Diocese of Quebec

# The Bishop's Charge

November 26, 2015  
St-Augustin-des-Desmaures

## The Right Reverend Dennis Paul Drainville Bishop of Quebec

Note: The Bishop's Charge was presented with images that are not included in this text. The text has been edited where it makes specific references to such images.

### Must We Continue to Change?

The short answer is: yes! But not exactly in the same way or for the same reasons.

Ten years of Change

“Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

### Charge to Synod 2015

My charge to this synod calls upon you all, lay and clerical members, guests and observers, to review and to reflect, to aspire and to dream.

Let us begin by reviewing and reflecting upon our journey as Anglicans within the Diocese of Quebec over the past ten years. Why 10 years? Because June 2016 will mark 10 years since I began to serve in administrative leadership for this diocese, though not then of course, as bishop. 2006 is also a convenient benchmark as that was the last census which provided in-depth data for analysis which helps us understand the demographics of our communities.

Only by reviewing the journey we have travelled together, remembering in particular from where we set out, can we perceive why our discernment directed us to the paths we have taken.

We have encountered along the way, as did 17<sup>th</sup> c. Christian author John Bunyan, our share of obstacles. But we have kept the faith and arrived at the equivalent of a mountain pass: hard work behind us, hard work ahead, but oh, the glory of what God has still in store for us! Nothing less than fulfilling our baptismal ministry as together we work to realize the will of God on earth, to perceive the Promised Land in our communities, from Kawawa to the Magdalen Islands, from the Lower North Shore to the Townships and Quebec, French, Naskapi and English speakers, first nations and new Canadians. Together we are called by God to pray deeply and act faithfully at this time when the groans of Creation are audible.

### **Where We Set Out: A look at 2006**

- **Serious decline in Quebec's rural populations**
- **Many churches, few in attendance**
- **A perilous financial picture, including heavy debt load**
- **Outdated administrative and financial protocols**
- **Structures of Ministry non-reflective of our realities**
- **More stipendiary clergy than parishes could pay for**
- **Lay leadership needing to be raised up, trained and provided ongoing support**

### **Declining Rural Populations**

The Diocese of Quebec is largely rural in character. Its many towns and villages, even its larger centres, have long been based on natural resource economies: cod, trees, copper, asbestos, agriculture.

Most of these natural resource-based industries collapsed between 1990 and 2000. The impacts for spin-off sectors of the economy, from retail to restaurants continued to be felt for the following decade.

Rural depopulation, experienced world-wide since post WWII, accelerated in such vulnerable areas as ours.

Flight to the west by many job seeking young families meant sharp drops in student bodies, volunteer organizations and communities of faith.

Throughout our diocese, again, as in most rural areas, schools have closed, volunteer capacity has weakened and churches have shut down.

These rural realities have affected both francophone and anglophone communities within the regions of Quebec, as elsewhere in Canada and the rest of the world.

As a minority group within Quebec, the anglophone populations have been especially vulnerable.

Between 1996 and 2001, a 20-percent loss occurred in the combined anglophone populations of Québec City (9,745 persons), the Gaspé (1,800 persons) and Trois-Rivières (1,430 persons). Declines to these communities were largely attributable to movement from that region to other parts of the province as well as to other parts of the country. The anglophone population of Sherbrooke (8,015) also fell by 10 percent. *Report of the Commissioner of Official Languages.*

The Anglican Church, historically rooted in English-speaking communities, has been hard hit by these significant demographic shifts.

In 2006 our diocesan churches numbered 88. Now 64 churches remain open, with another two in process of closing.

## **Ageing Populations**

Youth exodus means that our rural areas have an older average age, a lower average revenue and higher rates of social indicators for health problems.

As a senior member of Quebec's Public Health Agency stated a few years ago:

*Rural people, especially English-speakers in the Gaspé – Magdalen Islands, have more health problems, have a harder time accessing specialized health care, and fewer financial resources to assist them, than do any other Quebecers.* Dr. France Forest

In other words: Many of the people we serve are elderly, deal with both health and financial challenges and find themselves lonely amidst their needs.

We are called to think hard about what this means for our ministries and to take effective action to follow Jesus's example in caring for the old, the weak, the poor and the sick.

*For detailed information on the demographic portraits briefly referred to here, we can put you in contact with the Community Health and Social Services Network in Quebec whose reports are prepared by analysts using Statistics Canada information. We expect more precise information to be available following the next census.*

## **Structures of Ministry No Longer Reflect our Realities**

The structure of ministry that we were raised with was based on "the local parish," with one ordained priest serving one community, and sometimes more in what were then outlying areas reached by gravel roads. In these 'old days' (1950s to '60's) and before, people were culturally and socially inclined to be members of the church and they generally attended the church which was closest to them geographically.

In the last 50 years societal changes like rural depopulation, two working parents, different employment patterns and a communications revolution have had a huge affect on local communities.

Now families are defined differently. People are more mobile. It is more likely that individuals will over their working lives move into several different jobs, taking further education and retraining as necessary. To put it simply: we no longer live in communities where the old structures of society or of ministry work.

"Do not pour new wine into old wineskins". Have we not heard that somewhere before?

What is the shape of these new wineskins Jesus would have us fashion? It is the answer to this question that we have prayed and still pray deeply about. We have sent you way more questionnaires and surveys than you likely wanted to see, held way more conference calls than you likely wanted to participate in, and explored new ways that I realize some of you do not care for.

Our discernment process has led us to work with parishioners and clergy in their various regions to develop patterns best suited to the needs, the strengths and the particular character of each area. In this way, we have been moving from the traditional 'cookie cutter' approach to a shape better reflective of local realities. ‘

In this way, Ministry is moving from being parish-based to regional in orientation and practice. And those who take leadership in ministry are often Lay Leaders or Non-Stipendiary Clergy.

This has meant a far greater need to recruit, train and deploy individuals to take leadership in the communities in which they live. This is as exciting as it can be daunting for all involved!

### **Wanted! Labourers in the Vineyard of the Lord**

One of the greatest challenges has been to explain to people in small vulnerable parishes that we can no longer support stipendiary ministry in areas where there are little or no financial resources. This challenge to find new ways to do ministry according to our capacity to pay has been a hard and demanding process. But we have seen some success and we believe, given time, we will succeed in transforming how we do God's work.

We are in great need of ministers lay and ordained. In 2006 we had 20 stipendiary clerics and 20 non-stipendiary clerics. At the present we have 8 stipendiary clerics and 14 non-stipendiary clerics. The problem is we have regions that have almost no clergy, stipendiary or non-stipendiary.

It used to be when I was a boy that the minister spoke to individuals who he thought might be interested in ordained ministry. Now it is up to the communities themselves to pray regularly for guidance on this so that potential candidates are raised up and given the support to come forward. Some communities have taken this challenge on. Those who have not, will find that without individuals making a commitment to lead worship or lead in the building of community, that church community will falter. We must all be prepared to do those things we never thought we would or could.

### **The Perilous Financial Situation Moving to Resolution**

As many of you know, but it bears repeating, the decline of rural populations, especially of the English-speaking population, has meant the weakening of many of our parish communities. We now have about four thousand Anglicans spread across our vast diocese.

Many dioceses within the Anglican Church of Canada, especially those based in urban and suburban areas, derive 90% of their revenue from the people in the pew. Almost all fund diocesan operations with revenues that come from the parish Fair Share remittances.

This is not the situation for our diocese, with just 4,000 people in our pews.

The challenge: how to provide ministry not only in the present, but for the future needs of the faithful, the communities in which we live and for the mission we are called to not only at home, but in the world?

It became clear to us that if we did not change, our institutional closure would be imminent. Unlike the image in one of our favoured hymns, our foundation was far from firm!

In 2008, much prayer and a consultative strategic planning process led us to decide to liquidate assets and build up our investments. This path is providing the necessary means to continue with God's mission to our diocese.

That decision has brought us a long way toward solving our funding problems. But it is a two edged sword. When the market is doing well, we do well. When the market experiences problems, so do we. However, it is important to point out that even when markets have failed spectacularly world-wide, the Diocesan Investment Committee has kept us well above the high-water line and maintained better than average returns.

Our expectation is that in 2016-2017 we will have increased our investments over 100% from those held in 2006. It is our view that with a continuation of prudent administration, keeping expenses down and the constant and careful management of our investments, which has been the norm throughout this period, we will again operate on budget.

### **A Scriptural, Careful and Prudent Transition to Ethical Investing**

Some aspects of the Governance of the Diocese of Québec differ from that of other dioceses in Canada because of our early establishment. In this Diocese, responsibility for investments rests within the mandate of the Church Society of the Diocese of Québec. Church Society exercises this part of its role through an Investment Committee of financial professionals who volunteer their time and expertise. We have been blessed with a hard-working and extremely successful committee.

Following the direction of motions passed at the annual general meeting of Church Society, the Investment Committee began four years ago to divest from its mining holdings, given the serious ethical concerns raised around environmental and human rights issues.

In 2014 a motion passed at the Church Society called on the Investment Committee to review its fossil fuel holdings and report back to Church Society.

During that year, extensive documentation on the impacts of fossil fuel exploration, extraction, transformation and transportation were forwarded to the chair of the Investment Committee and the Diocesan Executive Council. Documents collected came from such diverse sources as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, Governor of the Bank of England, World Council of Churches, The Anglican Consultative Communion and the writings of Pope Francis. (This is but a small sampling of the total research made available from international and national environmental, financial and church bodies.)

### **Ethical Investing (Continued)**

At Church Society's annual general meeting of 2015, as President of the Church Society and as Diocesan Bishop I issued a letter in follow up to the various motions, review of holdings and research. This letter was published in the Diocesan Gazette and is available on our website.

On 23 September 2015, the Investment Committee was pleased to report that divestment from fossil fuels and mineral extraction was almost complete.

On 23 November 2015, the Investment Committee was able to provide the details of the divestment process.

Over the past 4 years, \$525,000 dollars in gold and copper mining operations have been divested.

Over the past 2 years, \$1.4 million dollars in oil and gas have been divested.

\$320,000 remain in fossil fuels as that financial instrument has not reached maturity. By year-end, the committee expects to be 100% divested from fossil fuels

I am deeply grateful for the collaboration and advice from our treasurer and the members of the Investment Committee. You have ensured this Diocese is responding to the scriptural imperative to care for creation and to act in unity with those vulnerable populations who are being disproportionately affected by Climate Crisis and the economic activities fueling it.

