

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL SYNOD
MAY 28 – JUNE 4, 2004**

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FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2004

Opening Service

The Thirty-Seventh Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada convened in the Sean O’Sullivan Theatre, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, at 7:00 P.M. On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chancellor Ronald Stevenson reported that a sufficient number of each Order was present to constitute the Synod: Order of Bishops – 37, Order of Clergy – 113, Order of Laity – 143. The President of the Synod, Archbishop David Crawley, Acting Primate, declared that the Thirty-Seventh Session of the General Synod was duly constituted.

Act 1

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated with the Acting Primate, Archbishop David Crawley, presiding. Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Archbishop Crawley delivered the Presidential Address. (Appendix A)

A reception, hosted by the Diocese of Niagara, followed.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2004

Morning Prayer took place in the Plenary Hall.

The Acting Primate, Archbishop David Crawley, was in the chair and called the meeting to order.

Greetings

Mayor Timothy Rigby brought greetings from the City of St. Catharines and Dr. David Atkinson, President of Brock University, brought greetings from the University.

Host Diocese Welcome

The Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara, the Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence, welcomed members to the Diocese and expressed Niagara’s pride and excitement at hosting General Synod.

Introductions

The Acting Primate introduced the **Head Table**

Dean Peter Elliott, Deputy Prolocutor
Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall, Prolocutor
Archbishop David Crawley, Acting Primate
Archdeacon Jim Boyles, General Secretary
Ms. Dianne Izzard, Recording Secretary

And the **Chairs and Members of Sessional Committees**

Honorary Secretaries: Mr. Peter Clarke, Honorary Lay Secretary
Ms. Marilyn Dean, Assistant Lay Secretary
Archdeacon Michael Pollesel, Honorary Clerical Secretary
Archdeacon Peter Fenty, Assistant Clerical Secretary

Assessors: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson, Coordinator
Chancellor Heather Dixon, Keewatin
Chancellor Robert Falby, Toronto
Chancellor Clyne Harradance, Saskatchewan
Chancellor Rhodie Mercer, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
Chancellor Percy Tinker, Kootenay

Resolutions Committee: Bishop George Elliott, Chair

Bishop Elliott briefly addressed Synod and announced that 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 1, 2004 was the deadline for receiving resolutions and also the deadline for requesting the removal of motions from the No Debate List.

Nominating Committee Dean Louise Peters, Chair

Dean Peters outlined the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee and announced the following deadlines for nominations: Prolocutor – 4:00 P.M., Friday, May 29; Deputy Prolocutor – 2:00 P.M., Sunday, May 31 and Standing Committees - 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

Agenda Committee Mr. Peter Irish, Chair

Worship Committee Dean Peter Wall, Chair

Expenditures Committee Mr. Stephen Koning, Chair

Overseas, Ecumenical and Full Communion Partners

Archbishop Crawley called on Dr. Eleanor Johnson, Director of Partnerships and Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Director, Faith, Worship and Ministry, to introduce Overseas, Ecumenical and Full Communion Partners.

Overseas Partners: Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea
Anglican Observer at the United Nations

Bishop Duleep de Chickera and his wife Geetha
Diocese of Colombo

Ecumenical Partners: Professor Richard Schneider
President of the Canadian Council of Churches

Rev. Bob Mills,
United Church of Canada and Past General Secretary
of the Canadian Council of Churches

It was noted that the Rev. Canon Stephen Lane of the
Episcopal Church of the USA would be arriving later in the
meeting.

Anglican Communion
Partner

Rev. Canon Gregory Cameron, Director of Ecumenical
Affairs and Studies, Anglican Consultative Council

Lutheran Partners: Bishop Raymond Schultz
National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Rev. Paul Johnson
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

It was noted that the Rev. Sonja Free of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada would be arriving later in the meeting and that
The Rev. Canon Susan Johnson, ELCIC, was in attendance as an
Observer-Guest.

Partners from the Diocese of Cuba

Bishop Ralph Spence introduced partners from the Diocese of Cuba, seminary students:

Mr. Leonel Abaroa
Canon Francisco de Arazoza
Mr. Rody Perez Risco

Indigenous Partners

Dr. Eleanor Johnson introduced Ms. Nina Burnham, Diocese of Huron, representing all Indigenous Partners at General Synod.

