



Synod Summary and Minutes

Good Shepherd, Vancouver

October 21 - 23, 2015

Theme: “Thoroughly Equipped For Every Good Work” 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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

Tuesday October 20, 2015

Clergy Day with guest speaker Dr. Rod Wilson

Wednesday October 21, 2015

Workshops Sessions

Wednesday Evening

- Charlie Masters, the Diocesan Bishop, asked Reverend Tom Carman, the Registrar, to report on meeting registrations.
- 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 opening Synod Eucharist and Bishop’s Charge were presented.

Thursday October 22, 2015

- Bible study provided by Canon David Short.
- Two Key Note presentations presented by Rev. Dr. Craig Bartholomew
- Bishop Charlie Masters appointed the following secretaries for Synod:
 - Lay: Victoria Huyer
 - Clerical: Rev. David Pennylegion
- Responses were heard to Bishop Masters’ charge from the previous night.
- Presentations made by:
 - Mark Burch of C2C Network (Church Planting)
 - Rev. David Little (Young Anglicans Project)
 - Rev. Ben Roberts (Catechism)

Evening Banquet

- Special guest speaker Venerable Canon Dr. Jack Lumanog.

Friday October 23, 2015

- Chancellor Michael Donison presented the rules of order for adoption.



Rules of Order:

Motion	Mover: Michael Donison Second: Archdeacon Michael McKinnon
Carried	That the rules of order are approved.

Minutes of Synod 2014:

Motion	Mover: Claus Lenk Second: Archdeacon Paul Crossland
Carried	That the minutes of Synod 2014 be accepted with an amendment to page 1: "Niagara" be changed to "National (Arts Centre)" (as mentioned by Bishop Charlie).

Canons Committee

Victoria Huyer presented a report from the Canons Committee including the following motions.

Two motions were brought before Synod with the following explanation. These proposals do not amend the Canons, but are related to the Canons.

- (1) Special Resolution of the Members of the Anglican Network in Canada
- (2) Corrective Amendment dealing with election of Council Members under Canon 1.4.1(c)

(1) Special Resolution of the Members of the Anglican Network in Canada

Purpose: This motion is intended to align the wording in our constitution with the wording in our canons as amended by Synod 2014 - specifically to change the term "Moderator" to "Diocesan Bishop".

Rationale: At Synod 2014, a motion was passed to change the term "Moderator" to "Diocesan Bishop" in the Canons. These changes have been made to the Canons; however, the term "Moderator" also appears in the Articles of Continuance. This motion would change the Articles of Continuance, which are the documents filed with Industry Canada allowing ANiC to be a corporation under the *Not-for-Profit Act*. These two documents, the Articles of Continuance and the Canons, should use the same terminology for the same position to avoid confusion. The motion will address the issue so that both the Canons and the Articles of Continuance will use the term "Diocesan Bishop". Most of the wording of this motion were provided by Industry Canada with the specific issue dealing with ANiC's Article of Continuance added.



Special Resolution:

Motion	Mover: Victoria Huyer Seconder: Archdeacon Paul Crossland
Carried	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the members of ANGLICAN NETWORK IN CANADA (hereinafter called “the Corporation”)</p> <p>A special resolution to amend the Articles of the Corporation.</p> <p>WHEREAS the Corporation was continued under the <i>Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act</i> (NFP Act) by Articles of Continuance effective December 23, 2013; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Corporation has amended its By-Laws to change the title of its senior Diocesan ecclesiastical office from "Moderator" to "Diocesan Bishop" in order to better align with Anglican tradition and nomenclature; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Articles of the Corporation make reference to a Moderator class; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the change in terminology from "Moderator" to "Diocesan Bishop" does not reflect any substantive change in that position, and will have no impact on the rights or conditions of any members of the Corporation nor in any other way engage section 199 of the NFP Act;</p> <p>BE IT ENACTED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Articles of the Corporation be amended to change all instances of the term "Moderator" to "Diocesan Bishop"; 2. In order to effect the above change, the Articles of Amendment of the Corporation that have been submitted to this meeting and are annexed to this resolution are hereby approved pursuant to section 197 of the NFP Act; and 3. Any one of the officers and directors of the Corporation is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation, including the annexed Articles of Amendment, which are necessary or desirable for the



implementation of this resolution.

