

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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At its meeting of February 21, 2008, Diocesan Council

-was chaired by Bishop Moxley

-Bishop Moxley welcomed Anthony Chapman, Q.C., as the new Chancellor of the Diocese

-was led in worship by Selma Doucet

- Bishop Moxley asked Council members to review a document concerning resolutions of General Synod in advance of our April meeting

- three Regional Youth Coordinators have begun to work with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

- received an update on plans for the 2010 Anniversary Celebration

- Memorials were requested for the May Synod. Regional Deans and others were invited to provide the Synod Office the names of past members of Synod or Diocesan Council who died since the last Synod.

- heard a report on the work of the Episcopal Search Committee (Bishop Moxley, Rory Francis, Reg Beaver, Tory Byrne, Jonni Turner, David Garrett, and Chairperson Valeria Rhymes). The closing date for nominations for suffragan bishop is March 27<sup>th</sup> (5 p.m.). Following that date, under Canon 1, the Search Committee may make further nominations and the Diocesan Bishop may remove names before the list of candidates is finalized. Nominees will be sent profile forms to be completed and returned to the Synod Office of the Search Committee by April 10<sup>th</sup> (5 p.m.). Candidate profiles will be sent to all Synod Delegates by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Council approved Documents "A" and "B" for circulation to Synod Delegates.

- Council approved the appointment to the Anglican Diocesan Centre Corporation of four representatives of the Diocesan Synod (Richard Crowe, Harold Irving, Keith Fraser, and Peter Townsend).

- Council approved the following to be co-opted members of Synod 2008: Paul Kent, Gretchen McCurdy, Selma Doucet, Ted Haslam, Clair Sudsbury, Tanya Moxley, Janet Marshall, Andy Carrass, Don Pulsifer, and Charlotte Cochran.

- received a report by The Rev. Trevor Lightfoot, Chair of Administration and Finance Committee. A motion to set the 2009 Diocesan allotment rate at 20% instead of 19% was defeated (6 voted in favour, 10 against).

- Bishop Moxley led the Council in a priority setting exercise. In the last three years the diocesan budget has been redirected to help strengthen parishes (healthy congregations, healthy clergy, and healthy support systems). Diocesan Council's role is to set priorities for the next budget year. Council engaged the following five questions:

- 1) What are five things we are doing now that are essential for the Diocese to do to build strong parishes?
- 2) What are five things that we are doing now that are essential for the Diocese to do that enables parishes to do work at other levels, to care for the least of the brothers and sisters, and proclaim the gospel out in the world?
- 3) What are five things that we are not doing now that would strengthen parishes/clergy for proclaiming the gospel?
- 4) What five things are important work that we are doing now that doesn't fit any of the categories but we need to continue it?
- 5) Are there things we are missing that we should be doing? Is something essential missing?

The results of the exercise will be condensed and circulated to Council members and to the Budget Sub-Committee before the April meeting.

- Bishop Moxley circulated the logos for the 2008 and 2009 Synods.

- received a report from The Rev. Randy Townsend, Chair of the Book Room Advisory Sub-Committee.

- received two documents from the Organizational Effectiveness Task Group: 1) "Current Regional Profile Comparison" and 2) The Organizational Effectiveness Report (October 2007). Council discussed the possibility of redefining the regions of the diocese. There was a general sense that restructuring the regions might not be beneficial

- received the Executive Director's report. Bishop Moxley has appointed Canon Redden to continue as Acting Executive Secretary of Synod until a permanent Executive Secretary can be appointed.

- heard a report by Controller Peter Flemming. The 2007 Diocesan audit has begun. The Finance Office will be making greater use of electronic deposit instead of issuing manual cheques.

- heard Selma Doucet's report on the work of the Anglican Foundation.

NOTE: Council meets next on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