### **Financial Situation:**

#### **Synod and Church Society (charts presented)**

Synod & Church Society Operating Losses

Synod and Church Society Liabilities

#### **The foregoing changes were necessary so that what follows could happen.**

Working to make the Church a Reality, whether it's a meeting of the ACW Executive at Bishopthorpe, or a Task Force on Restructuring Ministry in St. Francis Deanery or a gathering of the Diocesan Executive Committee or the opening of a new supportive housing unit in Sept Iles, the Church is manifest throughout this vast territory.

### **Communal Life**

The measure of who we are is not found in what we say but rather how we live. Community is not just a description it is an experience.

When we live in a relationship with Jesus our priorities and our way of engaging life is different from the way that many live.

Wherever Anglicans live in this extensive diocese, they confront the social reality where they are. They become the means by which Jesus becomes manifest. They show forth the love and understanding that we experience in Christ.

Bravo Ministries Burundi: For many years the congregation of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity has supported the dedicated and dangerous work of Alyson Blair.

Alyson has worked with child soldiers and with women at risk in the community. They produce clothes, purses, wallets and other cloth goods which are sold to the public to support the individuals as well as the ongoing ministry.

In the last few years Alyson's ministry has been taken up by others in the Diocese of Quebec.

For many years Chris Hingley was the Head of Petra Schools. Since his retirement as Head two years ago he has continued to fund-raise for the school and in particular for the

programme called Aslan Camps. Aslan Camps is place where children of diverse backgrounds can experience community and grow in faith

### **Working Together: Quebec and the Philippines, Wales and First Nations Ministering to the Church Beyond Our Borders**

#### **Partners: Moray Ross and Caithness and Quebec**

Le Ministère des Francophones

Centrale à notre sens de ce que cela signifie d'être l'Église anglicane au Québec est l'importance de notre relation à la communauté francophone.

La création du doyenné de St Laurent était en reconnaissance du fait que le ministère par et pour les francophones est essentielle à la vie de notre communauté

#### **La présence visible de l'Église**

Que ce soit l'étude des Ecritures, prié ensemble, d'aller en retraite ou de manger ensemble comme une famille, les anglicans francophones recherchent des opportunités de faire partie de la grande communauté de l'Église.

### **Valuing Our Relationship With Indigenous People Community Life in Kawawachikimach**

#### **The Importance of Ecumenical Relations**

Throughout the Diocese we work in partnership with the other Christian Churches.

Since Jacob Mountain arrived and was greeted at the quay by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Quebec, the fraternal relationship between us has continued.

### **The Presbyterian Church / The United Church of Canada To Follow Jesus is to Follow the Poor**

Just as Jesus questioned the authorities of his day, so must we be ready to advocate peace and justice.

#### **Where are the young people?**

Ten years ago when I began travelling through the diocese, people were lamenting the lack of young people in the pews. There was reason to lament as there were almost no young people in the churches I went to visit.

But that is not the situation now! We have ministry to young people happening throughout the diocese. So, why is it different now?

One of the differences is that our church communities are now funding work among children and young adults. Another difference is that we are willing to go out to where young people are gathering, rather than expecting that they will walk through the door.

We have also learned one basic fact. Young people will not be active members of the Church until room is made for them and their opinions are seen as important. In other words, we must change how we are church.

#### **The Neuville Experience**

The Story of Noah

Young People from the Anglican churches in Quebec spent five days at an artistic religious community in Neuville near Quebec City in the summer of 2014.

Within a context of community life, prayer and creative opportunities they helped to produce a new rendering of the Noah story. It was later produced for the Cathedral Community.

#### A Summer of Artistic Expression

In the Fall of 2014 Aidan Strange was hired for one year to work with young people in the Eastern Townships and Quebec in artistic and musical projects. In the Eastern Townships several small productions were mounted including a stage rendering of *The Little Prince*.

In Quebec, rehearsals began in June on several theatrical pieces including *Scots on the Rocks* a zany comedic reworking of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and *The Selfish Giant* which brought Oscar Wilde's wonderful children's story to life.

The summer provided a focused opportunity for showcasing the significant talent of our young people.

#### Anglican Church Women

I have often said, how vital a role the ACW has played in this diocese. If it were not for their hard work and devotion many more of our parish communities would be closed.

#### The Gaspé Region

What do you feed monks in Gaspé? Lobster of course!

**Anglicans in Gaspé working in the Community, Garden Project Entry Island  
Ordination of Nick Forte in New Carlisle and Chaleur Bay and photos of a lunch in  
Shigawake and a Quiet Day**

#### The Eastern Townships Region

##### A Vibrant Community

The opportunity for evangelization is great. Thousands of English-speaking Quebecers still live in the Eastern Township.

The Church is busy providing ministry to both the aged and the young: Meals for University Students, Messy Church, The Doctor Who Club and Volunteering at the Drummondville Penitentiary are just a few of the active ministries.

Seniors are visited in their own homes as well as the Wales and Connaught Senior Residences.

#### Communal Experiences: Sadness and joy

##### Kids are engaged and have fun at St John's Waterville!

The Graduating Class of EFM: Education For Ministry

#### Finally! We're Launched! Subdued, But Happy the Court Found In Our Favour

Ten years of hard slogging. But here we are and the new Quebec Lodge is moving forward thanks to the efforts of many people. The donors have been generous and patient. We are all looking forward to this new project which will help to educate and support young people in our community.

## **Quebec Lodge Rises Again!**

### **The Lower North Shore Region**

The Lower North Shore

To be the Church on the Lower North Shore calls for courage and creativity. Transportation challenges and limited Government Services mean everyone has to work together. And they do!

The Church has survived many challenges. Now lay people are increasingly taking on many of the roles that were considered to be the domain of the clergy. That leadership is transforming the Church

**Rev Tony Hitsman RIP, The Pavillion, St Augustine and Mutton Bay  
Fleet Blessing H H, Funeral at Mutton Bay, Communion at St Augustine & St Paul's River**

### **The Quebec Region**

**Young People From the Cathedral Volunteering at the Morrin Centre**

**Advent Service, Turkey Dinner, Palm Sunday and Parish BBQ**

**The Cathedral and St. Michael's Joint Confirmation Class**

**Life at St Michael's**

Diversity is the word that springs most quickly to one who speaks about St Michael's in Sillery. This small community is a vibrant place where people from Europe, Africa, the US and many parts of Canada gather for spiritual nourishment. Some Sundays there are as many children as there are adults. Their gift is being a place where everyone is welcome, accepted and invited to participate fully.

**Memorial of the Voltigeurs Moved to Church /Youth Event and Singing at St. Brigid's Bishopthorpe: The Transformation**

**First There Were The Renovations: Plumbing, Electricals, Repairing, Restoring and Finishing**

By 2008 Bishopthorpe required much work. Cracked ceilings, nightmare electrical panels and caved in 3<sup>rd</sup> fl. Dormers posed serious threats to the safety of the building and its inhabitants. Grants from the Prov. Govt. Patrimoine Religieux made possible major work which eventually began in 2009 and was finished in September of 2010. We moved into Bishopthorpe in October.

### **I was homeless and you sheltered me**

When we were planning the repair and restoration of Bishopthorpe we decided because our family, at least the human part of it, numbers just four, that we would designate the third floor as a place for short term use by people coming to Quebec for medical appointments or procedures, as well as accompanying family.

This decision resulted in The Third Floor Ministry, a practice of Pastoral Care that has been deeply meaningful. Each individual room and the common areas were blessed in Cree by Rev. Martha Spence. Working in conjunction with the minister responsible for hospital visitation and often with the parish priest or minister back home, we have cared for scores of individuals who are far from home. People have come to us from every part of the diocese.

We have also provided housing for clergy who are here for meetings or are travelling through to their parishes.

The Anglican Church Women of the diocese have generously supported this ministry.

### **The Ministries of Bishopthorpe**

#### **Hospitality**

**Food Glorious Food: Everyone likes to eat.**

**Writers in Exile from around the world:**

**P.E.N. International, Quebec 2015.**

#### All Saints Chapel Ministries

A decade ago, All Saints Chapel was without electricity (mice and squirrels had eaten the wires) and the ceiling was literally falling down. Once again, Patrimoine Religieux funds allowed the diocese to undertake a loving restoration. The re-dedicated space has become a venue for an umbrella of important community ministries.

Worship continues to play a central role, including the daily Morning Office. Many of the worship opportunities are ecumenical and bilingual, with the chapel providing an open door to many individuals that belong to other churches, faith traditions and those who profess no faith but are seeking.

The Chapel also serves as a space for meetings. The Diocesan Executive Committee and the Central Board of the Church Society meet there.

This summer the Chapel was used by a group of young thespians. But over the last two years it has also served as: a concert hall, an art gallery, rehearsal space for the choir, a venue for young people's activities and, of course a place for meditation and quiet.

### **Details of the Windows in All Saints Chapel**

#### **The Cathedral Partners Project**

#### **Key Project Achievements**

- Improvement of the Cathedral signage and visual elements (posters, leaflets, flyers, roll ups, street banners...)
- Creation of the King's Gift Exhibit (Inaugurated in June 2014 – Awarded with CPRQ excellence award in November 2015)
- In-house production of professional concerts (Midi en Musique & La petite série de Holy Trinity)
- Creation of a Cathedral souvenir book in French and English (Launched in June 2015 - Awarded with CPRQ excellence award in November 2015)
- Establishment of long term partnerships with (Crêperie du Pain Béni, Hôtel Clarendon...)
- Best practices mission to Europe
- Meetings with business directors of Anglican/Presbyterian institutions with well-functioning tourism/culture programmes
- Presentation of “The three emblematic churches of Old Quebec” to the 1st UNWTO conference on Religious Heritage & Tourism in Elche, Spain
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**A Sampling of the Concerts Presented at the Cathedral**  
**The Concerts have brought in many hundreds of people who have never visited the Cathedral before**

**Green Ministries: Caring for Creation as Ministry**

Our Green Ministries work reminds us that one of our Marks of Mission is to Protect the Integrity of Creation. Rev. Cynthia Patterson represents the diocese on the national church Creation Matters Working Group which in turn links with the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. The diocese is also represented on Églises Vertes, an ecumenical, bilingual network. Green Ministries shares information on climate change, divestment from fossil fuels, investment in a transitional economy, water facts, community gardening, etc. We are pleased to provide relevant worship resources on request. Green initiatives are taking place in many parts of the diocese: bees & gardens on the Maggies, gardens & farm visits in the townships, etc. Please send your news and your photos to Rev. Patterson.

