

# DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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Consolidates 1) the Solemn Declaration, 2) Basis of Constitution, and 3) Fundamental Principles previously adopted by the synod in 1893 and constitutes the foundation of the synod structure (1934).

## 1. Solemn Declaration

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

We, the Bishops, together with the Delegates from the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada, now assembled in the first General Synod, hereby make the following Solemn Declaration:

We declare this Church to be, and desire that it shall continue, in full communion with the Church of England throughout the world, as an integral portion of the one Body of Christ composed of Churches which, united under the One Divine Head and in the fellowship of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, hold the one Faith revealed in Holy Writ, and defined in the Creeds as maintained by the undivided primitive Church in the undisputed Ecumenical Councils; receive the same Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as containing all things necessary to salvation; teach the same Word of God; partake of the same Divinely ordained Sacraments, through the ministry of the same Apostolic Orders, and worship one God and Father through the same Lord Jesus Christ by the same Holy and Divine Spirit Who is given to them that believe to guide them into all truth.

And we are determined by the help of God to hold and maintain the Doctrine, Sacraments and Discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Church of England hath received and set forth the same in "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the Use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter or Psalms of David pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches; and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons"; and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion; and to transmit the same unimpaired to our posterity.

## 2. The General Synod

The General Synod shall consist of the bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada and of members chosen from the clergy and the laity.

## 3. The Orders

- a) The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada shall be organized in three Orders: the Order of Bishops, the Order of Clergy, and the Order of Laity.

- b) The Order of Bishops shall consist of:
- i) The Primate
  - ii) Provincial Metropolitans
  - iii) Diocesan bishops
  - iv) Coadjutor and suffragan bishops
  - v) Assistant bishops who have been so designated by the synod or executive of their respective dioceses and who exercise episcopal functions within that diocese
  - vi) The Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces.

Bishops who have retired and who live in Canada, provided that they are not engaged in remunerative work outside the ordained ministry, may attend the General Synod but shall not have the right to vote.

- c) The Order of Clergy shall consist of clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with The Anglican Church of Canada elected by the several diocesan synods according to such rules as they may adopt, subject to the provisions of subsection f). In a diocese that has no synodical organization such appointments shall be made by the bishop; and
- d) The Order of Laity shall consist of communicant lay members of The Anglican Church of Canada, elected by the several diocesan synods according to such rules as they may adopt. In a diocese that has no synodical organization such appointments shall be made by the bishop.
- e) Members of the Orders of Clergy and Laity shall be members of the diocesan synod, or eligible to be members of the diocesan synod, of the diocese they represent.
- f) Dioceses shall be entitled to elect clerical and lay members of the General Synod as follows:
- i) for dioceses having fifteen licensed members of the clergy or less, one member of each Order;
  - ii) for dioceses having sixteen to twenty-five licensed members of the clergy, two members of each Order;
  - iii) for dioceses having twenty-six to fifty licensed members of the clergy, three members of each Order;
  - iv) for dioceses having fifty-one to one hundred licensed members of the clergy, four members of each Order;
  - v) dioceses having more than one hundred licensed members of the clergy shall be entitled to one additional member of each Order for each additional fifty licensed members of the clergy or fraction thereof;
  - vi) the words "licensed members of the clergy", as used in this section and elsewhere in the Constitution, shall mean all clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with The Anglican Church of Canada holding the license of the bishop of a diocese to perform the functions of the ordained ministry within the diocese, excepting and excluding those who are resident in the diocese but are on leave from another diocese, and those who are in receipt of benefits from the pension funds of the Church (other than for temporary disability) and who are not in charge of a parish or fully engaged in the work of the ordained ministry.

