



## **ANiC Synod Summary and Minutes, November 4-7, 2014**

**Theme:** *Now a people: A Bible People, A Gospel People, A Global People* (Luke 24: 45 - 48)

**Note:** Audio for the Bible studies and key session are available for download on the ANiC website

### **Tuesday November 4, 2014**

This year the synod committee presented workshops for all delegates and observers. The focus of these sessions was to better equip parishes to deal with various current issues. Several workshops were included and were received enthusiastically by a large number of Synod participants. Programs included the following programs and speakers.

Strategic Ministry Planning Catechism	Joan & Ken Deeks
Incorporation	Alexandra Tzannidakis
Plan to Protect	Melody Bissell
When 'it' all hits the fan! Break	Vicky Hedelius
Catechism	J I Packer & Jeremy Graham

### **Wednesday, November 5, 2014**

Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters asked the Registrar, Rev Tom Carman to report on the registrations for the meeting.

The Registrar reported that a quorum is present in each House of the Synod and the Synod overall. The Bishop declared that the meeting of the Synod was duly constituted in accordance with the Constitution of the Anglican Network in Canada Church.

The highlights of Wednesday's program included the first of three sessions of Bible teaching by the Rev Keith Gazer, the opening Eucharist and a march to Parliament Hill. On Parliament Hill prayers were offered for the Nation of Canada and the challenges faced by politicians who sit in Parliament. Several MPs from across the country greeted the ANiC delegation and provided words of encouragement and participated in prayers. The Honourable Jason Kenney spoke at length. Other MPs present included Royal Galipeau (Ottawa Orleans); David Anderson (Cypress Hills - Grasslands), who is also Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and attends St Peter & St Paul's when in Ottawa; and James Lunney (Nanaimo Alberni).

The evening highlight was the banquet honouring our retiring Bishop Don Harvey at the Niagara Arts Center. There were several guest speakers including the Archbishop Greg Venables.

### **Thursday, November 6, 2014**

Highlights of Thursday's agenda included the second in a series of Bible teachings by the Rev Keith Ganzer and the first charge by Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters.

Dr J I Packer and Jeremy Graham provided a presentation on the new catechesis program recently developed by the Anglican Church in North America. This publication included contributions from several Canadians including Dr Packer.

Rev George Sinclair provided an overview of the history and the exciting plans for Ryle College.

Eucharist and investiture of Bishop Charles Masters at the St Peter and St Paul's church highlighted the evening. The sermon was preached by Archbishop Foley Beach.

### **Friday, November 7, 2014**

Friday began with Morning Prayer followed shortly after by the final series of Bible teachings by the Rev Keith Ganzer.

The business session of Synod began at 9:30 am.

### **Synod 2014 Friday Business session minutes**

Bishop Charlie Masters opened the business session in prayer.

The minutes of the electronic Synod 2013 were presented for approval.

The minutes were amended to change it from stating, "that the minutes of 2013 be adopted" and replace it with "that the minutes of 2012 be adopted".

<b>Motion 1</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Brian Kirby <b>Secunder:</b> Dean Archie Pell
Carried	That the minutes of the 2013 Electronic Synod be approved as amended.

### **Proposed amendments to the Canons**

Bishop Charlie invited Victoria Huyer, chair of the Canon's committee to present the proposed amendments that were circulated to all delegates prior to the Synod meeting.

Resolution for an Amendment to the Canons of the Anglican Network in Canada

**Moved by** the Reverend Paul Donison

**Seconded by** the Right Reverend Ronald Ferris

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Wherever the word "Moderator" appears in Article 5 of the Constitution it be replaced in each case with the words "Diocesan Bishop".

(This amendment is pursuant to and governed by Section I, Article 1.4.2(q) (ii) of the Canons which provides that Resolutions in relation to the adoption of amendments to the Constitution require a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote from each class).