**Greening the Cathedral Close**

Green Ministries, in collaboration with the Diocese and the Cathedral, has just completed its third year of community gardens. The initial work was funded by a T.D. Environmental Foundation Grant. Money is also raised through calendar and card sales and donations from local businesses who value the work. Partners who garden with us include our secular neighbours, Le Comité des Citoyens du Quartier, and Maison Charlotte (women's section of the Salvation Army).

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**For some people happiness is holding a chicken!**

**Green Ministries on Entry Island**

**Every Community Needs a Donkey**

One of the most unexpected elements of my Episcopal ministry has been getting to know Aldo the donkey. I freely admit at the beginning I had many doubts. But as time went on I realized that Aldo brought more people into the Cathedral close than I did. I also began to understand how we all need the presence of animals to remind us of what living in the world is all about. It is very easy, when one lives in a city to forget that we are part of Creation.

I now see that Aldo has a ministry that is very important for the whole community. Aldo is able to communicate with: street people, restaurant workers, emotionally disabled people, people with impaired eyesight, the elderly, school children, the lonely, people who experience abuse of whatever kind. In fact he even enjoys the company of people who attend church!

**Final Words. Well almost...**

The good news of this Charge to Synod is that the extensive changes undergone on the diocesan level have stabilized our administration and finance and enhanced our capacity to support successfully the life and ministry of the church communities in the regions. And the most exciting thing for all of us to see, is the vibrant and dynamic Life that is to be found in many parts of our diocese. However, it has to be under-lined that we continue to be able to aspire to greater things because we collectively have been:

- **Faithful to God's Call**
- **Willing to Change**

- **Creative in finding new ways to be the Church**
- **Tireless in our efforts to bring in the Reign of God**
- **And committed to building diverse, inclusive missional communities that understand that God's Mission lies outside the walls of the church building**

### **Pass not Impasse**

And so my sisters and brothers, we arrive at that mountain pass I spoke of at the outset.

No mistake about it, my friends, as a result of abundant prayer and hard work we have moved from a many-layered impasse to a pass from which we may look with faith-filled confidence. The journey to the Kingdom is ongoing and much remains to get through, but we can see God's 'New things' all about us, we can hear a New Song in the wind.

We have not journeyed without wounds, both personal and corporate. More times than I wish to remember I have had to herd people over rocks they did not wish to climb and ford rivers they have not wished to cross. My prayerful hope is that the endurance we have all expended over the past 10 years may go some way to preparing fruitful soil for the bishop coadjutor whom you will elect tomorrow as you continue to build the kingdom with him.

### **The End**

**EPISCOPAL ACTS**  
**November 2, 2012 to November 26, 2015**

**Ordinations to the Diaconate**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Church and Location</b>
2012	November 10	Silas Nabinicaboo	St. John, Kawawachikamach
2013	May 1	Cheryl Stroud	St. Peter's, Sherbrooke
2013	July 22	Douglas Johnson	St. Peter's, Malbay
2015	May 14	Nicholas Forte	Chapel of Trinity College, Toronto

**Ordinations to the Priesthood**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Church and Location</b>
2012	November 4	Edwin Stretch	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec
2012	November 4	Jeffrey Metcalfe	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec
2012	November 4	Sarah Priebe	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec
2012	November 4	Wendy Telfer	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec
2015	November 15	Nicholas Forte	St. Andrew's, New Carlisle

**Appointments – Diocesan**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
2012	November 28	Christian Schreiner	Bishop's Commissary January 15, 2013 – February 4, 2013
2012	November 28	Garth Bulmer	Bishop's Commissary February 5, 2013 – April 20, 2013
2013	February 1	Garth Bulmer	Archdeacon for the Deanery of Gaspé
2013	July 12	Garth Bulmer	Bishop's Commissary August 3, 2013 – August 27, 2013
2013	December 1	Jeffrey Metcalfe	Missioner for Communications

## Appointments – Parochial

Year	Date	Name	Title
2012	November 4	Edwin Stretch	Chaplain, Trinity, Ste-Foy
2012	November 4	Jeffrey Metcalfe	Incumbent, Parish of the Magdalen Islands
2012	November 4	Sarah Priebe	Incumbent, St. Michael, Sillery
2012	November 4	Wendy Telfer	Incumbent, Greater Parish of Gaspé
2012	December 14	Frances Aird	Honorary Assistant to the Greater Parish of Gaspé
2013	January 15	Dean Ross	Archdeacon Emeritus
2013	February 1	John LeGresley	Deacon-in-Charge, Parish of New Carlisle
2013	November 1	Sarah Priebe	Chaplain to All Saints Chapel
2013	November 1	Louisa Blair	Chaplain to the Bishop
2013	November 30	Bruce Myers	Archdeacon Emeritus
2014	January 1	Yves Samson	Incumbent, St. James, Trois-Rivières
2014	January 1	Gladys Morency	Chaplain to St. Philip's, Kegaska
2014	October 1	Sarah Priebe	Chaplain to the ACW
2014	October 25	Wendy Telfer	Warden to Layreaders in the Diocese of Quebec
2015	June 20	Nicholas Forte	Deacon-in-Charge of the Parish of New Carlisle and Chaleur Bay
2015	September 3	Frederick Richardson	Assistant within the Saint Francis Deanery Ministry Team
2015	September 9	Denis Gévry	Assistant Curé to Yves Samson, St. James, Trois-Rivières
2015	November 4	Marcel Dumont	Priest in the Diocese of Quebec

## Episcopal Acts

Year	Date	
2012	November 23	Mary Spingle, Permission to Distribute Sacramental Bread and Wine in St. Clement's East
2013	August 4	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Luke's, Corner of the Beach
2013	September 29	Lorna Gordon-Tomlin, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Linda Annesley Hoy, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Jane Bishop, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Joan Drinkwater, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Roy Stinson, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic

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		Visitor
2013	September 29	Gene Ross, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Dorothy Ross, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Kathleen Hartwell, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Gabriel Kwenga, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Page Dame, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	David Woodard, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Jeannette Leblanc, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	September 29	Violet Konrad, License Deanery Pastoral Minister and Eucharistic Visitor
2013	October 11	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Paul’s, Marbleton
2014	August 24	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Lawrence, Lawrence
2014	August 28	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Barnabas, Lac Megantic
2014	November 12	Deed of Deconsecration, St. Peter’s-by-the Sea, Old Harry, Magdalen Islands
2015	January 11	Jean Pascal Sarthou, Reception into the Anglican Communion
2015	January 11	Karine Thibault, Reception into the Anglican Communion
2015	June 1	Letter of Appointment Interim Editor for the Diocesan Gazette, James Sweeny
2015	June 30	Letters Testimonial, David Oliver
2015	August 5	Bishop’s Summons of the 84th Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec
2015	September 26	Deed of Deconsecration – Christ Church, Canterbury

### **New Lay Readers licensed since the last session of Synod**

November 23, 2012	Thomas James Barton, Deanery of St. Francis
November 23, 2012	Gregory Stephen Barton, Deanery of St. Francis
November 23, 2012	Cheyenne Vachon-Swappie, Kawawachikamach
November 23, 2012	Marianne Mameanskum-Chescappio, Kawawachikamach
November 23, 2012	Emily Guanish, Kawawachikamach
November 23, 2012	Susan Mamianskum-Nabinicaboo, Kawawachikamach
November 23, 2012	Robert Swappie, Kawawachikamach
January 1, 2013	Linda Hoy, Deanery of St. Francis
March 23, 2013	Denis Gévry, Doyenné St. Laurent

June 23, 2013	Louis Brousseau, Doyenné St. Laurent
August 4, 2013	Lorna Duguay, Gaspé Deanery
November 29, 2013	Candace Aitkens, Gaspé Deanery
January 31, 2014	Gene Ross, Deanery of St. Francis
February 9, 2014	Vera Welsh Clarke, Gaspé Deanery
July 31, 2014	Beverley Ann Dame, Deanery of St. Francis
July 31, 2014	William Page Dame III, Deanery of St. Francis
September 14, 2014	Joan Drinkwater, Deanery of St. Francis
January 18, 2015	Jean Paul Sarthou, Doyenné St. Laurent
September 3, 2015	Kim Clark, Gaspé Deanery
September 3, 2015	Jonathan Patton

### **Confirmations**

Number of Services: 23

Number of Candidates: 130

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**Diocesan Historian**

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**Bishop's Examining Chaplains Committee**

**Pastoral Care**

## Diocesan Executive Council (D.E.C.)

On behalf of the D.E.C., I am pleased to report on some of the topics of discussion and deliberation. Since the last meeting of Synod in November of 2012, the D.E.C. has met eleven times as follows:

- November 3, 2012 (Foret Montmorency)
- January 4, 2013 (Conference Call)
- April 27, 2013 (Bishophorpe, Québec City)
- June 25, 2013 (Conference Call)
- November 23, 2013 (All Saints Chapel, Québec City)
- April 25-26, 2014 (All Saints Chapel, Québec City)
- January 23-24, 2015 (All Saints Chapel, Québec City)
- April 24, 2015 (All Saints Chapel, Québec City)
- May 11, 2015 (Conference Call)
- August 5, 2015 (Conference Call)
- September 24, 2015 (Conference Call)

The Executive Director and Executive Archdeacon continue to attend D.E.C. meetings as invited guests; their participation in D.E.C. meetings helps move us forward on a wide number of dossiers. In addition, Me Malcolm McLeod, Vice-Chancellor, has been attending D.E.C. meetings since his appointment by the Bishop. To reduce costs, the minutes and meeting documents are sent electronically to D.E.C. members (unless otherwise requested). A quarterly financial statement is also produced and made available to the deaneries for their review.

Property Management: James Sweeny has been keeping the D.E.C. up to date on a growing number of property-related matters (see separate report). Congregations have been engaged in assessing their individual needs in terms of property (rectories, churches; parish halls, etc.) and in some cases it has meant the disposal of a particular asset. Canon 16 (Church Property) has been adhered to and has provided mission and ministry income that may have not been available otherwise.

