

Diocese of Ontario

COMMITTEE PROFILES

Canon 10 on the *Standing Committees of the Synod* provides for the composition and authority of the committees of the Diocese. From a more pragmatic standpoint, many of our diocesan committees are engaged in the development of resources and programming that directly impact the lives of our congregations and it is important for congregational leaders to be informed about that work. What follows is a brief snapshot of the practical functions of the many diocesan committees. If you would like to speak with one of the committee chairs or would like to bring a matter relating to a committee's work to their attention, contact information can be provided by contacting Anne Patterson in the Diocesan Centre, 613-544-4774 x 130 (apatterson@ontario.anglican.ca).

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW) DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE**Mrs. Maureen Sills, President**

The Diocesan ACW Executive is comprised of the four regional presidents and vice-presidents, secretaries and treasurers and members at large. Monthly meetings are held to foster cooperation between the ACW branches as well as other church and community groups. The Diocesan ACW Executive has representation on Synod Council, the Social Justice Committee, as well as the Camp Hyanto Committee. The annual *Thank Offering* from the Diocesan ACWs has five recipient streams: The Bishop's Discretionary Fund, Camp Hyanto, and three others on an ad hoc basis of an international and local nature. The ACW executive also maintains a Supply Cupboard at the Diocesan Centre which supplies local charitable groups with necessities such as baby layettes, clothing, etc. Donations to the Supply Cupboard from congregations are always welcome.

ARCHIVES ADVISORY**Mr. Paul Banfield, Chair**

Originally formed as the 'Archives Committee' in 1982, the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Archives Advisory Committee was created in 1997. Its role is to advise the Diocesan Archivist in matters concerning the operations of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario Archives (ADOA), specifically in the area of policy and procedures, budget, and special projects. Appointed by the Bishop, the ADOA Advisory Committee is comprised of Chair, William Patterson, and Members: Diane Sergeant and the Reverend Canon Gordon Hendra. Ex-officio members are Paul Banfield, Diocesan Archivist, Lisa Russell, Diocesan Archival Technician, Peter Swan, Diocesan Chancellor, and the Venerable Wayne Varley, Diocesan Executive Officer.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Chair**

The Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC) consists of the Bishop, the Diocesan Executive Officer, the Dean, and three territorial Archdeacons. The BAC meets monthly to provide advice to the Bishop on the following matters: clergy vacant parishes and who might best fill them and clergy requiring moves or in pastoral need. The BAC considers and makes recommendations on policies respecting clergy and lay leadership including, among others; assessment and review, ordinations, sabbaticals and appointments to canonries and archdeaconries. The BAC also provides advice to Synod Council on the need to invoke Canon 43 on the realignment of parishes.

CAMP HYANTO BOARD

The Ven. Bill Clarke, Chair

The Camp Hyanto Committee is made up of people who believe in the importance of the Christian Camping experience for the spiritual and physical growth and well being of Children. Although the chief job of the Committee is to be the guiding body of the camp; creating policy decisions, hiring policies and programs that fit with our philosophy, our love of children and our belief in Christ, members of the Committee are often called upon for more hands on help as well. Committee members have been known to assist in supervising camp sessions, to grab a hammer or rake and help in the physical maintenance of the camp, and maybe even climb into the mud pit to show the kids that grownups can have fun too.

CANONS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ken Healy, Chair

The Canons Committee regularly reviews the canons of the Synod and proposes amendments that are advisable or necessary. They examine new canons proposed for adoption or amendment, recommend editorial changes and offer advice. The Committee continues its work in making the current canons "user friendly" and this work will be completed in time for Diocesan Synod in 2008. The Committee consists of the Chancellor as Chair, the Vice Chancellor and other members appointed by the Bishop upon the Chancellor's recommendation.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Ven. Brad Smith, Chair

The role of the Communications Committee is to promote communication in all its forms, to cultivate positive relations with and valuable resources for staff, clergy and parish leaders. The Committee is an advocate for the appointment of a diocesan communications officer as well as a parish communicator in every parish, and seeks to develop resources and training for these individuals. Additionally the Committee is available as a resource for advice in all matters concerning public relations at diocesan and parish levels, and can conduct workshops for diocesan staff, clergy and parish leaders on media relations, crisis management, and communications in general.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Alex Pierson, Chair

The Finance Committee is a standing committee of Synod Council. The committee is responsible for reviewing and providing guidance for all financial matters. Specifically, the committee assures internal controls, independent audit, and financial analysis for Synod. Basic responsibilities include: providing direction to Synod Council for fiscal responsibility; regularly reviewing Synod's revenues and expenses, balance sheet, investments and other matters related to its continued solvency; approving the annual budget and submitting it to Synod Council for approval; ensuring the maintenance of an appropriate capital structure; and, overseeing the maintenance of diocesan-wide assets, including prudent management of diocesan investments.

LAY READERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Nancy MacLeod, Warden; and, The Rev. Giuseppe Gagliano, Deputy Warden

The purpose of the Lay Readers' Association in the Diocese of Ontario is to: deepen the spiritual life of its members; stimulate regular reading of scripture; facilitate interchange of thought and experience; foster fellowship and encourage continuing education. The Lay Readers' Executive Committee is responsible for maintaining effective communication with all members of the Lay Readers' Association as well as welcoming each new Lay Reader as a member of the Association. The Executive Committee also organizes the annual *Lay Readers' Summer School*. and develops training for Lay Readers through workshops and the *Lay Readers' Manual*.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Mr. W. (Bill) R. Vaughan, Chair

The Property Committee seeks to identify ways of operating all of our buildings in a cost-effective manner, helping to make them user-friendly and identifying multiple uses where possible. The Property Committee has researched ways to make our buildings more user-friendly, including accessibility, washroom availability and comfortable seating. Additionally, the Committee seeks to work with congregations on making our facilities available for community activities.

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF) COMMITTEE

Mrs. Elizabeth Grew, Chair

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund committee encourages parish representatives through special events such as dinners and workshops. The PWRDF committee also highlights the first Sunday in May as PWRDF Awareness Sunday and the first Sunday in October as PWRDF Action Sunday.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO REFUGEE SUPPORT (DOORS)

The Rev. Canon David F. Smith, Chair

Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support (DOORS) focuses on the sponsorship of refugees as well as advocating for refugees. DOORS has supported refugees from Congo, Afghanistan and Burma.

STEWARDSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (SCDC)

Mr. Doug Cowley

To promote a diocesan-wide understanding of stewardship and to assist every congregation in developing its own long-range plan. The SCDC also supports and develops resources for congregational stewardship committees, stewardship representatives and other key leaders who seek to provide year-round stewardship education to their parishes. Important to the work of the SCDC is the development of best practices that would see effective utilization of volunteer time and talent in all congregations.

THE GREEN GROUP

Mrs. Paula Walker & Mrs. Mary Wooding, Co-Chairs

The Green Group encourages parishes to be more responsible stewards of God's Creation. Besides offering practical suggestions for the greening of parishes, the Green Group hosts workshops and is planning an environmental film festival.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Rev. Valerie Kelly and Mr. Harry Cleghorn

The Training and Development Committee is responsible for the recruiting, screening, approving, and recommending people for ordained ministry. The Committee is also responsible for post-ordination training, planning and organizing clergy retreats and conferences. The Committee responds to requests for bursary assistance to both lay people and clergy, for conferences, courses, and longer programmes of study.