

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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At its meeting of 20 and 21 October, Diocesan Council

- welcomed and oriented new members to Council
- in orientation heard about the World-wide Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church of Canada, our Diocese, Diocesan organization and staff, the authority of Synod, Council and the Bishops, how Council goes about its work and the importance for Council members of CPR: Come prepared, Participate, Report back to parishes and regions
- concurred with the Bishop's realignment of the parish boundaries of Trinity Church, Halifax, and the Parish of St. John, Halifax
- heard a presentation by Janet Marshall on an Organizational Effectiveness Proposal
- enjoyed a social time together
- shared Eucharist in the Cathedral, Bishop Hiltz presiding
- remembered Florence Trynor who died recently
- received correspondence thanking Council for donations to the Ask and Imagine Program and the Letting Down the Nets Project
- heard about and discussed the disposition of matters referred to Council by Synod and the Executive Secretary of Synod
- agreed to direct the motion on Raffles to the Doctrine and Worship Committee
- delayed action on the size of synod motion that did not pass synod until the December meeting of Council
- agreed to direct two motions submitted but not considered by Synod to the newly formed task group on allotment, and also to Parish Relations and Administration and Finance, namely to exempt youth ministry expenses from allotment and to revise understandings of capital expenses in allotment computation
- heard and received a report from Bishop Hiltz. Highlights: Synod, service for the new Lieutenant Governor, first meeting of the allotment task group, 5/3 meetings underway, pastoral visit to the Parish of Sydney
- heard and received a report from Bishop Moxley. Highlights: Speed Leas coming to speak on conciliation, heard Senator Kirby speak on his report on mental health services, 'Out of the Shadows', attended a stewardship conference, (two books recommended, 'Growing Up Generous' and 'Lending Your Leadership')
- heard and received a report by Gordon Redden. Highlights: clergy appointments, health care chaplains, benchmark project, property matters, church, parish hall and rectory sales, 5/3 visits
- heard a report from the Controller, Peter Flemming. Highlights: 2004 audited financial statements now on website, 2005 audit almost complete, still some problems with receivables, they can be negotiated and resolved in face to face meetings, how much time it takes to get and process cheques from the consolidated trust fund (about 5 weeks), auto debit and deposit systems
- discussed Bruce Rockwell's stewardship talks at synod and the Every Member Canvass (a visitation and pledge system) in the Episcopal Church
- heard an update on the Letting Down the Nets Project. Pilot regions are being selected
- considered the need of training for parish treasurers

- heard a progress report on the formation of a task group to supervise a listening process on sexuality. Eric Beresford has agree to chair this
- received a June report from the Property Development Task Group, Phase II. Proposals for consideration seem imminent
- gratefully received reports from Program Planning, Ministry Committee, Resource Centre and Diocesan Archivist
- heard a presentation of the proposed 2007 budget by the Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot and Ted Johnson
- following questions and discussion, approved the 2007 Budget as proposed, including the allotment rate (21.25%)