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- g) In addition to the persons elected or appointed under subsections c) and d), the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces shall appoint two licensed members of the clergy and two communicant lay persons, all from the Canadian Forces, to represent the chaplains, military personnel and their dependents, and one representative who will be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six years upon the prorogation of General Synod, who shall be a communicant member of The Anglican Church of Canada.
- h) In addition to the persons elected or appointed under subsections c) and d), each diocese shall be entitled to elect or appoint one representative who will be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six years upon the prorogation of General Synod as a member of the General Synod, who shall be a communicant member of The Anglican Church of Canada.
- i) In addition to the persons elected or appointed under subsections c) and d), there may be appointed two representatives of Anglican Religious Orders with communities in Canada recognized by the House of Bishops, such representatives to be appointed by the Superiors of the religious orders acting in concert.
- j) The Chancellor and the General Secretary of the General Synod, if not otherwise members of the synod, shall be *ex-officio* members of the General Synod.

#### 4. The President

The President of the General Synod shall be the Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada, who shall be elected and hold office under, and have such privileges, powers, authority and duties as are defined by the Constitution, Canons and Rules enacted by the synod.

#### 5. Sessions and Voting

- a) The three Orders shall sit together.
- b) Bishops shall vote independently as one Order and members of the clergy and laity shall vote together unless a vote by Orders is called for.
- c) If a vote by Orders is required on any question, the question must be approved by each Order.
- d) The vote shall be put first to the Order of which the mover of the motion is a member.
- e) If a question is approved by each Order a vote by dioceses may be demanded in accordance with the Rules of Order and Procedure.
- f) If a vote by dioceses is required on any question and if a majority of the dioceses vote in the negative, the question shall be declared in the negative.
- g) The agenda of the General Synod may provide for separate meetings of the three Orders.

## A6. Jurisdiction of the General Synod

Subject to the provisions of section 7 the General Synod shall have authority and jurisdiction in all matters affecting in any way the general interest and well-being of the whole Church and in particular:

- a) the constitution and organization of the General Synod including the regulation of the time and place of its meeting, the order and conduct of its proceedings, and the appointment, functions and duties of its officers, committees, councils, boards, commissions and divisions, for the proper conduct of its affairs;
- b) the national character, constitution, integrity and autonomy of The Anglican Church of Canada;
- c) the relations of the Church to other religious bodies in Canada and elsewhere;
- d) the relations of the Church to other Churches of the Anglican Communion;
- e) with the consent of the ecclesiastical provincial synod or synods concerned, the creation and constitution of new provinces within Canada;
- f) the election, retirement and resignation of the Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada;
- g) structural uniformity in relation to the episcopal prerogative of licensing clergy;
- h) the constitution and powers of a Supreme Court of Appeal, with original and appellate jurisdiction, including procedure therein and the enforcement of its decrees and judgments;
- i) the definition of the doctrines of the Church in harmony with the Solemn Declaration adopted by this synod;
- j) the revision, adaptation and publication of a Book of Common Prayer and a Hymnal for the Church;
- k) all divisions employed in the carrying on of the work of the Church;
- l) the basic standards of theological education, and the qualifications and training of candidates for the ministry of the Church;
- m) the establishment, operation and maintenance of a general pension fund;
- n) the administration of a group insurance plan for the benefit of the clergy and lay employees of the Church;
- o) the regulation of the inter-diocesan transfer of clergy;
- p) the relinquishment or abandonment of the ministry of the Church; and
- q) the administration of all funds and trusts established in respect of the Church.

