

DIOCESAN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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At its meeting of 15 June 2006, Diocesan Council

-was led in worship by the Rev'd Dianne Parker

-met and welcomed Michael Janz, Diocesan Youth Coordinator

-remembered and gave thanks for the life and work of Clayde Faulkner and the Rev'd Sam Miller, who died since the last meeting of Council

-gave approval for the amalgamation of the Lockeport – Barrington Parishes

-was circulated a letter from the Bishop of the Arctic seeking financial assistance in rebuilding St. Jude's Cathedral, recently destroyed

-heard a report on the Capital Campaign by Canon David Reid. The campaign has raised \$2,741,702.00. A DVD will be produced. A financial accountability report is forthcoming that will state how much was raised, how much the campaign cost and how much has been spent

-received a report from Canon Gordon Redden on behalf of the Campaign Financial Planning Task Group containing a recommendation to Bishop Hiltz and Diocesan Council relating to the anticipated renegotiated residential schools settlement agreement. The report contained projections of spending for 2007 and overall projections of totals to 31 December 2009. Regarding an anticipated reduction in our portion of the settlement fund pay out, our reduction may be about \$468,000 (the precise figure is unknown). The Task Group recommends that Council give consideration to applying \$372,000 to the financial campaign and \$96,000 to the Healing and Reconciliation Fund (numbers are examples only). Council concurred with the principle that the Diocese would retain a portion of the refund, if any, and that a portion would go outside the Diocese

-received a report from Bishop Hiltz

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-heard that ten new stipendiary candidates and two non-stipendiary candidates were approved for studies by the recent ACPO

-heard a report from the Diocesan Executive Director that included an update on hospital chaplaincy, notice of a grant that enables the Diocese to hire Morag Townsend to do a 'benchmark' study this summer under the direction of Janet Marshall, oil tendering negotiations, and the 2007 budget preparations

-received a report from the Controller, Peter Flemming, that included a statement of revenue and expenditures to 31 May 2006

-was led by Bishop Moxley in a discussion of the role and effectiveness of Diocesan Council that included perceptions that need to be changed, education for Council members, how to relate the work of Council to the Diocesan vision, the need for a communication strategy, and recommendations about Council membership. Council referred the report and discussion to the Agenda Committee of Council

-received a report and engaged in a discussion of 'The Elements of a Healthy Diocese', prepared by the Strategy Planning Committee. Mr. Peter McCreath, chair, and members, Joel Archibald and David Coates led the discussion. The report offers general principles of a healthy diocese, reflections on corporate structure, staff structure, spiritual leadership, support for parishes and clergy, public social responsibility, Canadian and world wide church and long term planning. Strategy Planning was invited to combine their report with the Letting Down the Nets Report

-Bishop Moxley summarized the Letting Down the Nets Project 33 page Planning Study Report prepared by a consultant team from General Synod, that included sections on how we got to this point, what the results say (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats), what the consultants said in summary and where we go from here

-agreed to hold a special meeting of Diocesan Council, Wednesday, 13 September, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM to discuss the full consultants' report

-received a report from the Administration and Finance Committee and was led in a discussion of it by its chair, the Rev'd Trevor Lightfoot

-at the recommendation of the A & F Committee, by motion agreed to invite Synod to make the Audit Sub-Committee a standing committee of Synod

-heard that the Bishops were in process of forming a task group to help us conduct the listening process on sexuality invited by the Council of General Synod

-heard that proposals regarding Phase Two property development of Diocesan/Cathedral property were imminent

-agreed to ratify persons nominated by Bishop Hiltz for co-option to synod

-heard that the sub-committees under the Services to Parishes and Regions were being allocated to the Ministry and National and World Mission Committees

-received with gratitude reports from the Resource Centre, the Archivist, Services to Parishes and Regions, and National and World Mission