The D.E.C. authorized a one-time gift of \$15 000 to the diocese of Bujumbura and a repayable loan of \$125 000 to the Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral to fund initial expenses related to the Cathedral Complex Project. The D.E.C. approved the Cathedral Partnership Agreement in April 2015.

A Right Relations Network was approved in April of 2013 with a goal of providing a network for Anglicans to participate in faith-based reflection, planning, and action on identified justice/environmental/community issues affecting people in the diocese and beyond. with the Reverend Cynthia Patterson as its coordinator. In addition, she was appointed as diocesan representative to the Creation Matters Network.

The D.E.C. has reviewed a number of Anglican Foundation (AF) Grant applications and forwarded them for a review process. The Parish of Quebec worshipping at the Cathedral applied for a \$5000 grant; in April 2014, a grant of \$15 000 from All Saints, Entry Island was forwarded and subsequently approved by the AF. St. James' the Apostle, Cacouna applied for a loan of \$120 000 to be re-paid over a number of years.

The D.E.C. has been kept up to date on numerous dossiers:

- reimbursement of moving expenses for clergy
- honoraria for non-stipendiary clergy, lay incumbents and layreaders
- trusteeship (as per Canon 31) of St. Christopher's, Bradore
- transfer of Quebec Lodge Camp to the Quebec Lodge Foundation (see registrar's report)
- Safe Churches

In terms of Synod budgets, the Treasurer and Executive Director have repeatedly expressed concern regarding cash flow. Parishes not remitting monthly Synod assessment has created anxious moments. A taskforce was created in November of 2013 to address the financial issues. In January of 2015, it was approved that all fair share remittances due to Synod be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month and requested Church Society do the same in regards to stipend and benefits.

A Mission, Ministry and Management Taskforce was created in April of 2014. Archdeacon Michael Pitts headed this taskforce that consulted clergy and parishioners across the diocese. The extensive report covered such pressing issues as financing the future, structural changes, roadblocks to change, priority of a mission-based church, the need to focus on French and bilingual ministry, lay ministry, communications, and human and financial resources. The report provided insight into our present-day reality and will aid it in setting its future course. At subsequent D.E.C. meetings, the pressing issues related to mission and ministry (sustainable faith communities) have been referred to.

A number of reports from a variety of diocesan bodies, committees, and representatives have been consistently presented to D.E.C. They have all brought issues and concerns to the attention of D.E.C. Where necessary, the D.E.C. has acted upon a number of requests and issues emanating from the reports. This work, done by so many people, is an essential part of our ministry within the diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Our D.E.C. face-to-face meetings and conference calls continue to be streamlined and highly efficient.

In closing and on behalf of the D.E.C., I would like to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the leadership provided by Bishop Dennis Drainville as chair of the D.E.C. along with the Officers of the D.E.C. and Synod, the Chancellor and vice-Chancellor, the Synod Office staff and the ever-present collaboration of Church Society. We are grateful for the time and attention deanery representatives have given to a wide range of diocesan matters concerning its mission and ministry over the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Stephen Kohner  
Secretary of Synod

# Treasurer's Report

The following report highlights the progress and present status of the Diocesan finances along with outlining the path to a Diocesan balanced budget.

Cash flow has been and continues to be the major challenge for the administration for Synod, Church Society and Lord Bishop Corp Sole. Although rationalizing expenses and streamlining operations has been the policy, there are many challenges that continue to face the Diocese that have hindered cash flow. As all three Diocesan budgets are related it is important to understand the progress of their respective corporations.

## Church Society

Church Society's strategy has been one of building up pooled funds in order increase revenues through the management fees it receives from Pooled funds. Since the unit value lows in 2008, Pooled funds has increased by 8.4 million dollars, from 8.6 million, to 17 million dollars, adding 140,000 dollars annually to Church Society's revenues. In the same period, parishes having invested in pooled funds have seen their unit values increase over 16% and received over 36% return through distributions. The 52% return to unit holders, not only underlines the advantage of investing in pooled funds, it also reaffirms that the strategy of encouraging parishes to invest in Pooled funds was the appropriate strategy.

Once again in 2013, Church Society was faced with difficult cash flow issues and in order to cover all of its financial obligations was forced into a position to increase its credit margin by \$50,000 and sell \$80,000 of pooled fund units. Selling pooled fund units is a double edge sword as it not only reduces income from distributions, but also decreases revenues from the management fees collected, so such decisions were not taken lightly.

In 2014, the credit margin was increased another \$50,000, but was reimbursed in 2015 subsequent to the sale of the Cookshire rectory, hence respecting the agreement with the bank.

The three following factors combined will allow Church Society to return to a surplus cash flow position:

- 1) Ending the financial support of non-viable parishes, hence eliminating bad debts
- 2) An increase in pooled funds of 3 million dollars(to 20 million dollars)
- 3) Positive stock market returns over the next few years

## Synod

The strategy of Synods' financial restructuring was twofold:

- 1) Continued rationalization to minimize certain expenses
- 2) Reinvestment in the Diocese

Although it was important to continue to reduce certain expenses, the survival of the Diocese also depends on reinvesting in its structure and mission.

In 2013, the financing of the Cathedral Visioning Project was approved and Synod took on a loan of \$125,000. Tommy Byrne, the project manager, was hired to explore new sources of revenues and projects including the Kings Treasurers Exhibit were launched. Although the

Diocese took on debt, the investment will certainly have a long term positive impact on the finances of the Diocese.

Interfund transfers to deaneries were rationalized and all surpluses were eliminated to reflect the restructuring of each respective deanery.

The implementation of the policy to increase fair share for non-pooled funds investments reinforced the administrations strategy of building up pooled funds. The administration took a proactive approach of educating the parishes that investing in pooled funds was in their best interest. Although non viable churches were being sold, the loss in fair share from these parishes was offset by increasing investment income, therefore minimizing the loss in revenue for Synod.

In 2014, it was Synod's turn to divest of pooled funds units in order to assist with the cash flow obligations. Fortunately, increased unit values due to strong portfolio performance more than offset the sale of \$72,000 worth of units. The value of Synod's assets in pooled funds increased by over \$245,000 net of sales since 2012 when the final instalment of the proceeds from the sale of Quebec lodge was received, adding over \$13,000 of income from distributions annually.

Balancing Synods budget will not be possible in 2016 with the added expense of a coadjutor bishop. A recommended increase in fair and positive returns for pooled funds should help offset the additional expense. Apart from continued rationalization of expenses, the balancing of Synods budget will depend on the following:

- 1) increased grants from Lord Bishop from the sale of assets
- 2) increased grants from Church Society should surpluses be incurred
- 3) positive stock market returns over the next few years

### **Lord Bishop Corp Sole**

The Diocese continued with the difficult process of divesting non-viable churches, and investing the proceeds in pooled funds with the revenues being used for mission. There are many challenges facing the sale of churches such as the lack of demand for property in remote areas and municipal zoning issues. The divestiture of the property surrounding St Michaels Church is not only necessary for the survival of their parish, it will allow the parish to repay its debts to the Diocese hence improving the Diocesan cash flow. Zoning issues with the city and residents in the area have made this file a very long process, however recent developments should lead to the imminent sale of the property in the New Year.

The Bishops planned divestiture of his portion of the ownership of the Trinity Church property will play a major role in the balancing of the Diocesan budgets and a legal decision can be expected in 2016.

The Lord Bishop also faced challenges with cash flow as there was a legal settlement in Old Fort incurring both legal fees and costs to settle the file.

Finally, the Quebec Lodge group fulfilled their requirements for the land transfer. Furthermore, an agreement was negotiated with the neighbour therefore freeing up the path for the Lord Bishop to transfer the remaining Quebec Lodge property over to the group.

Many strides have been made to move the finances in the right direction. Fiscal responsibility is necessary; nevertheless deficits and cash flow will continue to burden the administration. The timing of returning to a break even budget will depend on the speed of the diocesan restructuring; including the merging of parishes, the sale of certain major assets, and finally the performance of pooled funds. The proposed budget will indicate that break-even is possible in two years if all of the key strategic pieces fall in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Boden,  
Treasurer

## QUEBEC DIOCESAN GAZETTE

The members of our present Gazette Board are The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, ex officio, Mr. James Sweeny, editor, Mr. Roy Stinson, chair, Ms. Caroline Mullin, Mrs. Beverly Dane, and one vacancy.

Since the 83<sup>rd</sup> Synod, there have been three editors, Bruce Myers, Jeffrey Metcalfe, and James Sweeny. Each has left their own mark. None more so than Jeff, who with the Board supported the changed of the Gazette from tabloid style to a new booklet style paper. This new format with a lot of graphics and feature articles was done to overcome the shortage of articles, (articles that also would be quite dated by circulation time). It was also done to appeal to the taste of our youth who do not usually read newspapers but are drawn to graphic and trendy mags.

A review of the Reports to Synod 80, 81, 82 and 83 all indicated the difficulty in receiving articles and photos (reported since 2005). Hence often papers with only four pages (one sheet) filled with large photos rather than information. The board unanimously felt that a flimsy paper was viewed similar to almost empty restaurant or church which conveys an image that something is amiss. A paper with a lack of content and appearance may not be worth reading. Old news is not usually very appealing to readers.

The board also agreed that if the francophone population was to be truly part of our evangelism efforts then a bilingual paper and web site should be part of our goal (keeping in mind costs of translation). Most churches sending submission to the Gazette likely have bilingual members who could perhaps provide a translation (need not be word for word – just the same message).

The two board members elected at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Synod, Jeff Metcalfe and Fran Aird have since left the board. Only Jeff who became editor was replaced by Beverly Dame thru an appointment. Fran's position is still vacant and both Caroline and Roy's term of office expires with the 84<sup>th</sup> Synod, leaving Beverly as the only member left to serve until the 85<sup>th</sup> Synod. This 84<sup>th</sup> Synod will be required to elect two additional members to serve until the 86<sup>th</sup> Synod (two terms) and one person to complete the remaining term left vacant by Reverend Canon Fran Aird's resignation. Of course, if Synod changes Canon 22 then this may not be required.

In 1894, the Quebec Diocesan Gazette and the pulpit were the two principle forms of communication in the vast Diocese. Today news received via the Gazette is quickly being sub-planted by electronic media such as the Web site, Facebook and others. A decision was taken at our last meeting with our current interim editor James Sweeny to publish the electronic version of the Gazette the moment that it is ready for press – usually three to four weeks prior to mail receipt of the paper. This will permit those who are comfortable with the computer to read the electronic version sooner, yet allow those who prefer to read an actual paper to as usual do so.