## A57. Fundamental Principles

- a) The organization and constitution of a General Synod for the Church does not involve any change in the existing system of ecclesiastical provincial synods.
- b) Provincial synods shall have authority and jurisdiction in all matters affecting the general interests and well-being of the Church within their respective jurisdictions in the following matters:
  - i) subject to the provisions of any Canon enacted by the General Synod for the erection of any provincial synod, the constitution and organization of the provincial synod, including the regulation of the time and place of its meeting, the order and conduct of its proceedings, and the appointment, functions and duties of its officers, executive boards and committees for the proper conduct of its affairs;
  - ii) with the consent of the General Synod, and of any diocese affected, the adjustment of the boundaries of the province, and the creation, division and rearrangement of provinces;
  - iii) with the consent of the General Synod and the dioceses affected, the division of the provinces into dioceses, the establishment of missionary dioceses within the province, the division of existing dioceses and the adjustment or rearrangement of diocesan boundaries;
  - iv) the confirmation of the election, consecration, and resignation of bishops within the province;
  - v) the election of a metropolitan bishop and the definition of metropolitan duties, powers and authority;
  - vi) the constitution of a Provincial Court of Appeal, with original and appellate jurisdiction, including procedure therein and enforcement of its decrees and judgments;
  - vii) the regulation of the ministrations of the clergy and others within the province, including the oaths and subscriptions of clergy within the province;
  - viii) the authorization of special forms of prayers, services, and ceremonies for use within the province, for which no provisions have been made under the authority of the General Synod or of the House of Bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada;
  - ix) the relations of the Church to the civil authorities and to public education within the province;
  - x) the administration of any fund or trust established in respect of the synod;
  - xi) the formation and constitution of provincial branches of organizations and societies established by the General Synod for the promotion of the work of the synod; and
  - xii) the consideration, promotion and advancement of any object or matter for the general advantage of the Church in Canada or in a province, referred to the synod of a province by the General Synod.

## A6 8. Ecclesiastical Offenses and Disciplinary Proceedings

- a) The General Synod shall have authority and jurisdiction with regard to:
  - i) the definition of ecclesiastical offenses;
  - ii) the penalties for ecclesiastical offenses;
  - iii) principles and general procedures to be observed in disciplinary proceedings in The Anglican Church of Canada;
  - iv) rights of appeal in disciplinary proceedings; and
  - v) the procedures to be followed in the Supreme Court of Appeal for The Anglican Church of Canada in disciplinary proceedings in respect of which it has jurisdiction.
- b) Each provincial synod shall have authority and jurisdiction with regard to the procedures to be followed by the provincial court of appeal for the province in disciplinary proceedings in respect of which it has jurisdiction.
- c) Each diocesan synod shall have authority and jurisdiction with regard to the procedures to be followed by the diocesan court in disciplinary proceedings in respect of which it has jurisdiction.

## 9. Saving Provisions

- a) Nothing contained in sections 6, 7 and 8 shall limit or affect the powers, jurisdiction and authority inherent in the office of bishop, or exercised collectively by the bishops of the Church sitting as the House of Bishops of any province or of The Anglican Church of Canada.
- b) Except in so far as the provisions of sections 6, 7 and 8 are the same in effect as the legislation now in force, those sections shall not come into force in such ecclesiastical province until approved by the provincial synod thereof.
- c) The words "ecclesiastical province" shall mean any group of dioceses under the jurisdiction of a provincial synod

## 10. Union with Other Churches

Union of The Anglican Church of Canada with one or more other Churches may be effected in accordance with procedures set out in the Constitution.

## 11. Amendments

- a) *Declaration of Principles*
  - i) The Solemn Declaration of the Declaration of Principles, while continuing to be part of the Declaration of Principles, belongs in a particular historic context and therefore cannot be altered or amended.
  - ii) A change in the Declaration of Principles (except for section 1) can be considered when a majority of each Order is present at a session of the General

Synod. To take effect it shall require a two-thirds majority in each Order voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the change proposed having been referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods following the first approval by the General Synod.

