

## Diocesan Council Highlights

April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Diocesan Council was called to order by Bishop Moxley at 7pm at which time all were welcomed and newcomers introduced.

Worship was led D. Burlison.

Following the approval of the agenda, **A. Turner** presented to the Council a report from the **Human Resources Sub-committee**. With the aid of graphs he elaborated on the following trends:

# of retirement vs. # of postulants, parish finances, allotments and yearly offerings.

**S.Naylor-the Youth Ministry Coordinator** reported the following events and workshops:

- June 19<sup>th</sup>-Children's Festival at the Cathedral and Teacher's workshop
- P.E.I. Youth event-28 youth attended
- Drama Troupe coming to Halifax on June 8<sup>th</sup>

Other items reported- desire to rename the Youth Ministry Committee and Leadership diploma for those interested in Youth Ministry will be sponsored by AST.

**P. Flemming** gave his report and indicated that the 2009 audit will be taking place shortly.

**J.Hatt**-Executive Secretary reported that an application to **the Anglican Foundation** was received from **"The Church of the Good Shepherd, Beaverbank**. This was referred to the Screening Committee.

**D.Chapman** reported on behalf of the Screening Committee. It was **moved and carried** that the application be forwarded to the Anglican Foundation for consideration.

**Bishop Ron** spoke to his report. Much discussion arose from the floor regarding NSOM. This was deferred until Saturday at which time a motion would be put forward.

**Bishop Sue** spoke to her report. Her main focus was:

- the direction of the Diocese
- recovery of payroll and allotment arrears
- "The Pentecost Challenge" for the Diocese. This is a challenge to up our giving's by 1%

## Saturday

The Council meeting reconvened at 9am with worship led by J. Hatt

The highlights of “**the Back to Church Sunday Training**” session was shared. It was also noted that “**Back to Church Sunday is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**”

**Property Redevelopment-** The appeal hearing was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We are presently awaiting a response from the courts.

**A motion** was passed giving consent to a “**Letter of Intent**” in respect to the conveyance of properties related to the redevelopment of the Diocesan Centre Site.

**G. Redden** indicated that the Diocesan Synod Office is planning to move to a leased property on Quinpool Road .Scheduled move during the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**C. Fraser** reported on behalf of the **Committee on Ministry**. The highlights were as follows:

- Budget process under way for 2011
- “Back to Church Training Session”-DVD’s will be available for distribution at no cost
- Evangelism Conference for the week-end of Oct.22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Conference will accommodate 60 people(3 persons from 20 parishes).The cost \$100/parish

Discussion followed on the direction and vision of the Diocese. Bishop Sue referred to “Serving God’s Mission in Healthy Congregations”. We are presently using “The 5 Marks of a Healthy Congregation (Alban Institute)

**NSOM-a motion** was presented to Diocesan Council requesting that Diocesan Council review the NSOM program. The **motion was carried** to review the NSOM program and that a task group would be established and report back no later than the fall of 2011. Also included in this motion was that there would be no new admissions accepted into the program until the results of the review were received. Deadline set was April 2012.

Next meeting dates:

- June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Binney Hall
- October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-St. Mark’s Community Centre (Russell Street)
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>- as above
- February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011-St. Margaret of Scotland (Robie Street)
- April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011- as above.