

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO SYNOD COUNCIL****TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017****CHRIST CHURCH, CATARAQUI 6:00 P.M.****AGENDA**

**Present:** Bishop Oulton, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, John Secker, Robin Jones, Neil Burtchert, Anne Patterson, Voila David, Brenda Hobbs, Audrey Doliszny, Viren Oogarah, Doug Cowley, Charles Morris, Valerie Kelly, Heather Grimshaw, Doug Green, Nancy Beale, Michael Rice, Al Danford, Don Bailey, Sharon Dunlop

**Regrets:** Dean Don Davidson, Christine Downey, Garth Allan

**Guests:** Carol-Anne Woodcock, Cheryl Green-Betts (Chair), Lori Boyle, Colleen McAlister: Hyanto Ministries

**Opening Devotions:****Doug Cowley**

Doug opened with a Scripture passage that invites us to be present to one another with increased awareness to the other at an individual level and in service. He closed with a prayer.

**Agenda Review and Adoption****Chair****Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update****Chair**Announcements:

21 July – Major the Rev Sue Beare accepted a Chaplaincy position (Bridges of Canada) at Bath institution, and is on leave from the diocese.

20 Aug – Rev. Ada Clifton – Reverend Ada Clifton as Incumbent for the Parish of Kente (St Andrew's, Wellington) and the Parish of Marysburgh (St Philip's Milford and St John's Waupoos) effective September 12, 2017. A Celebration of New Ministry will take place on 22 October 2017.

Rev. Canon David Smith was appointed Incumbent of Christ Church St. James in Etobicoke, in the Diocese of Toronto, effective October 2017.

27 Aug – Noel Henry, has been appointed Lay Pastoral Associate at St. John's (Bath) effective September 1, 2017. It is the Bishop's intention, God willing, to ordain Noel to the Diaconate later this year at which time his official designation will become Assistant Curate. Rev. Greg Long has been appointed Priest-in-Charge.

Christine Downey – announcement of the resignation of the Reverend Christine Downey from the Parish of Gananoque (Christ Church) and the Parish of Lansdowne Front (Church of the Redeemer, Rockport), effective November 1, 2017. Christine has accepted an appointment to St. Mary's Dalmahoy in the Diocese of Edinburgh, Scotland.

19 Sept – announcement of the appointment of Canon Reg Gilbert as Interim Priest-in-Charge for Christ Church Gananoque and Church of the Redeemer in Rockport, effective November 1 until mid-December, 2017. Come mid-December, Rev. Dr. Barbara Robinson will take over the role of Interim Priest-in-Charge for Christ Church and Church of the Redeemer.

Habitat for Humanity - on Tuesday, July 11 at 11:30am, the Good Shepherd Mission at 46 Cowdy Street in Kingston hosted a BBQ to kick-off the 'Good Shepherd Legacy,' a five-unit housing project to be built on the site of the Good Shepherd Mission later this year. A diocesan ministry centre will be included in the build. An expected ground breaking will occur in October with the first duplex being built, followed by a service of de-consecration and removal of the Good Shepherd Church. The Ministry Outreach Centre is expected to be built thereafter.

A Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Lynn Mitchell was held at St. George's, Trenton, on Sunday, September 24 at 5 p.m. Christ Church (Glen Miller), Holy Trinity (Frankford), and St. George's (Trenton) amalgamated forming the Anglican Churches of Quinte West.

The Bishop extended his thanks to those who organized the highly successful Lay Readers' Summer School, *Summer Fruits for the Soul*. And acknowledged that organization for the 2018 has taken place and 2019 planning has begun.

The Bishop highlighted the Grand Opening of Tamworth's *New Legacy Centre* on Saturday, 14 October 2017 at 2pm.

The Cathedral of St. George will be presented with the Coventry Cross of Nails at the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Celtic Eucharist at 4pm at the Cathedral. The Bishop noted that both Christ Church (Gananoque) and the Parish of St. Lawrence (Brockville) have adopted the weekly Litany of Reconciliation.

Archbishop Colin Johnson will step down from his role as the Metropolitan of Ontario at the next Provincial Synod in October 2018 and concurrently as Bishop of Moosonee. He also plans to retire as Bishop of Toronto at the end of December 2018.

The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, the Right Reverend Michael Bird, has announced his intention to conclude his ministry as diocesan bishop, effective June 1, 2018. The bishop plans to take up a new, yet-to-be-announced ministry position with the diocese of Ottawa.

Deacon Rev. Sharon Dunlop has accepted a position at Collins Bay Institution as a Correctional Chaplain as of Friday, 22 September 2017.