- iii) No change in sections 6, 7 and 8 of the Declaration of Principles can be effected without the consent of all provincial synods, except that if a vote on the proposed amendment has not taken place in any provincial synod prior to the next regular session of the General Synod, such provincial synod shall be deemed to have approved the amendment.
- iv) Any proposed amendment to the Declaration of Principles which has been defeated by a vote of the General Synod, or of a provincial synod with respect to sections 6, 7 and 8, may be introduced again at any subsequent session of the General Synod.

b) *Constitution*

The Constitution of the General Synod may be amended by a two-thirds majority of each Order voting at a session of the General Synod, except that any section of the Constitution which has its origin in the Declaration of Principles must be consistent with the Principle concerned.

c) *Canons*

- i) All Canons dealing with doctrine, worship, or discipline, and all alterations to such Canons, shall require to be passed by a two-thirds majority in each Order voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the Canons and alterations proposed having been referred for consideration to diocesan and provincial synods, following the first approval of the General Synod.
- ii) All other Canons may be approved or amended by a two-thirds majority of the Order of Bishops, and of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together.

d) *Rules of Order and Procedure*

The Rules of Order and Procedure may be amended at any regular session of the General Synod by a two-thirds majority of the members voting in the normal manner.

e) *Amendments on Second Reading at Synod*

- i) Where a proposed change to the Declaration of Principles (other than to sections 6, 7 or 8 thereof) or to a Canon dealing with doctrine, worship, or discipline has been:
  - a) passed at one session of the General Synod,
  - b) referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods, and
  - c) brought before a second session of the General Synod for consideration,

it shall be in order for the General Synod to adopt any amendment to the proposed change which would have been in order when the proposed change was considered at the first session of the General Synod and the proposed change shall take effect if passed by the required majority at the second session with or without such amendment.

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- ii) Where a proposed change to sections 6, 7 or 8 of the Declaration of Principles has been:
- a) passed by the required majority at one session of the General Synod,
  - b) referred for the consideration of all diocesan synods,
  - c) referred for consent to all provincial synods, and
  - d) brought before a second session of the General Synod for consideration,

it shall be in order for the General Synod to adopt any amendment which does not alter the proposed change in any substantive way but which merely improves the clarity or form of the proposed change and the proposed change shall take effect if passed by the required majority at the second session with or without such amendment.



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**ACT OF INCORPORATION**

An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster [Statutes of British Columbia 1893, Chapter 45 with amendments to 1961 (1900, 1915, 1961)]

[18th April 1893]

Preamble

**W**hereas a petition has been presented from the Bishop and the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, such Diocese consisting of the Districts of New Westminster, Yale, Kootenay and Lillooet, and a large portion of the Cariboo District, praying that the Synod should be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:--

1. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, the licensed Clergy of the said Diocese, the Diocesan officials and the Lay Delegates at present being the members of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, and such other persons as may hereafter become or be elected members thereof, according to the constitution and canons of the said Synod, shall be and they are hereby constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate by the style and title of "the Synod of The Diocese of New Westminster," hereinafter called "the Synod." [S.B.C. 1893, c.45, s.1]

Incorporation

- (a) Provided always that the 120<sup>th</sup> Meridian of West Longitude shall hereafter be deemed to be and shall be the eastern boundary of the said Diocese of New Westminster for all purposes whatsoever, and that none of those portions of the said Diocese of New Westminster lying east of the said Meridian shall hereafter form part of the said Diocese, and all licensed clergy, lay delegates and other persons of such eastern portions of the said Diocese, now being members of the said Synod, shall hereafter be divested of all property and membership rights in the said Synod. [S.B.C. 1900, c.45, s.1]
- (b) Provided further that the portion of the said Diocese of New Westminster described as follows: Commencing at a point where the summit of the Cascade Range touches the present north-west boundary of the Diocese of New Westminster, and following the summit of the Cascade Range east of Lillooet Lake to the mouth of

Boundaries of Diocese

the Fraser Canyon, one mile north-east of the Town of Yale; thence running due east to the one hundred and twentieth meridian; thence due north following the present eastern boundary of the Diocese of New Westminster to its northernmost point; and thence following the present northern boundary of the Diocese of New Westminster to the point of commencement, is hereby excluded from and shall not hereafter form part of the said Diocese, and all the licensed clergy, lay delegates and other persons of such excluded portion of the said Diocese, now being members of the said Synod, shall, subject to the provisions of section 16 of an Act of the Legislature for the year 1915, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Cariboo,' hereafter be divested of all property and membership rights in the said Synod. [S.B.C. 1915, c.5, s.17]

2. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the Bishop of New Westminster, or any other corporation, or any person or persons, to transfer any property, real or personal, held in trust by him or them for the uses of the Church of England, or the Church of England in British Columbia or the Anglican Church of Canada, to the Synod, to be held in trust for the same purposes. [amended S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.2]

Transfer of property to  
Synod

3. The Synod may from time to time and at all times hereafter acquire by purchase, lease, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, and may hold, possess, and enjoy, real and personal property of every nature and kind and of any and every estate and interest situate within or without the Province for or in favour of the uses or purposes of the Synod or in trust, and from time to time may sell, convey, exchange, lease, or otherwise deal with or dispose of such property or any part thereof. [re-enacted S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.3]

Synod may acquire  
lands, &c

3A. The Synod may invest and reinvest any of its funds, including funds held in trust, in

Authorized investments

- (a) any investments in which trustees are authorized from time to time under the laws of the Province to invest trust funds; and
- (b) any investment authorized from time to time under the laws of Canada for the investment or lending by life insurance companies of their funds. [S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.4]

3B. The Synod may borrow such sum or sums of money from time to time as it may deem necessary for its purposes, either with or without security, and may

The Synod may borrow  
and give security

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mortgage or pledge any or all of its real or personal property and issue or become party to promissory notes, bills of exchange, bonds, debentures, or other securities for the securing any sum or sums so borrowed or for securing any part of the purchase money of any real or personal property. *[S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.4]*

4. (1) The Synod may from time to time adopt and make a Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Synod, and may alter, amend or annul the same or any of them from time to time.

Constitution, Canons  
and Rules of Order

(2) The Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Synod as at present in force shall be the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Synod until the same be altered, amended, or annulled by the Synod. *[S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.5]*

5. (1) The said Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order as altered and amended from time to time shall be entered in a book kept for such purpose by the Registrar of the Synod, and such book shall be deposited among the records of the Synod.

Certified copy of the  
canons &c, to be  
received in Courts

(2) A copy of the said Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order or any part thereof or extract therefrom certified under the hand of the Registrar or the Clerical or Lay Secretary of the Synod shall be admitted and received as evidence of the same or part thereof or extract therefrom, as the case may be, and of the contents thereof, in any Court of the Province, and for all purposes, without proof of the signature of the said Registrar or Clerical or Lay Secretary. *[S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.6]*

6. The term "Church of England", "Church of England in Canada" or "Anglican Church of Canada" when used in this Act and in all deeds, documents, or writings that have heretofore or may hereafter be executed, shall for the purposes of this Act be taken to mean and include that body of Christians in Canada which is acknowledged by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a body in full communion with the Church of England, as by law in England established. *[amended S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s.7]*

Church of England,  
Church of England in  
Canada  
and  
Anglican Church of  
Canada

7. Any Parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, the limits whereof have been defined by the Executive Committee of the Synod, may become incorporated in the following manner:-

Incorporation of  
Parishes

- (1) The Parish Officers, consisting of the Rector or Incumbent, the two

church wardens, two sidesmen for the time being, and two vestrymen elected for that purpose by the electors, shall make and sign a declaration in writing, setting forth -