NOTE: There is nothing in this amendment to the Constitution that constitutes substantive amendments. No duties, powers, obligations of any person or body are altered. Simply the name of our Senior Diocesan ecclesiastical office is changed to better reflect Anglican tradition and nomenclature.

Reverend Paul Donison and Bishop Ron Ferris then were invited to speak on the resolutions.

There was a lengthy discussion that lead to the following motion;

<b>Motion 3</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Reverend Robin Guinness <b>Seconder:</b> Reverend George Sinclair
Defeated	That the substantive motion is referred to ANiC Council.

Bishop Charlie then called for the vote on Motion #2.

Clergy- passed

Lay-passed

<b>Motion 2</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Reverend Paul Donison <b>Seconder:</b> The Right Reverend Ron Ferris
Carried	Be it resolved, wherever the word 'Moderator' appears in Article 5 of the constitution that it be replaced in each case with the words 'Diocesan Bishop'.

Victoria invited a motion on the second proposed amendment. Bishop Charlie called for the vote.

Clergy – passed

Lay – Passed

<b>Motion 4</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Reverend Paul Donison <b>Seconder:</b> The Right Reverend Ron Ferris								
Carried	<p>a) Wherever the following word(s) on the left column below appear in the Canons they are to be replaced in each case by the corresponding word(s) on the right column below opposite them</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>"Moderator"</td> <td>"Diocesan Bishop"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"Moderator's"</td> <td>"Diocesan Bishop's"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"Interim Moderator"</td> <td>"Interim Diocesan Bishop"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"Moderator-elect"</td> <td>"Diocesan Bishop-elect"</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Section 1, Article 1.4.1(h)(i) of the Canons is amended by deleting the first line and replacing it with the following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"The Diocesan Bishop is the Chief Pastor and Bishop of ANIC and shall be the Chair and presiding officer..."</p>	"Moderator"	"Diocesan Bishop"	"Moderator's"	"Diocesan Bishop's"	"Interim Moderator"	"Interim Diocesan Bishop"	"Moderator-elect"	"Diocesan Bishop-elect"
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### **Council Nominations**

As there were no nominations from the floor all those nominated by the nomination committee were acclaimed as directors of the ANiC Council. Bishop Charlie prayed for the new ANiC Council.

### **Newly Elected:**

Mrs. Joan Deeks

The Reverend Philip Soh

Mr. Matt Strolz

The Venerable Dan Gifford

**Re-Elected:**

The Reverend Paul Donison

The Venerable Paul Crossland

The Venerable Michael McKinnon

Mrs. Victoria Huyer

Bishop Charlie called on Michael Bentley to present the 2013 financial reports.

Michael reported that the deficit is now gone however cash is still tight.

<b>Motion 5</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Michael Bentley <b>Secunder:</b> Ed Lewis
Carried	That the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30th 2014 from the firm of Wormald Professional Corporation Chartered Accountant be received as presented.

Income statement, tithes represent 75%.

Michael wanted to thank those who have contributed to the 'Time to Build' campaign. This has allowed us to meet our expenses and eliminate our earlier deficits.

Michael noted that these are reviewed statements by the accountant and not a full audit.

<b>Motion 6</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Dean Archie Pell <b>Secunder:</b> Ed Lewis
Carried	Receive the income statement as presented.

<b>Motion 7</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Michael Bentley <b>Secunder:</b> Stew Perram
Carried	That the budget for the fiscal year July 1st 2014 –June 30th 2015 be adopted as presented.

<b>Motion 8</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Ed Lewis <b>Secunder:</b> Ann Eliot
Carried	That the firm of Wormald Professional Corporation Chartered Accountant be appointed as the Account of the Anglican Network in Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30th 2015.

Bishop Charlie invited Archdeacon Ron Corcoran to give a presentation on the 'Time to Build' campaign. (Recording available on the ANiC website).

Bishop Charlie invited Claus Lenk and Marilyn Jacobson to give a presentation on the ARDFC. (Recording available on the ANiC website)

Bishop Charlie invited Reverend Roy Dixon to present the next motions.

