

## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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At its meeting of 22 February 2007, Diocesan Council

- was chaired by Canon Gordon Redden until Bishop Hiltz arrived
- was led in worship by Donna Mosher
- finalized the Anglican Foundation Screening Committee and its chair (Reg Beaver, replacing Patrick McWade)
- remembered Peggy Stokoe, wife of the Rev'd Rodney Stokoe, who died this past week
- heard a report from Gordon Redden. His report covered budget 2008, Campaign Financial Planning Task Group, work of Human Resources Committee, parish amalgamations, parish property sales, and the parish 5/3 visit strategy team. He recommends the formulation of short and long-term goals for the Diocese
- by a motion, expressed its concern with the decision of the Budget Subcommittee and the Administration and Finance Committee that grants a basic exemption for each full-time stipendiary clergy serving a parish (eg, if two, then two basic exemptions), and asks the Budget Subcommittee and the Administration and Finance Committee not to use this formula of exemption in 2008 or following years
- agreed to forward an application to the Anglican Foundation from Dean and Chapter for assistance with the new Cathedral sound system
- heard from Peter Flemming, Diocesan Controller, that the 2005 audit was completed, that 2006 tax forms were about to be mailed out, and that the 2006 audit will begin shortly
- heard a report by Archdeacon Lynn Uzans regarding the work of the Task Group on Organization
- heard and discussed a question about how 'Potentials, East', appears in the budget
- heard a report from the Rev'd Gloria McClure-Fraser on the Communication Task Group. Good Christian communication is participatory, creates community, liberates, supports and develops culture, and is prophetic
- heard a report from Bishop Hiltz. He came from visiting the Lunenburg region. Next, the Clermont region. Tim Elliott met with over half of the clergy during his visit. The celebration of Archbishop Peter's twenty-fifth anniversary as a bishop on Candlemas was a fine occasion. Sister Elizabeth Anne will lead the next clergy quiet day.
- received a written report from Bishop Moxley who was out of the Diocese attending an 'Ask and Imagine National Board Meeting'
- heard that the Capital Campaign commitments to date are \$2,816,609.
- extended the mandate of the Capital Campaign Task Group to March 31, 2010, from March 31, 2008.
- heard an update on the Phase Two Development proposals. Cathedral visioning, lack of financial clarity, concern about housing for bishops and others, consultation with the Anglican Diocesan Centre Corporation, will probably delay decisions
- Diocesan Council agreed with Bishop Hiltz's proposal that a meeting with those presently housed on site be held and that the results be communicated to the Phase Two Development Task Group

- received a report from the Administration and Finance Committee. Medical Task Group is at work. Blue Cross has been renewed to 31 January 2008 at the current rates.
- received and discussed the 'Benchmark Study Report' prepared by Janet Marshall, who spoke to the report. The report, which tabulates and compares important Diocesan statistical information, may be used in various ways both to aid the current visioning initiatives and to point out new directions. Benchmark findings need analysis.
- agreed that the Agenda Committee of Council will plan a process to keep the Benchmark Study before Council and suggest ways of following up on it
- concluded its meeting at 5:25 PM