- (a) The intended corporate name of the Parish;
  - (b) The names of those who are to be the first trustees, who shall in every case comprise the two churchwardens and two sidesmen;
  - (c) The mode in which their successors are to be elected or appointed;
  - (d) That the Rector or other Priest in charge of such Parish shall be ex-officio a trustee and presiding officer of such Parish Corporation; and
  - (e) Such other particulars as the said officers may think fit, providing the same are not contrary or repugnant to law;  
*[amended S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s. 8(1)]*
- (2) The declaration shall be made and signed in three parts, and each part thereof shall be certified under the hand and seal of the Lord Bishop of New Westminster, as being approved of by the Executive Committee of the Synod and the Bishop, and shall be signed and acknowledged by the parties making the same before a Notary Public, who shall certify to the same having been so signed and acknowledged under his hand and seal of office;
- (3) (a) The declaration, shall be forwarded to the Registrar of Companies in duplicate together with the fees for filing and publication as provided in Schedule A hereto, and the said Registrar shall
- (i) retain and register the same and return the duplicate copy certified to that effect;
  - (ii) on registration as aforesaid issue a certificate under his seal of office showing that the Parish is incorporated under this Act; and
  - (iii) at the cost of the Parish publish a notice of the issuance of such certificate of incorporation in the Gazette.

and of the contents thereof, in any court of the Province, and for all purposes, without proof of the signature of the said Registrar or Clerical or Lay Secretary. [S.B.C. 1961, C.72, S. 8(4)]

- (5a) All documents now on file with the Registrar-General of Titles for the Province or the Registrar of Titles at the City of Victoria, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be transmitted to and filed with the Registrar of Companies. [S.B.C. 1961, c. 72, s. 8(5)]
- (6) The real and personal property and other assets of such Corporation only shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation, and no officer, church wardens, or vestrymen shall be individually or personally liable for any debt or other liability of such Corporation;
- (7) The fees payable under this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

8. This Act may be cited as *The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster Incorporation Act, 1893*. [S.B.C. 1961, c.72, s. 9]

#### SCHEDULE A

Filing declaration.....\$5.00  
 Filing by-laws or amendments thereto... 2.50

Publication in the British Columbia Gazette, according to the scale of charges defined in Schedule A of the "Statutes and Journals Act."

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF  
NEW WESTMINSTER**

**ARTICLE 1.- PRINCIPLES**

We hold and maintain the doctrine and Sacraments of Christ, as the Lord has commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Anglican Church of Canada has received and explained the same in "The Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Anglican Church of Canada, together with the Psalter, as it is appointed to be said or sung in Churches, and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons," and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion. And the Synod shall hold and maintain the same, and shall have no power to make any alteration in the Authorized Version of Scripture or in the above named Formularies of the Church.

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Synod from accepting any alteration of the above named Formularies and Version of the Bible as may, from time to time, be adopted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;

Provided also that it shall be lawful for the Bishop, from time to time, to authorize and order to be used any special form of Prayer or Thanksgiving.

*(Article 1, 64<sup>th</sup> Session; 86<sup>th</sup> Session)*

**THE PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M.  
IN THE CHURCH**

1. **REGISTRATION – 204 registrations**
2. **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**
3. **ELECTION**

Election commenced in the Church following Praise and Worship.

**<LUNCH BREAK>**

4. **BUSINESS MEETING**

- 4.1 **RECEIVING OF MOTIONS**

Three motions from the Church Committee were received on the floor. Copies of the motions were distributed to all voting members present.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motions on the floor be discussed and voted immediately after the Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising.


Moved by: *Mr. Henry Cheung*, seconded by: *Mr. Sun Kee Choi*.  
All in Favour.

- 4.2 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was called to approve the 2007 Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes

Moved by *Miss Dorothy Tsui*, seconded by *Mr. Ayton Ho*.  
All in favour.

- 4.3 **MATTERS ARISING**

This is Exhibit A referred to in the  
affidavit of Eric Law  
made before me on this April 29  
day of April, 2009  
  