Growth of our faith depends on *communication* in many formats, not just via the Gazette. Communication we believe should be overseen by a dedicated Board with communication experience and an editor with independence, working closely with all facets of our Church – the Bishop, the DEC, parishioners at large and leaders both lay and ordained. The

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Gazette/Communication Board is a ministry which should reach out to everyone with the Good News, not just the baptized - continuing the work of Jesus and his apostles by using print and electronic format and press releases to other non church media for maximum exposure of our Church to the masses.

In conclusion the Board has fulfilled its Mandate, reviewed its performance at least once under each of three editors and exceeded the number of meetings required each year to produce the best paper possible under the circumstances. We ask that you send your comments and suggestions to the editor or chairperson, so that the Gazette continues to be relevant. The Board would have preferred to see the booklet style continue for a longer trial period but understands that the change back to Tabloid Style was due a to cost savings potential and we welcome the better spacing between lines of text in the new tabloid paper produced by our interim editor James Sweeny . We wish well to those departing board members and thank Annalea Giesbrecht our former Graphic Artist for her contribution to the Quebec Anglican Gazette. We pray for God's guidance and help to James Sweeny and those who will take up the task after our November 2015 General Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. G. Roy Stinson, Chair

## **DIOCESAN REGISTRAR, ARCHIVIST AND PROPERTY MANAGER REPORT**

With the decrease in church membership and migration of our members from the more rural areas to either larger centres in our diocese or in some cases other places in Canada to be with family, there have been a number of churches who can no longer remain open and viable. Thus since last Synod there have been a large number of church closures and property transfers. I think it important to point out that to date no closures have been “forced” upon those congregations; they decided themselves that it was time to close.

We have sold the St Paul’s in Marbleton, St James’ South Durham, St John’s, Ditchfield , St James the Less in Compton and St Philip’s Sawyerville to private individuals. In the case of St James the Less we entered into an agreement with Bishop’s College School (BCS) and they are removing the bell, some pews and some of the stained glass memorial windows and will place them on their campus in Lennoxville. BCS is doing this as St James was the church used as the school chapel by King’s Hall Girls School prior to its merger in the early 1970s with BCS.

We are in the process of transferring Christ Church Canterbury to the Bury Historical Society and the St Barnabas Lac Megantic to the city as was done with Church of the Good Shepherd in Bishopton. St Lawrence, Lawrence, has been sold to a local not for profit organization to be used as a community centre. St Peter’s, Old Harry has been transferred to the local not for profit development group and will be used as a museum.

The cost of restoration of the parish hall in Hatley, at close to \$500,000.00, was well beyond the ability of the parish to pay. After very long negotiations the hall was sold to the municipality and it has been restored and is now operated by them as a community centre.

Over the past three years we had four rectories “on the market”: the ones in Valcartier and Harrington Harbour have been sold, by Synod we will have signed the deed of sale on the later. The two others are Sept-Iles and Cookshire. In Sept-Iles it was placed with an agent but there was no offers and we are awaiting action by that church corporation to place it with another agent. In Cookshire the property was owned by the Church Society and as Property Manager I was acting for them, it was surveyed, the rectory lot separated from the church and it has been sold to a local business man to be used as cultural centre.

The Quebec Lodge Foundation was successful in raising the 1.5 million dollars required by the agreement with Synod and the beach and remaining land of the former Quebec Lodge Camp will be transferred to the Foundation who will begin running a new Quebec Lodge Camp on the property in 2016.

St Peter’s , Sherbrooke, which had already sold its building, has officially closed since our last Synod.

Assets and the amounts received from the sale of property owned by congregations Lord Bishop or Synod are, as per our canons, used to pay off any debts of the parish and then

invested with Church Society Pooled Funds and the revenues used to provide continuing ministry in the local region and the diocese.

There are still a number of ongoing discussions around the viability of a number of parishes which will no doubt result in future closures and sales.

Other than being involved with the details of the sales of these properties, the Registrar under our canons becomes the person responsible for oversight of the cemeteries that were part of those closed congregations and this is becoming a larger part of the role of Registrar.

I have been attending the local regional meetings of the **Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec (CPRQ)** as well as sitting both on their Board of Directors and the committee that liaises with the government. Even though funding from the government has been severely decreased churches in our diocese continue to benefit from this programme which has in the past 20 years contributed more than seven million dollars to assist churches on our diocese with restorations. The final phase of the Bishopthorpe restoration is one of the projects going forward this year. The Parish of Quebec, Way's Mills, and Georgeville are also in the process of restoring their buildings with CPRQ grants. Shigawake was done an excellent restoration of their church exterior. Cacouna has just received a grant for the church and parsonage and both Murray Bay and Georgeville (second phase) have applications submitted and hope to hear positively on those before Christmas.

We have been involved with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and its work regarding the Indian Residential Schools. A complete run of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette was scanned for the period when the Anglican Church was running the school in La Tuque as well as Synod Journals and Reports dealing with the subject for the same period. A copy of the confirmation record for the St Anne's Chapel at the school was also scanned and sent to the TRC along with a copy of the only photo we have in our archives from the school. The TRC also would like copies of the church registers for the period but those are covered under the Quebec privacy laws. The TRC is planning to make all its documentation public in a library in Winnipeg. As the TRC is unwilling to apply to the Quebec courts for an exemption to the law and without that we are not permitted to supply those copies of our church registers of baptism, marriages and burials so this request has been shelved.

As always we have researchers looking into family and church history. These are either in person at the diocesan archives housed at Bishop's University or by mail, phone or e-mail. We have been working with historical societies in various regions to assist them in completing histories of the role of the Church and the English-speaking population in their regions. Library and Archives Canada is also working on St James Church in Trois Rivieres as part of the major restoration going on in that building.

In 2013 I presented a paper at a conference held in Quebec's Musée de la civilisation on the Anglican experience in Quebec and the problem we face regarding distance and space dealing with archival material and one in Sherbrooke in 2014 on the ways of digitalization of documents in archives to provide greater access with less damage to historical documentation. These conferences were hosted by the CPRQ and were directed at religious archives of all denominations throughout the province, roughly 125 people attend each of these.

The ongoing official cadastral reform continues and though we are now reaching the end of the process there remains some areas in the province which have not been treated. As I have in every Synod since 1993 I urge wardens and congregations to get in touch with me when the changes are taking place in their region. It is important that I verify that the correct ownership and size of our holdings are correctly recorded in the new cadastral records. There have been cases where we have lost land because we were not there to defend our rights. On the positive side some interesting good news from this is last year we found out about a small piece of land that we did not know we owned and have since sold to assist in ministry in the St Francis Deanery.

I continue to provide assistance and advice to the synod office, officers and members of the church regarding the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and chaired the sub-committee of the Diocesan Executive Council of changes which are coming before this Synod for members' consideration.

Respectively submitted,

James Sweeny, M .A.  
Diocesan Registrar, Archivist and Property Manager

## DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS

There have been quite a number of changes and developments in the Deanery since the last Synod. New initiatives are underway, regular events continue, and the new ministry model flourishes.

The Deanery Ministry Committee meets monthly and is composed of Archdeacon Edward Simonton as chairperson, the Rev Canon Lynn Dillabough, the Deanery Coordinator, Ruth Sheeran, the Rural Dean, as secretary and John Rasmussen. The Committee oversees activities in the Deanery and plans the development and implementation of proposals for ministry. The Committee, in consultation with the Diocesan Executive Director, also determines the shared ministry costs using the Deanery Council approved funding formula.

The team ministry model continues to grow with an additional five churches joining recently. The ministry group now includes fourteen churches and extends from Danville to Coaticook. The Deanery Worship Leaders Team is composed of three priests and eight deanery layreaders and meets weekly to plan services for the churches in the new model. The congregations that meet regularly have two Eucharists and two Morning Prayer services a month. The Deanery Layreaders hold special licenses from the Bishop which authorize them to distribute the reserved sacrament at public services. All the layreaders in the deanery meet monthly for ongoing training sessions.

The regular outreach activities of the Deanery, such as rummage sales, bazaars, card parties, teas and lunches, continue while a number of new initiatives are underway. A very successful youth group under the leadership of Canon Dillabough meets regularly in Richmond and participates in activities with youth in Quebec City. Two Messy Church groups for young children and parents meet weekly in Danville and Bury to share activities and enjoy a communal meal. Several youth groups, led by Archdeacon Edward Simonton, are based in Lennoxville and involve students from Bishop's University and Champlain College. Two Education for Ministry (EfM) groups completed the four year course in the spring, and a third-year group continues with several of the graduates participating.

The team of Pastoral Ministers, led by Canon Dillabough, now comprises over fifteen fully trained lay and clerical members who meet monthly for instruction and support. A new initiative this fall is a Lectio Divina group that meets weekly to reflect on the assigned gospel. The Deanery is currently raising the funds necessary to sponsor two Syrian refugee families. We are working with St Ephraim's Syrian Orthodox Church in Sherbrooke, and we hope that we will soon be able to welcome these families to the area.

Special services involving the entire Deanery have proved to be very successful. Every fifth Sunday regular services are cancelled, and all members of the Deanery come together for a joint service and potluck lunch. Quarterly evensong services followed by a wine and cheese reception are held in Lennoxville. The old time gospel hour in Danville featuring a live band and time of a fellowship always gets a full house. This past year a Yuletide Celebration featuring traditional music and Christmas readings by the Bishop and the Archdeacon was standing room only.

There have been a number of personnel changes in the Deanery. Sadly we lost two of our clerics, the Reverend Bob Castle, who used to travel from Vermont to take the services in Stanstead, and the Reverend Cheryl Stroud, Deacon, who was an active member of the team ministry. Fred Robertson, the much-loved layreader who took the services in Fitch Bay, died last month. The Reverend Barb Wintle retired from her ministry in December although she continues to participate in the Deanery and is often asked to perform weddings and funerals. The Reverend Canon Fred Richardson retired as incumbent in Magog but continues as an active member of the Deanery Worship Leaders Team.