Courtesies of General Synod

The Acting Primate extended the *Courtesies of the General Synod* to the partners noted above and to:

Mr. Andrew Ignatieff, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
Ms. Ann Kilby, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
Dr. Paul Kingston, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
Ms. Sheila Ritson-Bennett, Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Resolutions

Minutes of the 36th Session of the General Synod

Moved by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That the minutes of the 36th Session of the General Synod, held in Waterloo, Ontario, July 4 - 11, 2001, be adopted as printed in the Journal and as approved by the Certification of Minutes Committee.

CARRIED
Act 2

Reception of Reports

Moved by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles
Seconded by: Dean Peter G. Elliott

That the reports printed in the Convening Circular be received.

CARRIED
Act 3

Reception of Notices of Motion and Memorials

Moved by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles
Seconded by: Dean Peter G. Elliott

That all Notices of Motion and Memorials printed in the Convening Circular be received.

CARRIED
Act 4

Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Moved by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall
Seconded by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles

That the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.

CARRIED
Act 5

Rules of Order and Procedure

Moved by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That section 3 c) of the Rules of Order and Procedure be amended to read:

c) During a meeting of the General Synod the Treasurer, overseas, ecumenical and Indigenous partners, and representatives of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund shall be entitled to be present and, subject to these Rules of Order and Procedure, to participate in any discussion without the right to vote.

CARRIED
Act 6

Nominations for the Position of Prolocutor

The Acting Primate called for nominations for the position of Prolocutor and announced that nominations for this position would close at 4:00 P.M.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by: Mr. Peter Irish
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins

That the Draft Agenda #12 be adopted

CARRIED
Act 7

Orders of the Day

Mr. Peter Irish, Chair of the Agenda Committee, reviewed the Orders of the Day for Saturday and Sunday.

Announcements

Members were reminded that, in accordance with the Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 18

a) “When the question is put, every member present, except the presiding officer, shall be required to vote on the same . . .”

Attention was drawn to a decorative structure standing in the corner of plenary. Created by Marcia Christie of the Church of the Incarnation in Oakville, it represented a cross rising from the water - a variation on the theme of General Synod

Greetings to Bishop Victoria Matthews

Dean Greg Kerr-Wilson rose on a *point of privilege* to bring greetings from Bishop Victoria Matthews and to convey her thanks for the prayers and the outpouring of love and concern she has received during her illness.

Moved by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod send its affectionate greetings to the Bishop of Edmonton, Victoria Matthews, assuring her of our prayers and support as she faces the days ahead.

CARRIED
Act 8

Serving God’s World, Strengthening the Church and Letting Down the Nets

The Prolocutor, Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall, introduced a presentation on *Serving God’s World, Strengthening the Church*, a proposed framework for the work of the church 2004 – 2010, and *Letting Down the Nets*, a funding proposal for the national church.

The session opened with prayer.

Members viewed *The Framework*, a video that provided the context for the development of the proposed framework.

The Deputy Prolocutor, Dean Peter Elliott, spoke of the mandate of the 2001 General Synod that an intentional listening process be initiated in the church and that recommendations be made to General Synod 2004 for future planning.

Ms. Marion Jenkins reviewed the intentional listening process carried out under the guidance of the Council of General Synod.

Seven priorities within the Framework were highlighted:

- Deepening Anglican identity . . . for mission and servanthood
- Nurturing and strengthening Christian communities . . . for local witness to the gospel
- Telling the story of our vision and our work . . . valuing tools of communication and storytelling
- Developing and living *The New Agape*
- Building stewardship and financial capacity for mission . . . through implementation of *Letting Down the Nets*
- Strengthening partnerships in Canada
- Sustaining international partnerships . . . for mutual support

Canon Geoffrey Jackson introduced *Letting Down the Nets*, a stewardship initiative and plan for raising significant new funds for mission and ministry. The plan focuses on four major areas:

- Stewardship education and congregational development
- Proportional gifts
- Annual appeals
- Planned giving and major gifts

Comments were invited and received. The session concluded with prayer.

Blessing of Same Sex Unions

Following the lunch break, the meeting reconvened in Discussion Group format for a presentation on the Blessing of Same Sex Unions. The Acting Primate opened the session with prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews and Bishop Fred Hiltz provided the context in which Faith Worship and Ministry had been asked to work on bringing this issue to General Synod and reviewed the work of the committee and of the Council of General Synod in crafting the motion that would come before Synod later in the meeting.

Rev. Canon Gregory Cameron

Dr. Andrews introduced the Rev. Canon Gregory Cameron, Director of Ecumenical Affairs and Studies in the Anglican Communion Office and Secretary of the Lambeth Commission on Communion, who addressed Synod. He saluted General Synod's courage in debating such a

controversial subject. Canon Cameron provided the Anglican Communion context of the debate by presenting the viewpoints of various members of the Communion and he spoke of the implications in the Communion of a positive vote and of a negative vote.