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Secretary of the Corporation, certifies that the above is a true and correct copy of a special resolution of the Corporation, passed at a meeting of members held on:

The ____ day of _____, 2015, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes cast by the members of the Corporation who voted in respect of the resolution, and the resolution is in full force and effect, un-amended as of the date below.

Dated: (Insert date)

(2) Corrective Amendment dealing with election of Council Members under Canon

1.4.1. (c)

Purpose: This motion would be a one-time adjustment to correct the current situation so that in the future only five out of the ten elected positions would be elected for a two-year term each year.

Rationale: Council is made up of a balance of five clergy and five laity led by the Diocesan Bishop. In order to ensure that there is adequate continuity for Council to appropriately manage the affairs of ANiC from year to year, it was the original intention of the canons that only five out of the ten elected positions on Council come to term each year. Under the current canons, in 2016, eight Council positions will be up for re-election. All five clergy members will have completed their designated term on Council. As a result all five clergy positions will be subject to election. In addition, three lay positions would also be up for election. This situation creates a potential issue with respect to the management of the affairs of ANiC if eight positions are always up for election every two years. With only two members of Council not up for re-election, continuity would suffer, as it is possible that none of the eight Council members currently sitting would be returning to those positions. In order to achieve the optimal situation, three of the eight positions that will be subject to election in 2016 need to be filled for one year. That way, in 2017, five positions would come to term and be subject to election. If three of the five clergy positions coming up for re-election in 2016 are only filled for one year, then in 2017, three clergy and two laity will come to term, and then be subject to election. In 2018, 2 clergy and 3 laity would come to the end of their term, and the positions would be subject to election. Thus, each year after 2016, five Council positions would come to term each Synod. There is currently a canon that deals with replacing Council members should a member vacate the



position before the end of the elected term. If this canon is followed correctly, this situation should not occur again.

Council Elections:

Motion	Mover: Victoria Huyer Seconder: Archdeacon Darrell Critch
Carried	That for the Synod of 2016, the two Clergy receiving the most votes for election to Council be elected for a period of two years. The next three Clergy receiving the most votes shall be appointed for a period of one year and be subject to re-election in the Synod of 2017. Be it further resolved, that on every Synod subsequent to the Synod of 2017, all vacant positions subject to election will be for a two-year term on ANiC Council, unless the director has vacated the position prior to the end of the elected term. In the case of a vacancy, the procedures laid out in these canons shall be followed.

Report from the Nominations Committee (Rev. Mike Stewart)

The ANiC Council is composed of ten members, 5 lay and 5 clerics, plus the Diocesan Bishop who chairs the Council. Two of the lay positions will become vacant as a result of their terms coming to an end. In response to these vacancies, the Board accepted the ANiC Council Nominations Committee’s report presenting the following slate for their consideration on October 23, 2015. This slate is now being presented to Synod for the consideration of all voting delegates.

The Slate

- Lay – Ed Lewis
- Lay – Zenia Cheng

Motion	Mover: Rev. Michael Stewart Seconder: Archdeacon Paul Crossland
Carried	That the nomination reported be accepted as presented.

As there were no additional nominations from the synod floor, the proposed candidates were acclaimed to the ANiC Council for a two-year term.

Finance Presentation

Michael Bentley, Treasurer, presented the audited (Review Engagement) Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2015.



A slight deficit was acknowledged. It was noted that the Diocese needs to have a financial surplus to allow it to operate appropriately and for the next few years this extra money will need to come from individuals until parish tithes can cover the Diocesan operations.

An acknowledgement was extended to individuals who contributed directly to the Diocese. Special acknowledgment was also given to Church of the Good Samaritan and their rector, Archdeacon Darrell Critch for their generosity in providing a \$100,000 loan, which is used as collateral by the Diocese.

A particular acknowledgement was also made to Archdeacon Darrell Critch, his wife Sarah Tilley-Critch and other parishioners for their care of foster children.

Financial Statements:

Motion	Mover: Michael Bentley Seconded: Ed Lewis
Carried	That the financial statements be received as presented.

Proposed Operating Budget 2015-2016

Ed Lewis, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, presented the budget for 2015-2016.

Approval of Budget:

Motion	Mover: Ed Lewis Seconded: Michael Bentley
Carried with one opposed	That the budget be approved as presented.

Appoint Auditor:

Motion	Mover: Ed Lewis Seconded: Michael Bentley
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 30, 2016.

