

HIGHLIGHTS OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

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At its meeting of 14 June 2007, Diocesan Council

- was led in worship by Darlene Fleet
- remembered the ministry of the Rev'd MacAllister Ellis who died since the last meeting of Council
- reviewed contingency plans for an Episcopal electoral synod should that become necessary
- heard and received a report by Bishop Hiltz. The Anglican-Lutheran International Commission met in the Diocese in May. Canada is leading in these relations. The Bishop circulated an article on General Synod
- heard and received a report by Bishop Moxley. She 'passed' her annual review. She did several interviews in May for the media about social action activities. She has been active in stewardship planning
- heard and received a report from Gordon Redden. He has received correspondence regarding the possible closure of the Cape Breton Bookroom. He noted parish property sales, the Parish 5/3 Visit Plan activity, staff and personnel changes (Patrick Pearse has been appointed to replace a resignation in the finance office)
- heard and deferred to the October meeting of Council a proposal from the Campaign Financial Planning Task Group presented by Dr. Leslie Jeager to create a Financial Development Office effective January 2008, to assist for two years the Leap for Faith Campaign and then make preparations to establish an ongoing Diocesan Annual Appeal from 2010 onwards. The proposal includes provisions for employment of part time persons and funding recommendations
- heard a report from the Controller, Peter Flemming. The 2006 audit is almost completed
- heard and received reports from the Administration and Finance Committee
- accepted the 2005 Audited Financial Statements
- heard that the 2008 budget is almost completed
- agreed with the Administration and Finance Committee that the 2010 Celebration Committee be asked to submit an updated budget associated with all aspects of the celebration in the light of a report that costs are escalating
- received through the Administration and Finance Committee recommendations from the Diocesan Book Room Advisory Subcommittee that proposed, among other things, the closure of the Cape Breton Branch of the Bookroom and a review of the viability of the total operation
- following extensive discussion, Council agreed that before acting on recommendations for closure, to seek an external review of the total Bookroom operation to be completed by the April 2008 meeting of Council
- heard and received a report from the Task Group on Communications presented by Max Moulton and Tanya Moxley
- adopted the report on Communications and mandated the current Task Group to continue the work proposed in the report including forming other groups as necessary
- heard and received a progress report from the Allotment Task Group by Gretchen McCurdy. The Task Group wants to take two proposals to parishes before it moves on to

other matters: that basic exemption continue to be \$8000 and that all building maintenance and capital expenditures be exempted from allotment

- approved the proposal to send Allotment Task Group proposals to parishes and the proposed next phase of the Task Group's work, to review alternative systems of Diocesan budgeting
- considered but did not approve a request by the Archives Committee to provide funding for a full time archivist
- asked Gordon Redden to consult with the Human Resources Subcommittee regarding the allocation of archivist and technician time between the Archives and the Resource Room and report findings to the October meeting of Council
- received a copy of a letter sent to clergy from the Organizational Effectiveness Task Group for information
- received a report from the Ministries Committee and a brochure advertising the 'Small Church, Great Church' workshop scheduled for October 26-28, 2007
- was invited by Bishop Hiltz to pray for the forthcoming meeting of General Synod