We are very pleased that Gabriel Kawenga, one of our Deanery Layreaders, was recently approved by ACPO. He is continuing his studies, and we hope soon to welcome him as an ordained member of the Deanery team. Canon Dillabough is very active ecumenically in the Deanery; she co-authors a popular weekly column in The Sherbrooke Record with three other local ministers, and together they recently led a weekend retreat. Archdeacon Edward Simonton is a member of the Anglican-Oriental Orthodox International Commission, which just agreed on a historic statement on Christology. Three Deanery members were elected as diocesan representatives to the Provincial Synod held in June: the Venerable Edward Simonton, the Reverend Canon Fred Richardson and Ruth Sheeran.

A number of congregations have closed over the last few years including St Peter's in Sherbrooke, St Phillip's in Sawyerville, St Barnabas in Lac Megantic, St Lawrence's in Lawrence, St John's in Ditchfield, St James the Less in Compton, and Christ Church in Canterbury. The parishioners of these small churches have been welcomed into other congregations.

Although the Deanery of St Francis faces the same challenges as the rest of the Diocese, we remain optimistic. We see signs of vibrant life and growth, and we go faithfully into the future with hope and joy.

Ruth Sheeran, Rural Dean  
St. Francis Deanery

## DEANERY OF THE NORTH SHORE

It is my pleasure to submit this report on behalf of the Deanery of the North Shore to Synod. The Deanery has been putting its budget to use in supporting the mission and ministry of the diocese in our congregations spread across thousands of kilometres. The Deanery Council has met through conference call intermittently since our last Synod of November 2012.

The Deanery has experienced extremely challenging times. The Venerable Michael Pitts resigned as Archdeacon in the fall of 2014, the parish of St. Clement's East could no longer afford a full-time cleric, acquiring quorum at meetings and low membership proved problematic, and the lack of clerics and lay readers/leaders have negatively impacted on our ability to live out mission and ministry.

Nevertheless, the deanery continues to finance a number of initiatives; the deanery is grateful to Synod, Church Society, and the Bishop for their financial support through the various grants we receive. The bulk of our allocated budget goes to help with stipend, travel expenses, honoraria, layreader's conference, fair share and community initiatives/partnerships. Funding to the Coaster's day camps was terminated in 2014. We continue to support the pastoral care services coordinated in the Quebec City region. This is greatly appreciated for those coming into the area for medical treatment from the North and Lower North Shore regions. We are thankful and blessed for the ministry of The Reverend Silas Nabinicaboo who was installed as deacon in the parish of St. John's, Kawawachikamcah.

I want to thank the deanery council members and Synod Office staff who have participated in our endeavours. In addition, I want to thank Dale Keats and Mary Spingle for representing our deanery on the D.E.C. as well as the layreaders and lay incumbents who continue to provide much needed ministry.

I end this report with the prayer for the Lower North Shore written by Bishop Dennis.

*O God, blessed are you, that you create the beauty of wind-swept rocks and sparkling waters. Blessed are you, that over the years you called individuals to the Lower North Shore to settle people on that rugged coast. And blessed are you that you gave them open hearts and minds, a place for Our Lord Jesus Christ to make a home and call a people to Himself. We thank you for the little churches that house the great Faith of the people who love you. Watch over your people, guide them, and continue to lead them in new ways of experiencing your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Stephen Kohner  
Rural Dean/Secretary

## DEANERY OF THE GASPÉ

Since the 2012 Synod, the Gaspé Deanery Council has met eight times. As achieving quorum is becoming a challenge in our vast area, we now meet twice a year by teleconference.

We have responsibility for the oversight of Camp Fort Haldimand, a serene and beautiful place near the beach in Gaspé. The governance structure has been streamlined to reflect the actual administration of the property. One group maintains the site and manages short-term rentals throughout the summer, while another operates the vacation Bible camp. The latter group has dealt with recent staffing challenges, recruiting an enthusiastic and energetic director and balancing the ratio of counselors to campers. In 2015 we extended the hours of the day camp, to be competitive with daycare. We were able to provide two weeks of day camp with attendance similar to 2014. Feedback from campers and their parents was positive.

In addition to providing financial support for the camp, the Deanery helped fund two important social justice initiatives in the Magdalene Islands. A group of high school students visited Toronto for a “life-changing experience”. They met refugees, served homeless and marginally housed guests at a lunch programme, and spent a few hours panhandling to gain empathy for the other. A community garden was created at All Saints’, to provide a taste of the recent past when people grew their own vegetables. It continues to feed the community both physically and socially. With the help of the Deanery, one of the garden’s founders was able to attend a conference on food security in British Columbia.

Donations were made to the Québec Pastoral Care Team, which provides a vital service to patients and families travelling from our region. We shared information about local projects and programmes such as Sunday School, partnerships with community groups, and fundraising for important causes locally and farther afield. Last spring Marie-Sol Gaudreau and James Sweeny came to Gaspé to offer a financial workshop for churchwardens and treasurers in the Deanery. It drew a large crowd, and people found it engaging and informative.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Deanery for the past three years. I hope that the energy and camaraderie that we enjoy will continue.

The Reverend Wendy Telfer  
Rural Dean

## Rapport du Doyenné du Saint-Laurent

Dans le Doyenné, les trois dernières années ont été pleines de bénédictions; elles ont permis aux membres du clergé francophone de se rencontrer à quelques reprises, non seulement pour établir et approuver les budgets, mais aussi pour développer des programmes et échanger sur leurs préoccupations et l'avenir des communautés francophones. A deux occasions les ministres laïques ont été invités à se joindre aux membres du clergé pour ces rencontres.

Parmi les faits saillants de ces trois années, il faut souligner :

### **Trois-Rivières, Sorel, Drummondville et Acton Vale.**

#### **Faits saillants :**

- Le révérend Yves Samson, a été installé comme curé de la paroisse de Trois-Rivières.
- Le diocèse de Montréal lui a également donné une licence comme responsable de la paroisse de Sorel.
- Le Révérend Yves Samson célèbre aussi l'eucharistie une fois par mois à Drummondville.
- M. Denis Gévrý, qui assistait le révérend Yves Samson à Trois-Rivières, a été ordonné diacre, pour le diocèse de Montréal. Il sert maintenant comme assistant à Trois-Rivières et à Sorel (diocèse de Montréal). Il a reçu sa licence de Mgr Drainville pour exercer son ministère dans le diocèse.

#### **Ministère (Rapport du révérend Yves Samson)**

**Trois-Rivières:** j'ai célébré 8 baptêmes; 6 mariages; 6 funérailles; et deux personnes ont été admises dans l'église anglicane.

le 26 janvier 2014, en vue des travaux de restauration de l'église, nous avons reçu Charlie Hill, conservateur de l'art canadien au Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, pour une conférence à l'église St. James intitulée : "L'architecte Percy Nobbs et l'église St. James".

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Après des mois d'attente les travaux de restauration et de rénovation de l'ensemble immobilier de St James sont en cours. La communauté anglicane a conclu une entente avec les Ursulines de Trois-Rivières et la chancellerie du diocèse catholique romain de Trois-Rivières pour l'utilisation de la chapelle du monastère des Ursulines durant les travaux à l'église.

Nous avons présenté le documentaire "L'Heureux naufrage" au Ciné-Campus de Trois-Rivières.

Nous poursuivons notre collaboration au temps des fêtes pour la confection de paniers de Noël avec l'école primaire anglophone de Trois-Rivières, les cadeaux en blanc pour la maison Le FAR (Famille, Accueil, Référence) et nos dons au Foyer du marin.

À **Acton Vale** : j'ai célébré deux funérailles à l'église en plus de nos célébrations annuelles qui furent l'occasion de souligner le 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la première messe célébrée à Acton Vale, du début de la construction de l'église et de l'inauguration du bâtiment d'église.

À **Drummondville**, j'ai célébré 6 baptêmes, 12 mariages et une funérailles.

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Nous avons travaillé activement avec le comité œcuménique autour de l'événement de la Proclamation de la Parole (2014), une lecture continue de la Bible dans différents lieux de culte dont St George. Dans le cadre de la nuit des sans-abri (2014), nous avons ouvert les portes de l'église pour y accueillir les gens et tenu une célébration de prières et de chants selon l'esprit œcuménique de Taizé. En novembre 2014, avec la collaboration de l'équipe pastorale de l'unité pastorale du Bon Pasteur de Drummondville, nous avons organisé la projection du documentaire "L'Heureux naufrage" en compagnie du producteur, Guillaume Tremblay. Pour souligner le 200e anniversaire de Drummondville, j'ai participé à la grande célébration d'action de grâce qui a eu lieu à l'église St Frédéric en compagnie de l'évêque du diocèse catholique romain de Nicolet, Mgr André Gazaille. Nous avons aussi inauguré "L'espace Frederic George Heriot" situé à l'entrée du terrain de l'église pour honorer la mémoire du fondateur de Drummondville dont le corps repose dans notre cimetière.

### **Portneuf (Révérend Michel Royer)**

Le révérend Michel Royer exerce son ministère dans la communauté francophone de Portneuf. Il y célèbre deux eucharisties par mois; Il y a aussi fait quelques baptêmes, des mariages, présidé des funérailles. Il continue aussi son ministère comme assistant à la paroisse de Tous les Saints.

Le révérend Michel Royer est responsable de l'activité Shoe-Box, pour Portneuf et Tous les Saints.

M. Glen Marcotte a reçu de Mgr Drainville sa licence comme ministre laïque. Il assiste M. Graham Jackson et le révérend Michel Royer dans leur ministère.

### **Québec, Tous les Saints (Vénérable Pierre Voyer)**

L'archidiacre Pierre Voyer continue son ministère dans la paroisse de Tous les Saints. Dans les trois dernières années, il a organisé deux retraites de trois jours pour une dizaine de paroissiens, a donné trois formations pour ministres laïques, de même que des formations destinées aux paroissiens.

En 2014, la paroisse de Tous les Saints a fêté son 15<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de création et ses 25 ans de ministère en français à la Cathédrale. La paroisse de Tous les Saints comprend une soixantaine de personnes. La participation aux cultes du dimanche varie entre 25 et 30 personnes. La paroisse offre une célébration eucharistique tous les dimanches, et des services spéciaux en cours d'année.

Une équipe de lecteurs a été formée, deux acolytes ont été confirmés dans leur fonction.

Deux nouveaux ministres laïques, M. Louis Brousseau et M. Jean-Pierre Sarthou, ont reçu leur licence de l'évêque dans la paroisse de Tous les Saints.