Table Group Discussions

Lt. Col. Rev. Canon John Fletcher and Bishop Fred Hiltz introduced clause one of Resolution A134, dealing with the blessing of same sex unions.

Table Groups discussed clause one of the resolution and recorded their response to the questions:

What do you find encouraging about the clause?

What do you find challenging about the clause?

Chancellor Ronald Stevenson and Archbishop Terry Finlay introduced clause two of the resolution. Table groups discussed clause two and responded to the same questions.

Diocesan Caucuses

Members of Synod met in diocesan groups.

Election of the Prolocutor

Nominating Committee Chair, Dean Louise Peters, presented the names of those nominated for the position of Prolocutor:

Mrs. Judy Darling

Diocese of Ottawa

Dean Peter Elliott

Diocese of New Westminster

Mr. Peter Irish

Diocese of Fredericton

The Acting Primate declared that nominations for the position of Prolocutor were closed.

The nominators briefly addressed synod sharing with delegates why they should vote for their candidate.

Ballots were distributed and collected. The Acting Primate declared the balloting closed.

Resolutions

Amendment to Canon III – The Primacy – Resignation Process

Moved by: Archdeacon Patricia Johnston

Seconded by: Bishop Ann Tottenham

That section 7 of Canon III – The Primacy – be repealed and the following substituted therefore:

7. Resignation from Office

- a) The Primate may submit notice of intention to resign from the office of Primate to the Provincial Metropolitan senior by election.
- b) The senior Metropolitan shall, after consultation with the other Metropolitans and with the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor of the General Synod, jointly with the Primate determine the date on which the Primate’s resignation should take effect.
- c) The Primate shall then submit to the senior Metropolitan, and the senior Metropolitan shall accept, a resignation to take effect on the date determined pursuant to section 7 b).
- d) The senior Metropolitan shall report the resignation to the Council of the General Synod and to the Order of Bishops of the General Synod.
- e) The title of the Primate after ceasing to hold office shall continue to be “Archbishop”.

CARRIED
Act 9

Amendment to Canon III - The Primacy – Term of Office

Moved by: Archdeacon Patricia Johnston
Seconded by: Bishop Ann Tottenham

That section 3 of Canon III - The Primacy - be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

3) Term of Office

- a) The term of office of the Primate shall commence upon election to the office.
- b) The Primate shall, as soon as practicable and not more than 90 days after being elected, resign from the episcopal or metropolitanical offices held at the time of election.

- c) The Primate shall cease to hold office
- i) when he or she has held office for nine years or, if the term has been extended under section 3 d), when he or she has held office for 12 years,
 - ii) when he or she attains the age of 70 years,
 - iii) on the effective date of a resignation submitted and accepted under section 7, or
 - iv) when a resolution is adopted under section 8 d) declaring the Primacy vacant,
- whichever first occurs.

- 4) The Primate may, no earlier than 18 months before and no later than 12 months before the ninth anniversary of the Primate's election, submit to the Council of the General Synod and to the Order of Bishops a request for an extension of his or her term of office to the twelfth anniversary of that election. If both the Council of the General Synod and the Order of Bishops accede to the Primate's request within six months, the Primate's term of office shall be extended as requested; otherwise it shall expire on the ninth anniversary of the Primate's election.

Amendment

Moved by: Archbishop Terrence Finlay
 Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That the motion be amended by deleting the word "election" in subsection a) and replacing it with the word "installation".

CARRIED

The amended resolution was then put and -

DEFEATED
Act 10

The Acting Primate confirmed that the resolution had not received the requisite 2/3 majority in the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together, but was carried in the Order of Bishops.

