

## Diocesan Council Meeting Highlights-October 16-17, 2009

Diocesan Council was called to order by Bishop Moxley at 7pm and worship was led by D. Burleson and D. Garrett.

Following worship Bishop Sue discussed the Bishop's Action Appeal and encouraged everyone to show support for this campaign.

### Highlights of the evening were:

- Presentation by the Finance Committee regarding the "allocation of Funds for Grants to Parishes". It was noted that a motion must be forwarded to Synod in 2011 to make any changes to the present set-up
- D.Burleson discussed **The Budget Survey** which was developed by the Budget Sub-Committee. It was agreed that this survey must be circulated to Regional Councils, Parish Councils, and individuals. It is important that the Diocese receive feedback from as many sources as possible.
- Members of the Chebucto Region were invited to share their "2010 Celebration" event. It was an Amazing Grace with over 100 participants, 16 teams and 40 volunteers.
- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as amended to include the document "Expenditure Reductions Options"

### Correspondence was presented. This included

- Information from various resources regarding Hospital Chaplaincy was presented. Discussion followed over the impact of the cuts on this ministry.
- A letter from the Primate was received, thanking the Diocese for its contribution to the National Church and introducing the new Director of Philanthropy, Dr. Hendrix.

### Continuing Business:

- **Property Redevelopment** put forward an appeal to The Utility Review Board. Results of the appeal would be known in 30 days (Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>)
- **Emergency Preparedness** –The Task Group has reported to the Bishop making recommendations and policies. The information will be circulated shortly to Parishes.
- **Organizational Effectiveness**-circulated documents for discussion and input

## **Budget 2010-**

- A. Caras spoke to the Diocesan Council regarding the budget process and its content.

Following a lengthy discussion the allotment rate of 19.25% was approved for the purposes of preparing the 2010 budget.

## **The Following Reports were received:**

- **Provincial Synod**-E. Siteman (Provincial Synod Delegate)-Meeting took place in Newfoundland. Discussion followed on the cost of the synod and whether it is necessary to continue with this level of government.
- **Archives**-Report was circulated.
- **Ministry Committee**-C.Fraser-reported on the work of the committee. Reference was made to the resource "Celebrate What is Right With the World". It was agreed that we should build on this theme for Synod 2011. Also noted was "Senior's Ministry, Mission and Development" and the need to address this area.
- **Bishop Sue**-Highlights from her report included the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rev. Canon Sid Davies, the sessions held with the URB(Property Redevelopment),a100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for Evelyn Keddy and 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Party in the Parish of Alberton
- **Bishop Ron**-Highlights from his report included his participation in Justice Camp in PEI and Sunday visits
- **Gordon Redden**-Highlights included upgrading software in the Diocesan office, continuing support to clergy, and USPG issue being resolved
- **National World and Mission**-R.Moore reported on the work of the committee. He reported that the Justice Camp was a huge success. Also noted was the work of the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Committee, and PWRDF