Send thanks:

Motion	Mover: Michael Bentley Seconded: Ed Lewis
Carried	That thanks be sent to the Steering Committee of the Global South and GAFCON, in thanks for their recognition of ACNA. The permission of Archbishop Foley Beach is to be secured before sending.

There were several suggestions brought forward regarding the correct wording for this motion before the motion was called.



Michael Bentley: Happy with suggested changes as they were more interested in the spirit of the motion and suggested that the permission of Archbishop Foley Beach be requested before sending.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

Multiple suggestions were made about the Queen’s official title before the motion was finalized.

Motion	Mover: Michael Bentley Seconder: Ed Lewis
Carried	That congratulations and warmest wishes be forwarded to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Supreme Governor of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith.

Archbishop Foley Beach:

Motion	Mover: Claus Lenk Seconder: Archdeacon Paul Crossland
Carried	That greetings and thankfulness be sent to Archbishop Foley Beach and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America.

Archbishop Justin Welby and the Archbishop of Canterbury:

Motion	Mover: Claus Lenk Seconder: Archdeacon Paul Crossland
Carried with 2 opposed	That greetings be sent to Archbishop Justin Welby and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Rev. Jess Cantelon: The letter should be sent before the January meeting and should be sent through regular mail for quicker service.

The Format of Future Synods

Bishop Charles Masters opened the floor for feedback on whether or not a Synod should be held next year. Comments were intended to inform the Bishop before making a final decision.

Several people spoke to this issue and the strong consensus was that the value and benefit of hosting a face-to-face synod out weights the cost of attendance. It was particularly significant for newer parishes that were provided an opportunity to interact and be lifted up by the many delegates present. It was agreed that synod provides a special opportunity to welcome all present to the broad scope of ANiC.

Several concerns were also expressed about the parishes that were not present and the suggestion was that we must reach out to them to invite ideas on how to facilitate their

attendance next year. It was suggested that a survey be sent to all parishes to invite input on this issue.

Synod 2016:

Concern was expressed that canonically we (delegates) require 12 hours' notice before tabling any motion of this nature. Chancellor ruled that it is possible to accept the motion.

Motion	Mover: Rev Paul Donison Second: Archdeacon Michael McKinnon
Carried with 4 opposed	That the Diocesan Bishop be encouraged to call a face to face synod rather than an electronic one for 2016.

The Bishop reported on the Bishop Don and Trudy Harvey Legacy Fund. A Board of Directors has been appointed to review applications consisting of Bishop Don and Trudy Harvey, Mary-Anne Masters, Jane Masters, and Jessica Underdown. Bishop Donald Harvey, the Episcopal Vicar, reported that the Fund is about \$14,000, the bulk of the capital being donated post Synod 2014. He stated that for the fund to be viable the capital will need to be considerably larger and the committee will explore the manner in which this fund can receive more money. It was noted that application forms would be sent out to parishes on how to apply and methods on increasing funding.

Presentation of greetings received from Bishop Charles Dorrington, Bishop of Western Canada for the Reformed Episcopal Church and Bishop Todd Atkinson, Bishop of *Via Apostolica*. Both were unable to attend Synod for various reasons and sent greetings.

Report on common cause with *Via Apostolica*: Archdeacon Darrell Critch and Bishop Trevor Walters have been working with them on theological issues such as the 39 Articles, the Jerusalem Declaration and Article 1 of the Canons. A report will be given to the House of Bishops for review and for preparation for a meeting with Bishop Atkinson.

The Reverend Canon George Sinclair, Chair of the Working Group on the Biblically Grounded Priority presented his report focusing on how to create more trustworthiness in the Bible with Daniel Gilman. The Group is offering an Apologetics conference to be held in Vancouver on June 14-16, 2016.

St Matthew's Abbotsford announced that Sunday school curriculum would be given away to all interested parishes in 2016.

Bishop Charlie gave thanks those that led in worship, speakers, those that worked on and led workshops, thanks to the other Bishops, Archdeacons and Deans, and the committees. Congratulations were extended to the new Canons. Thanks was also extended to the ANiC council and related committees, staff in the national office, the church of the Good Shepherd, Bishop Stephen, the Reverend Philip Soh and volunteer team, the Reverend Canon Paul



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Donison, John MacDonald, Kevin at Anglican TV, Monika Donison and members of Synod and the churches with an acknowledgement of those that could not be here.

Bishop Charlie gave assent to all motions that have been passed.

Closing Eucharist

The Bishop prorogued Synod.

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