Amendment to Canon III - The Primacy – Duties of the Primate

Moved by: Archdeacon Patricia Johnston
 Seconded by: Bishop Ann Tottenham

That section 4 of Canon III - The Primacy - be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

4. Duties of the Primate

- a) The Primate shall
 - i) exercise pastoral and spiritual leadership throughout The Anglican Church of Canada,
 - ii) function as the President of the General Synod, the Chair of the Council of the General Synod, the Chair of the meetings of Metropolitans and the Chair of the meetings of the House of Bishops,
 - iii) function as the Chief Executive Officer of the staff of the General Synod and shall delegate such duties of that office as the Primate deems appropriate, to the General Secretary and other executive members of the staff of the General Synod,
 - iv) give leadership in developing the policies and strategies of The Anglican Church of Canada,
 - v) oversee the implementation of the decisions of the General Synod and the Council of the General Synod,
 - vi) report to each meeting of the Council of the General Synod and to the General Synod,
 - vii) speak in the name of The Anglican Church of Canada after consultation with, or in accordance with the policies set by, the Council of the General Synod or the General Synod,
 - viii) be, *ex officio*, a member of all committees, councils, boards and commissions, standing or special, appointed under any provision of the Constitution or any Canon enacted by the General Synod, or under any resolution of the General Synod, or of the Council of the General Synod,
 - ix) visit every diocese of The Anglican Church of Canada,
 - x) represent The Anglican Church of Canada internationally and ecumenically.
- b) The Primate may, after consultation with the Provincial Metropolitans and the Chapter of the Anglican Military Ordinariate and subject to the provision of financial requirements, appoint a Bishop Ordinary who shall have episcopal

jurisdiction over the chaplains of The Anglican Church of Canada on duty with the Canadian Forces.

CARRIED
Act 11

Suspension of the Rules of Order and Procedure

Moved by: Archbishop Terrence Finlay
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That the Rules of Order #13 be suspended for the purpose of introducing an amendment to Canon #3.

CARRIED

Amendment to Canon III – The Primacy – Taking up Office

Moved by: Archbishop Terrence Finlay
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That Section 3a) of Canon #3 be amended by deleting the word “election” and inserting the word “installation”.

CARRIED
Act 12

Rev. David Johnson rose on a *point of order* and questioned if the motion would take effect on prorogation. Chancellor Stevenson responded that in accordance with Section 24 of the *Constitution of the General Synod – Procedure and Practice*, “all enactments of the General Synod shall come into force and operation as soon as passed.”

Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the First Ballot

Dean Peter Elliott – 134
Mr. Peter Irish - 94
Mrs. Judy Darling – 44

Total number of ballots cast – 272

There was one spoiled ballot.

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped, leaving two names on the ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected. The Acting Primate declared the balloting closed.

Amendment to the Constitution – Information Resources Committee

Moved by: Ms. Judy Darling
Seconded by: Rev. Robert Towler

That section 39 of the Constitution of the General Synod be amended

1. by deleting section 39 a) vi) and substituting the following:

vi) Communications and Information Resources Committee.

2. by deleting section 39 f) and substituting the following:

f) The Communications and Information Resources Committee shall consist of fourteen members:

i) 10 of the members shall be elected by the General Synod

ii) at least 6 of the members elected by the General Synod shall be members of the General Synod, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Council of the General Synod

iii) 4 members shall be appointed by the Primate who, in making the appointments, shall consider expertise in aspects of the Committee's work

iv) at least 2 of the members must be members of the Anglican Journal Board.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 13

Amendment to the Constitution – Officers of General Synod

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles

That the Constitution of the General Synod be amended

(a) by deleting Section 12 and substituting the following:

12. The Officers of the General Synod

The Officers of the General Synod shall be:

- 1) The Primate
- 2) The Prolocutor
- 3) The Deputy Prolocutor
- 4) The General Secretary
- 5) The Treasurer
- 6) The Chancellor
- 7) The Vice-Chancellor, if appointed
- 8) two Officers-at-large (one Clergy, one Laity) elected by the Council of the General Synod from its own membership [resident in ecclesiastical provinces other than those of the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor].

(b) by renumbering sections 17 to 19 to be sections 18 to 20 and inserting a new section 17 as follows:

17. The Treasurer

a) The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council of the General Synod on nomination of the Primate after consultation with Financial Management and Development Committee.

b) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies of the General Synod under the authority of the General Synod, the Council of the General Synod or the Financial Management and Development Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution, the Canons and resolutions of the General Synod, the Council of the General Synod or the Financial Management and Development Committee.

c) During sessions of the General Synod the Treasurer shall be entitled to be present and, subject to the Rules of Order and Procedure, to participate in discussion without the right to vote.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS
Act 14

Amendment to Canon VI – The Treasurer

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Archdeacon Jim Boyles

That Canon VI of the General Synod (Financial Management) be amended by deleting section 1 and renumbering sections 2 to 6 to be sections 1 to 5.

CARRIED
Act 15

No Debate List

Bishop George Elliott presented the No Debate List (as of 3:00 PM, May 29th).