A Commissioner for taking  
Affidavits for British Columbia

#### 4.4 MOTIONS ON THE FLOOR

##### 4.4.1. Motions for Vestry to accept AEO

###### Whereas

1. The Solemn Declaration of 1893 (forming part of the constitution of the Anglican Church of Canada ("ACoC")) requires that the ACoC be in full communion with the Church of England throughout the world;
2. The ACoC, by its actions, is "walking apart" from the Anglican Communion, specifically by:
  - Failing to commit to or uphold the doctrine and teaching of Anglican Communion, particularly Lambeth Resolution 1.10;
  - Failing to give a clear and unequivocal response to the questions addressed to it in the Windsor Report, as requested by the Primates at Dromantine in February 2005;
  - Failing to provide Adequate Episcopal Oversight to parishes and clergy who are in serious theological dispute with the ACoC, as called for in the Primates' Communiqués (2003, 2005, and 2007) and the Windsor Report (2004);
  - Rejecting a pastoral scheme proposed by the Primates at Dar Es Salaam in February 2007; and
  - Threatening clergy and congregations who seek to remain faithful to the historic faith and order of the Anglican Communion;
3. Many Anglican Primates and Provinces have declared broken or impaired Communion with this diocese or the ACoC;
4. This parish wishes to remain in full communion with the Church of England throughout the world and to be recognized as such;
5. This parish desires to commit to and uphold Anglican Communion teaching and doctrine, including 1998 Lambeth resolution 1.10;
6. The Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone have offered adequate episcopal oversight ("AEO") on an emergency and pastoral basis through Bishop Donald Harvey, a bishop of the Province of the Southern Cone;
7. The Anglican Network in Canada ("ANiC") has established an ecclesial structure through which such AEO can be facilitated;

Therefore, MOVED by *Mr. William Tse* and SECONDED by *Mr. William Au*

In order to remain "*in full Communion with the Church of England throughout the world*", this parish hereby requests on an emergency and pastoral basis, the Episcopal oversight of Bishop Donald Harvey, under the Primatial oversight of Archbishop Gregory Venables of the Province of the Southern Cone;

If this request for Adequate Episcopal Oversight is accepted, we hereby agree to affiliate with the ANiC to facilitate the provision of such oversight.

We further authorize and direct the Wardens and Trustees to take whatever steps as are necessary to arrange such affiliation with the ANiC, and to use the parish funds to facilitate and support the provision of such Adequate Episcopal oversight and protection of the parish.



A Power Point presentation was done by Eric Law to illustrate the background and development of the Anglican Network of Canada

After the Power Point presentation, the discussion in relation to the motion was opened to the floor and various discussion ensued and questions raised and comments expressed by the parishioners in attendance.

After all discussion was finished, the motion was put to vote by way of show of hands and the motion was carried with the following results:

203 In favour  
0 Against  
Motion passed unanimously at 100%

#### 4.4.2 Motion to ratify actions of the Wardens and Trustees and indemnify same

Be it resolved that this Vestry (or Parish) hereby:

- a) Confirms, approves and ratifies all acts of the Wardens and Trustees of the Parish, taken in good faith and pursuant to a resolution approved at this or any future Vestry meeting of this Parish, whether directed or discretionary, in relation to the holding and disposition of parish funds or in the furthering of the ministry of this parish, including obtaining adequate Episcopal oversight and better securing the interests and protection of the clergy, staff, volunteers, members, property and assets of the Parish; and
- b) Affirms that this Parish will indemnify the Wardens and Trustees for all claims, costs, expenses, losses and liabilities that may be made against them or which they might suffer, for any and all actions, suits or demands in connection with carrying out their duties, in good faith, as Trustees of the Parish.

MOVED by *Mr. William Tse* and SECONDED by *Mr. William Au*

Discussion in relation to the motion ensued and after the discussion is finished, the motion was put to vote by the show of hands.

All in favour. Motion passed .

#### 4.4.3 Motion for Vestry regarding cash flow:

Resolved that the Trustees hereby are directed to transfer adequate funds from the Unrestricted Building Fund account to the General Fund to meet cash flow requirements of the Parish as they in their discretion deem appropriate and all such decisions and actions of the Trustees be and are hereby approved and authorized by this resolution.

MOVED by *Mrs. Alice Au* and SECONDED by *Mrs. Amy Yung*

Discussion in relation to the motion ensued and after the discussion is finished, the motion was put to vote by the show of hands.

All in favour. Motion passed.