#### **Approval of Minutes – June 2017**

#### **MOTION:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 27 June 2017 be accepted as presented.**

**Chair**

**H Neil-Burchert/D Bailey**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

None

**Hyanto Ministries – Business Plan/Gate 4 (Approval to Operate in 2018)**

Cheryl Green-Betts presented highlights of the material handed out for this meeting including VBS & Camp Assessment summaries. Just under 100 children were engaged. The VBS ran in four parishes using Hyanto Ministry staff and two locations with the program operated by the parish alone. Positive feedback was offered from parents and others involved. On September 9, a wrap-up bbq was held at Camp Hyanto. VBS major age group in attendance was ages 5 to 7. Discussion ensued; questions answered. Cheryl thanked Synod Council members for their attention. Bishop Oulton thanked Hyanto Ministries governance board members for their considerable work.

Council then was presented with the Hyanto Ministries Gate 4 camp financial and operations business plan. Council expressed appreciation for the work that the Camp Hyanto Board had completed to date. A motion to approve full camp operations in the summer of 2018 was tabled. Council approved a motion directing the Hyanto Board to return to the upcoming October Synod Council meeting with more information on the board's financial, business and operations plan for Camp Hyanto.

**MOTION:****N Beale/D Cowley**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Synod Council authorize the re-opening of Camp Hyanto for the 2018 camping season. The operation of Camp Hyanto will be contingent upon meeting the following timeline:**

- a. **February 15, 2018 – Manager and Senior Counsellor confirmed and hired**
- b. **March 15, 2018 – Registration at 50% of expected number.**
- c. **April 1, 2018 – Counsellors confirmed and hired.**
- d. **April 15, 2018 – Inspection booked for re-opening**

**MOVED to TABLE THE MOTION****C Morris/R Jones****CARRIED****MOTION:****C Morris/R Jones**

**Synod Council directs the Hyanto Ministries Board to bring to the next Synod Council meeting in October a report that documents how they have met gate requirements to date, and provide sufficient detail to assess their budget and operating plan.**

**CARRIED**

Doug Cowley, Robin Jones (and Charles Morris if able) agreed to meet with the Board to help support this Motion. Alex Pierson will notify the Board of these results.

**Hyanto Ministries Board Consultation Session Update**

**Alex Pierson**

Agreed to defer to the October meeting.

**Accounting & Finance**

**Bishop/DEO**

Alex Pierson gave a powerpoint presentation. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) John Secker has announced that after 27 years he will be retiring the end of 2017. A proposal in accordance with the Canons B6 (current) and 37 (draft) was presented to Synod Council, and recommended to the Bishop, that the Diocesan Executive Officer, Alex Pierson, be appointed as the CFO and a financial analyst position be created, effective January 2018. The Bishop advised it is his intention to so appoint. Key Responsibilities for Financial Analyst were outlined. Advertising for the position will begin in the immediate future. Plans are to create two new committees within the Finance Committee: Audit and Investment committees.

**MOTION:**

**M Rice/D Cowley**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bishop appoint the DEO (Alex Pierson) as CFO.**

**CARRIED**

The Bishop acknowledged John Secker's incredible contribution and dedication to the Diocese over these many years and, in particular, during the Bishop's tenure.

**Finances:**

- **First Half Financials**

- **Parish Receivables**

- **Budget Update**

- **Arrears Resolution Policy** – Alex presented the draft policy and discussed its details. Discussion highlighted suggested changes. The modified policy will be distributed to wardens, treasurers and incumbents.

**MOTION:**

**R Jones/D Bailey**

**BE IT RESOLVED TO accept this policy with the noted changes and recommendations.**

**CARRIED**

The Bishop extended his thanks to those involved in drafting this policy.

**Canons & Governance**

**Vice Chancellor**

-deferred to October's meeting

**Covenant Celebration Team Update****Doug Green/Christine Downey**

-deferred to October's meeting

**Consent Agenda****Approval by Diocesan Trusts and Property Committee (Parish of St Lawrence)**

The Diocesan Trusts and Property Committee Approved a request by the Parish of the St Lawrence to

- remove Stained Glass Windows from the former Trinity (Brockville)
- restore/preserve
- install one in St Lawrence
- store the rest safely

The windows are of historical significance. The costs of the project will exceed the \$30,000 threshold. Due to the imminent demolition of the former Trinity building, the work needed All costs will be covered by a generous donation.

The Trusts and Property Committee approved by email and the Parish was informed on Sept 11/17

**Other Business****October Meeting – Input on Agenda Items**

**Meeting Evaluations** – were distributed and returned.

**Adjournment** - Sharon Dunlop moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:50pm.

**Date of Next Meeting:** TUESDAY - October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Christ Church, Cataraqui  
6 pm

**Devotions:** Anne Patterson