- A110 General Synod's Investment Powers
- A151 Cultivating a Just Peace
- A153 0.7% Development Goal
- A154 Globalization and Free Trade
- A155 Ballistic Missile Defence
- A156 Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect
- A157 Housing and Homelessness
- A158 Environmental Audit
- A159 Kyoto Accord
- A172 BAS – Inclusion in The Calendar – Emily Ayckbown
- A173 BAS – Inclusion in The Calendar – Rev. Florence Li Tim Oi
- A179 Dialogue with United Church of Canada
- A189 Changes to Episcopal Services Language – BAS
- A230 Incorporation of the Pension Office
- A250 Colombia
- A251 Cuba
- A252 Sudan
- A253 Refugees and Immigrants
- A254 Sanctuary
- C001 Rejection of War
- C003 Youth Development

Bishop Elliott announced that 5:00 PM, Tuesday, June 1st was the deadline for removing resolutions from the list.

Election of the Prolocutor

Dean Louise Peters announced the results of the second ballot:

Dean Peter Elliott – 161
Mr. Peter Irish – 116
Spoiled Ballots – 2
Total ballots cast – 279

The Acting Primate declared that *Dean Peter Elliott was elected Prolocutor.*

Act 16

Nominations for the Position of Deputy Prolocutor

Dean Louise Peters called for nominations for the position of Deputy Prolocutor and announced that the deadline for nominations was 3:00 PM, Sunday, May 30th.

Destruction of Ballots

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by: Rev. Alan Perry

That the ballots for the election of the Prolocutor be destroyed.

CARRIED

Review of Election Procedures

The General Secretary reviewed in detail the procedures for the election of the new primate, which would place Monday, May 31st in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre on the Brock University campus.

Greetings from Bishop James M. Wingle

The Acting Primate read a letter from The Most Rev. James M. Wingle, Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines, welcoming General Synod members.

Night Prayer

The session concluded with Night Prayer.

The Prolocutor assumed the chair and declared the session adjourned.

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2004

Parish Visits

General Synod members and partners traveled to parishes in the Diocese of Niagara for morning worship and lunch. Each parish hosted approximately ten visitors.

Information Dialogues

Members attended their choice of two Information Dialogues, designed to give an overview of the work of the Standing Committees and Council and to discuss important issues addressed during the triennium.

Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

- *Building the foundations for a New Agape: Indigenous Justice*

Council of the North

- *A discussion of the work of the Council of the North*

Eco-Justice

- *Education, Advocacy and Networking: the work of Eco-Justice and KAIROS*

Faith, Worship and Ministry

- *Anglican Identity – Worship*
- *Wellness in Ministry*

Financial Management and Development

- *A detailed discussion and analysis of Letting Down the Nets*

Communication and Information Resources

- *Forget Where's Waldo. Where's Communication and Information Resources*

Partners in Mission

- *The work of Partners in Mission*

Pensions

- *A discussion on all plans administered by The Pension Office*

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

- *PWRDF – the Anglican Response for Development, Relief and Justice*
- *PWRDF – Partnership for Life for a Generation Without AIDS*

Nominations for the Position of Deputy Prolocutor

Nominations for the position of Deputy Prolocutor closed at 3:00 PM.

The Primatial Farewell – A farewell to Archbishop Michael Peers

General Synod members, partners and guests traveled to the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls for a banquet honouring Archbishop Michael Peers, who served as Primate from June 16, 1986 – February 1, 2004. Bishop Telmor Sartison, retired national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Archdeacon Jim Boyles, General Secretary, and Archbishop David Crawley, Acting Primate, delivered words of appreciation and a segment of the video *Michael Peers: Called to be a Leader* was shown.

Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall presented Archbishop Peers with parting gifts – a gift certificate for a barbecue, the history of his Toronto home, and a framed photograph of the House of Bishops of the Dominion of Canada gathering at the founding of General Synod in 1893.

Gifts to honour Archbishop Peer's ministry were, at his request, directed to the newly established Theological Education Trust Fund for Cuba and Malaita.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2004

Primatial Election

Members gathered in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre on the Brock University Campus. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated with Archbishop David Crawley presiding and preaching. Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, General Synod reconvened with the Prolocutor, Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall in the chair. The Order of Bishops withdrew. The Order of Clergy were seated on the left and the Order of Laity were seated on the right. Ballot books were distributed to clergy and lay members.