<b>Motion 9</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Reverend Roy Dickson <b>Secunder:</b> Lynn Otteson
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Carried	<p>Whereas:</p> <p>The Anglican Network in Canada Canons Section II 9.11 Subsections (c) and (d) read as follows:</p> <p>(c) God is the sole creator of human life. The taking of innocent life is sinful. Therefore, all lay members and ANiC clergy are called to promote and respect the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.</p> <p>(d) ANiC is called upon to show Christ-like compassion to those who have fallen into sin, encouraging them to repent and receive forgiveness, and offering the ministry of healing to all who suffer physically or emotionally as a result of such sin.</p> <p>The witness of the Anglican Church in Canadian Society is critical to fulfilling our Gospel Mission</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved that:</p> <p>Anglicans For Life Canada and the ANiC Council are encouraged to consult as needed on current topics (such as palliative care and euthanasia) that threaten the least of our brothers and sisters, to formulate public statements for release to the media that proclaims the Church's position and calls for action amongst Christians.</p>
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<b>Motion 10</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Reverend Roy Dickson <b>Seconder:</b> Lynn Otteson
Carried	<p>Whereas; The Anglican Network in Canada Canons Title II. Section 9.11 Subsections c) and d) read as follows:</p> <p>c) God is the sole creator of human life. The taking of innocent life is sinful. Therefore, all lay members and ANiC clergy are called to promote and respect the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.</p> <p>d) ANiC is called upon to show Christ-like compassion to those who have fallen into sin, encouraging them to repent and receive forgiveness, and offering the ministry of healing to all who suffer physically or emotionally as a result of such sin.</p> <p>Therefore be it resolved that:</p> <p>All ANiC parishes be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encouraged to uphold the witness that Anglicans support the Sanctity of Life by acknowledging, advertising, and, where possible encouraging participation in local Walk/March for Life events</li> <li>2. Encouraged to locate and partner with existing organizations in their areas that work to provide crisis pregnancy assistance and Christian post-abortion counseling</li> <li>3. Encouraged to participate in, or initiate, local provisions and initiatives for a memorial service for miscarried, still born, and aborted babies and their grieving families</li> <li>4. Encouraged to locate and partner with existing organizations in their areas that work to provide palliative care, which upholds the Sanctity of Life through</li> </ol>

	<p>natural death with grace, for those facing the end of life and their families.</p> <p>5. Encouraged to include a 'Sanctity of Life Sunday' worship service yearly, on the first Sunday of May</p> <p>6. Encouraged to recruit lay members to become Life Leaders in representing Anglicans for Life Canada at the parish level.</p>
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<b>Motion 11</b>	<b>Mover:</b> Bishop Trevor Walters <b>Seconder:</b> Bishop Stephen Leung
Carried	<p>Whereas ANiC Gives thanks for the success of GAFCON 2013 (Global Anglican Future Conference) being made up of 1358 delegates from 39 countries including 24 delegates from Canada,</p> <p>Recognizes that GAFCON is effectively an instrument of communion when others have failed to provide the needed leadership at a time of growing liberalism within Anglicanism, aggressive secularism, militant Islamism and seductive syncretism,</p> <p>Encourages and supports the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (FCA) in its desire to expand its membership, develop networks, and authorize and affirm Biblically faithful Anglicans who can no longer remain in their increasingly heretical dioceses and provinces, Looks forward to the next GAFCON as the principle gathering of orthodox leaders in the Anglican Communion</p> <p>Therefore Be it Resolved;</p> <p>ANiC extends its ongoing Thanks, and pledge our Support and Encouragement to GAFCON for its leadership and for ongoing efforts to strength Anglicanism around the world; and further that we commit ourselves as part of ACNA to be fully engaged as active members in the life and development of GAFCON.</p>

Bishop Charlie gives assent to all the motions made and prorogues Synod until Vancouver 2015.