Quatre personnes ont été reçues dans l'Église anglicane.

Quatre enfants ont été baptisés, Larry-Kane, Kani-Ange, Perla et Ted Ntakirutimana; un garçon, Chance Kelly Irakoze, a été confirmé par Mgr Drainville.

Deux mariages ont été célébrés.

### **Thetford Mines**

L'archidiacre Pierre Voyer continue de rencontrer, une ou deux par mois, les paroissiens de Thetford Mines, pour une célébration eucharistique. L'archidiacre Garth Bulmer, exerce aussi un ministère à Thetford Mines. Il y a là une petite communauté qui est fidèle aux célébrations du dimanche qui ont lieu toutes les deux semaines.

Il y a aussi eu en cours d'année, un baptême et une réception dans l'Église.

Pierre Voyer  
Archidiacre du Saint-Laurent

## DEANERY OF THE QUEBEC

Since the last Synod the Deanery of Quebec has continued to focus on 3 marks of mission: Ministry, Mission and Outreach.

Ministry in 2013 saw the Deanery of Quebec increase its focus of support to assist with pastoral care for people visiting Quebec, either for medical treatment or in support of a patient in treatment. That support included cost of transport within Quebec City, expenses associated with hospital visits, and communications. We continued in our efforts to support lay reader's education and the work of a lay incumbent.

In Mission, we continued to support of La Maison Du Marin, a port facility providing assistance and comfort to foreign mariners staying in the Port of Quebec. The balance of our ministry activity was in support of Christian youth education. A special 2-year project began sending a youth from St Michael's through a Christian youth leadership camp. The student entered the first year as an attendee and will participate in the second year 2016 as a youth leader.

In Outreach the Deanery shifted some of its resources in support of a fledgling francophone Anglican community meeting at St-John the Evangelist in Portneuf. Other outreach support went to special projects at Christ Church, Valcartier; St-James the Apostle, Cacouna; and a special youth initiative at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec.

In 2014 our ministry focus remained unchanged from our commitments in 2013, including pastoral care for visitors, lay education and lay leadership. In meeting our mission goals we increased our support for La Maison Du Marin and continued to support expansion of youth education in two Quebec parishes. Our outreach included an increase in support for the francophone parish evolving in Portneuf.

This year, 2015, a new outreach focus dominated our attention. There is a multi-faith initiative in Quebec City to host a refugee family from Syria, so a major portion of our funding went in support of that effort. We also have members of our Deanery team being trained to work in support of families being relocated to the area. Another outreach need identified was an existing meal program that lacked sufficient funding, so resources were shifted to support that emergency food program. Additional resource went to feed struggling families through the Christmas Hamper campaign.

In Ministry, other resources were identified that could continue to support pastoral care so our contribution to that cause was reduced while we continued to support a lay incumbent. Increased support also went in mission to La Maison Du Marin while the Deanery continued to support youth education through 2 parish programs.

Multi-year youth partnership between the Deanery of Quebec and the Deanery of St. Francis: Beginning In March of 2013 the Danville youth group came to Quebec City to explore the Capital and asked if any of our local teens wanted to join them. A group from the Parish of St. Michael's and the Parish of Quebec played host, showing them around. This collaboration continued and on Canada Day weekend 2013, the 3 parishes connected with a trip to Ottawa

accompanied by Reverend Sarah Priebe and Reverend Lynn Dillabough. Reverend Dillabaugh established a working connection with parishes in Ottawa, and the kids spent time learning about their mission work and seeing the National Capital. In the winter of 2014 the Danville youth returned to join St. Michael's youth in an overnight at the church and winter fun as well as talks from Bishop Dennis and a visit to the Ice Hotel. In May of 2014 the St. Michael's youth went to Danville to learn about the working farms and agriculture of the area. The most recent weekend was Halloween weekend 2015 at St. Michael's and involved youth from Danville and Quebec "burning our fears" and collecting non-perishables while trick-or-treating for the Jeffrey Hale Christmas campaign.

The friendships that are developing and the connections of our youth ages 10-17 are positive additions to our usual Christian education activities and are fully supported by both deaneries.

The Deanery of Quebec has been able to change its focus and quickly respond to changing needs within our community. It has been gratifying to be able to meet those needs with our financial resources and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Gibb, Rural Dean

## QUEBEC DIOCESAN LAYREADERS

Given the current situation in our diocese, the work of our layreaders is becoming more valuable and challenging than ever. Since last autumn I have had the privilege of serving as Warden. My work has focused on two vital needs: communication and continuing education.

In order to support our layreaders, we need a current picture of who is serving where, how to contact them, and the tools they need to support their ministry. In August of this year, Archdeacon Garth Bulmer sent an e-mail to clergy and lay incumbents, requesting the information needed to create an up-to-date database. I am grateful to the many incumbents who responded promptly and in detail, and look forward to hearing from the remainder.

As a result, I have been able to send a number of newsletters covering a variety of topics. Effective January 1, 2015, a training policy was put in place to provide financial assistance to layreaders to attend training sessions in addition to those offered by our diocese. To date we have received and approved one request for funding. Information about upcoming events has been shared in the hope that more layreaders will take advantage of this opportunity. Resources have also been distributed, including the diocesan guideline on baptism and the invitation to receive Canon Stephen Kohner's very helpful weekly listing of propers, readings and intercessions.

Since the last report to Synod we have held two conferences. In 2013 Bishop Dennis Drainville led a workshop on services held outside church buildings and for unusual occasions. In 2014 the theme was the church visitor. The first session, led by the Reverend Edwin Stretch, considered the leadership role of layreaders. In the afternoon Archdeacon Bulmer outlined the nature of their ministry. Layreaders were then given a number of situations drawn from parish life in order to discuss how they might handle them. This year an invitation was extended to attend a retreat on Opening to the Spirit, led by the Reverend Canon Lynn Dillabough and her ecumenical colleagues. I plan to organize a conference next spring, perhaps on the particular challenges faced by locally-raised layreaders. Suggestions for topics are most welcome.

This summer I began meeting with members of the Lay Readers' Association of the Diocese of Montréal to advance our ongoing work of providing continuing education to members of both our dioceses, and in particular exploring ways of making programs accessible to people in the regions. To this end, they have kindly offered assistance with billeting and local transportation for layreaders from Québec who wish to attend their events. I look forward to future collaboration with the Reverend Lorne Eason, Glen Marcotte, Sue Winn and the rest of the group.

On behalf of our layreaders, I offer our thanks to Canon Graham Jackson for fifteen years of faithful service as Warden, and for his continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Wendy Telfer  
Warden of Layreaders

## DIOCESAN HISTORIAN

As always, one aspect of my role as Diocesan Historian appears to be answering questions—whether formal or informal—of a historical nature. During the interval since the last Synod there have been a number of enquiries concerning Diocesan clergy who have been elected to the episcopate, both within the Canadian Church and beyond. These often require some research, but, so far, I have been able to respond usefully. I have also received questions about church property, especially cemeteries, involving deconsecrated churches, as well as to properties where former bishops once resided. Questions relating to the actual transfer of property I always refer to the Registrar. Those I have dealt with myself have concerned consecration dates, locations and care-taking history. With discussions about the prospect of sharing services and personnel with the Diocese of Montreal, which have arisen from time to time since the last Synod, I have been asked a number of questions about the shared history of the two Dioceses and the process of their division into two territories. My former researches in preparing the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary history of the Diocese of Montreal (*The Measure of Faith*, published 2002) have made me feel more comfortable in dealing with such enquiries although the history of that Diocese lies beyond my responsibilities here.

In light of the ongoing necessity here of closing churches where parishioners are unable to ensure their upkeep, I trust that those in authority will emphasize the importance of transmitting all parish papers and documents relating to church life to the Archivist to enable him to decide what materials should be preserved. When the opportunity arises I repeatedly emphasize the importance of taking detailed inventories, at the parish level, of church furnishings as well as itemized records of what has become of them in the event of their having been dispersed. *Many clergy as well as parishioners appear to be unaware that making and keeping such inventories up-to-date is a policy of this Diocese, sanctioned by Synod.* It would be in the Diocese's interest to have some sort of letter sent out to the parishes to urge that someone locally undertake such inventories so that when need arises, there would be some preparedness.

It is my pleasure to report that circumstances have at last permitted me to resume what I have always regarded as my primary responsibility as Diocesan Historian: namely to call attention to, and celebrate, our rich history in a way that reaches the largest numbers of our church membership as possible—through the pages of our *Diocesan Gazette*. As of January 2015, I was invited to submit a bimonthly column entitled “A Scribe's Scrawl,” three of which appeared before the summer break. In September, I began a monthly column entitled “Gleanings” which, because of a return to the *Gazette's* former format, offers more freedom and flexibility in matters of length and theme. Both of these new columns have followed my initial offering (which had appeared under the title of “Nuggets from the Past”) of items drawn from the pages of the Diocesan Gazette of 100 years ago. So far, I have received encouraging and positive feed-back from all five items, but particularly from the two newest ones. I would like to express my thanks to interim Editor Jim Sweeny for this opportunity and for his helpful furnishing of appropriate illustrations to go with the columns.

Respectfully submitted,  
MEB Reisner  
Diocesan Historian

## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

The purpose of the ACW is to unite women in a fellowship of worship, study and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and will lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation and world.

I hope this report will show how we as members do our best to fulfill our purpose.

Our Diocesan ACW has met seven times since our last Diocesan Synod.

With the hard and dedicated work of our Executive members and branch members we have managed to accomplish a lot of work, even with branches closing and fewer members in branches.

With the generosity of branches and individuals we have been able to award Education Bursaries to students from remote areas of our Diocese the Lower North Shore, Gaspé and the Magdalen Islands.

From the Thankoffering Fund, which monies are voted on at Biennial Meetings, we distributed monies to various groups in our Diocese and beyond. A few examples, the Hugh Fraser Recovery Program, Mental Health Estrie, Fort Haldimand Camp bursary fund, the PWRDF, Drummondville School Lunch program, Women's Shelter, Lennoxville, Bravo Ministries Allison Blair, Le Far Women's Shelter, Trois-Rivières, Aube Luiere, end of life, Sherbrooke, Summer Bible School, Cookshire, and Accueil Blanche Goulet, Gaspé Food Bank.

We are not just about raising funds, in our branches women take part in Bible Studies, do Altar Guild work, serve as Lay Readers, wardens, Synod delegates, serve coffee after services for as a time of fellowship, host teas and sales and coffee parties in the parish and other events in the parish and not just as fund raisers. Something that is very popular in our parishes is making up shoeboxes for the seafarers.

I would like to thank the members of the Diocesan Executive and branch members for their dedication and hard work and to Bishop Dennis for his support.

In closing I would like to quote our ACW Prayer. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who sent thy Blessed Son into the world to become the Saviour of mankind, grant to us a deep sense of gratitude for thy grace towards us. Enable us by thy Spirit to reveal thy love in prayer, work and stewardship so thy salvation may be known to all peoples and thy name glorified throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Gibb,  
ACW Diocesan President

## **THE BISHOP'S EXAMINING CHAPLAINS COMMITTEE**

The Bishop's Examining Chaplains Committee (BECC) is an advisory committee established by the Bishop of Quebec mandated to advise him on candidates seeking ordination in the diocese. The committee constitutes one element in the discernment process for ordination candidates in the diocese.

This mandate is fulfilled in the following ways: a) the committee reviews applications from persons seeking to be postulants for ordination in the diocese; b) the committee advises the bishop on whether applicants should or should not be considered for ordination.

The process of discernment for candidates seeking ordination in the Anglican Church of Canada is one which operates at several levels. Candidates are required to have the support of their parish priest and local congregation. This support is formally signalled to the BECC in the application process. Normally, when the bishop accepts the BECC recommendation that a candidate be accepted as a postulant of the diocese, the bishop requires that the postulant proceed to the next level of discernment under the jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Province at which the Advisory Committee on Postulant Ordination (ACPO) operates. ACPO is a multi-disciplinary panel constituted of 2 persons from each diocese who meet annually with applicants from each diocese to examine the leadership qualifications of all applicants. ACPO will make a determination to recommend for ordination or not (and sometimes to postpone) to each diocesan bishop sending candidates.

Candidates make application based upon a sense of call from God to ordained ministry. The process is intended to assist them, the bishop, and the church as a whole, in determining whether the church can also affirm that vocation both in terms of their ministry skills and aptitudes and in terms of the ordained ministry needs of the diocese.

This multilevel discernment process helps to ensure the best possible screening for ordination postulants. Each level must advise in favour of a candidate's call to ordained ministry in order for a positive recommendation to go forward to the bishop. According to Anglican polity, the final decision is made by the diocesan bishop who will proceed to ordain and licence the candidate.

The present BECC is composed of Archdeacon Garth Bulmer (chair), Archdeacon Pierre Voyer, the Reverend Patsy Hayes, Ms. Joan Gibb, Ms Phyllis Gauthier, Canon Graham Jackson, and Mr. Thomas Matthews. Meetings, typically by conference call, are at the call of the chair.

The BECC meets when applications are to be reviewed. Since 2009 the BECC met on Dec 15, 2009, Feb 10, 2011, July 26, 2011, June 27, 2011, Nov 24, 2011, Feb 20, 2012, Sept 6, 2012, Mar 28, 2013, April 9, 2014, Oct 21, 2014. It reviewed the applications for postulancy of 16 candidates all of whom were accepted but one. Twelve of the sixteen postulants have been ordained, serve or have served in the diocese since their ordination. The four postulants not yet ordained will be so in the next few months or upon completion of their studies.

In recent years various influences have changed the characteristics of persons applying as postulants. Many of our candidates are now older in years, often retired, and intending to minister on a part time non-stipendiary capacity. Some discern that they are call not to priestly ministry but to that of the Vocational Deacons who do not become ordained as priests.

In our diocese, fewer and fewer parishes are able to support full time or even part time stipendiary clergy which has been the ordained ministry model dominant in the Canadian church for over a century. We are indeed fortunate that the Holy Spirit continues to call out persons for ordained ministry apt and willing to serve under these changed circumstances.

Submitted by  
Archdeacon Garth Bulmer

## PASTORAL CARE QUEBEC

For many years the Anglican Community in Quebec has provided pastoral care to patients, their families, and friends who come to Quebec for medical treatment. This has been coordinated by clergy and relies upon many local volunteers. Services offered include transportation to and from the airport, hospital visits, and occasional assistance with translation and accommodations.

For people coming to the city from rural areas of the Dioceses this service is comforting. Many are stressed with worry about medical issues, anxious at being away from home, and unfamiliar with the city. Having contact with someone local they can call upon, in addition to having a pastoral visit, is often very reassuring.

Coordinating this activity was largely done informally until 3 years ago. In 2013 Reverend Darla Sloan was hired part-time to take responsibility for this program. Reverend Sloan broadened the outreach to include our friends from the United Church and obtained funding to support a more rigorous effort. The Deanery of Quebec has been a substantial financial supporter of this activity.

In 2014 Reverend Sloan became chaplain to the Correctional Facility in Donnacona so the duties of coordinator were transferred to Reverend Edwin Stretch.

In the past year alone from January through November a total of 58 hospital visits were made by members of clergy or volunteers, the number of calls for service or information totalled 48 while the distance traveled to and from the airport and within the city visiting hospitals, totaled 706 km. Requests for assistance and services are now channelled through one phone number: (418) 951-1295 or through email: [pastoralcare@quebec.anglican.ca](mailto:pastoralcare@quebec.anglican.ca).

It is imperative that local congregations inform the pastoral care team when they know of someone hospitalized or traveling to Quebec for treatment or in support of someone in care. This way the coordinator can arrange for a visit or transportation as may be needed.

This is a rewarding ministry for all those who participate. We hope this mission will continue to serve parishioners of both the Anglican and United Church.

Yours in Christ,  
The Reverend Edwin Stretch

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## SYNOD AGENDA

**Thursday, November 26, 2015**

16:00-17:30            Synod Registration

17:00-18:00            Supper (Cafeteria)

18:15                    Holy Eucharist with the Bishop's Charge

19:30                    **First Session of the 84<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Synod**

- Call to Order
- Names of all Clerics entitled to seats
- Names of Lay Delegates duly appointed with roll
- Defective Certificates
- Report on those congregations in Good Standing and those in arrears
- Verification of Quorum
- First Report of the Nominating Committee
- Privileges of the House: ACW President (if present)
- Privileges of the House: Invited Guests
- Privileges of the House: Other
- Appointment/Announcement of Synod Committees:
  - Agenda Committee
  - Resolutions Committee
  - Committee on the Bishop's Charge
  - Committee on the Certificates of Eligibility
  - Scrutineers
  - Scrutineers: Episcopal Election
  - Press Committee
  - Vote of Thanks Committee
- Deadlines: Nominations and Notices of Motions
- Remembrance of those members of Synod who have passed away since the last meeting of Synod
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Reading, Corrections, and Adoption of the Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> (Ordinary) Synod
- Notices of Motions: Canonical Amendments
- Presentation of Reports

20:15                    Episcopal Election Candidates' Forum

**Friday, November 27, 2015**

07:30                    Breakfast

08:30                    Holy Eucharist

09:45	<p><b>Second Session of Synod</b>  <b>Electoral Synod</b>  Designated seating for members of Synod/designated seating for observers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order: The Most Rev. Percy Coffin, Chair</li> <li>• Opening Prayer</li> <li>• Verification of Quorum (2/3 of clerical <u>delegates</u> and 2/3 of lay <u>delegates</u> to Synod)</li> <li>• Reading of the names of all nominees &amp; introduction of nominees present</li> <li>• Election of Coadjutor Bishop</li> <li>• Meditation; Hymn Sing; Prayers; Presentations; etc. (in between ballots)</li> <li>• Distribution of ballots for elections (Board of Triers; Delegates to General Synod)</li> </ul>
11:30	Lunch
12:30-14:00	Election: Board of Triers
12:45	<p><b>Electoral Synod (continued)</b>  <b>and/or Third Session of Synod</b></p>
12:45 – 13:15	Synod Budget Overview
13:15 – 13:45:	Canonical Amendments Overview
13:45 – 14:55:	Workshop: Canonical Amendments/Budget
14:55 – 15:10	Break
15:10 – 16:20	Workshop: Canonical Amendments/Budget
17:00	Supper
18:15	<b>Third Session of Synod</b>
20:45	Compline
21:15	Social Time
<b>Saturday, November 28</b>	
07:30	Breakfast
08:30	Morning Prayer
08:50-12:30	<p><b>Fourth Session of Synod</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Order of Business</li> <li>• Greetings</li> <li>• Bishop's Charge Committee Report</li> <li>• Motions (various motions will be presented)</li> </ul>

- Presentation/feedback: proposed changes to the national canon on marriage

09:30 Closing of Nominations

12:30 – 13:15 Lunch  
Deadline for all Motions

13:15– 18:15 **Fifth Session of Synod**

- Reports
- Nominating Committee Report and Election Results
- Motions (canonical amendments; diocesan budget; etc.)
- Elections
- Break: 16:00

18:15-18:35 D.E.C. Meeting

19:00 **Supper / Banquet**

### **Sunday, November 29**

07:30 Breakfast  
Check-out/Departure for the Cathedral (car-pooling?)

11:00 a.m. **Closing Liturgy at the Cathedral**

- Schedule of Enactments (Announcement)
- Commissioning
- Proroguing of Synod





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November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Dear David:

It is with considerable regret that I accept your resignation as Chancellor of the Diocese of Quebec. Over the last few years you have spoken to me about the possibility of leaving the post and you have known my reluctance to see you leave. We are both in a period of change in our lives and it seems finally that the time is right for us both.

You have been Chancellor through a very challenging period of change. We might even call some years stormy. From the huge task of revising the canons in 1998 to 1999, to the restructuring of our finances and administration in 2006-2007 you have guided the Diocese through some difficult times.

I am deeply appreciative of your commitment and wisdom. The Diocese of Quebec through the Diocesan Executive Council and the Central Board will miss your engagement and helpful presence as you guided us through a number of complicated legal issues. And I personally am thankful for your offer of help and support to the Diocese and Malcolm McLeod as he begins his tenure as Chancellor.

Because of your commitment and constancy for so many years; on behalf of the clergy and lay people of the Diocese of Quebec I would like to appoint you our first recipient of the Order of the Diocese of Quebec.

May God continue to bless you and guide you in the years ahead.

Yours in Christ,

+Dennis  
Lord Bishop of Quebec

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