The Prolocutor appointed:

Lay Scrutineers

Mrs. Ethel Ahenakew
Ms. Rayleen Nash
Ms. Libby Salter

Clergy Scrutineers

Rev. Richard LeSueur
Dean Louise Peters
Rev. Canon Gordon Redden

Assessors

Canon Robert Falby
Mr. Rhodie Mercer

The Prolocutor reported that there were 144 Lay Members and 117 Clergy Members eligible to vote.

The Prolocutor gave instructions on the balloting procedure.

First Ballot

The first ballot was taken at 11:25 A.M. Names on the first ballot:

Bishop Ronald Ferris
Archbishop Andrew Hutchison
Bishop Caleb Lawrence

The Prolocutor asked three times if all had voted and then declared the balloting closed.

The scrutineers counted the ballots. The Prolocutor announced the results.

Results of the First Ballot

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Bishop Ronald Ferris	36	31
Archbishop Andrew Hutchison	48	72
Bishop Caleb Lawrence	25	38
Spoiled Ballots	1	-
Blank Ballots	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	117	144

Second Ballot

The Prolocutor called for the second ballot. She asked three times if all had voted and then declared the balloting closed.

Results of the Second Ballot:

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Bishop Ronald Ferris	39	34
Archbishop Andrew Hutchison	55	78
Bishop Caleb Lawrence	20	28
Spoiled Ballots	1	-
Blank Ballots	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	117	144

Request for Additional Nominations - Order of Clergy

Moved by: Rev. Peter John Hobbs
Seconded by: Archdeacon Patricia Johnston

That the Order of Clergy call for further nominations from the Order of Bishops for the Office of Primate.

CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF CLERGY

The Prolocutor declared that as Bishop Lawrence had received the fewest votes in the aggregate after the second ballot, his name would be dropped from the third ballot.

Bishop Don Phillips, Secretary of the Order of Bishops, delivered a message from the Acting Primate, Archbishop Crawley saying that the Order of Bishops had nominated the Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence, Bishop of Niagara.

Third Ballot

The Prolocutor read aloud biographical information provided by Bishop Spence. She called for a period of quiet reflection before calling for the third ballot. The Prolocutor called for the ballot; asked three times if all had voted and then declared the balloting closed.

Results of the Third Ballot

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Bishop Ronald Ferris	38	33
Archbishop Andrew Hutchison	53	70
Bishop Ralph Spence	25	40
Blank Ballot	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	117	144

The Prolocutor declared that as Bishop Spence had received the fewest votes in the aggregate after the third ballot, his name would be dropped from the fourth ballot.

Request for Additional Nominations - Order of Clergy

Moved by: Rev. Canon Chris Harwood-Jones
Seconded by: Rev. Alan Perry

That the Order of Bishops be requested to provide one or more nominations for the office of Primate.

DEFEATED IN THE ORDER OF CLERGY

Request for Additional Nominations - Order of Laity

Moved by: Chancellor Heather Dixon
Seconded by: Mr. Roger Spack

That the Order of Bishops present to the clergy and laity of this General Synod more nominations to be considered for the Office of Primate.

DEFEATED IN THE ORDER OF LAITY

Fourth Ballot

The Prolocutor called for the fourth ballot; asked three times if all had voted and then declared the balloting closed.

Results of the Fourth Ballot

	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Bishop Ronald Ferris	44	41
Archbishop Andrew Hutchison	68	97
Spoiled Ballots	0	1
Blank Ballots	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	117	144

The Prolocutor declared that an election had occurred.

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She thanked the scrutineers, secretaries and assessors for their work.

The Prolocutor delivered word of the election to the Order of Bishops. The Order of Bishops returned to the Sean O’Sullivan Theatre to a standing ovation. The Acting Primate presented Archbishop Andrew Hutchison and proclaimed him Primate.

The Primate Elect addressed Synod. He said that unity is one of the great challenges facing the church and that in his ministry, he would work to increase and build the unity of the Church.

The Acting Primate thanked Synod for its work.

Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, the Primate Elect, delivered the benediction.

The meeting reconvened in the Plenary Hall with the Acting Primate in the chair.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Peter Irish, Chair of the Agenda Committee, presented the Orders of the Day.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Destruction of Ballots – Primatial Election

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by: Rev. Richard LeSueur

That the ballots for the election of the Primate be destroyed.

CARRIED

Election of the Deputy Prolocutor

Nominating Committee Chair, Dean Louise Peters, presented the names of those nominated for the position of Deputy Prolocutor:

Mr. Peter Clarke
Mrs. Judy Darling
Mr. Peter Irish
Mr. Geoffrey Jackson
Mrs. Betty Livingston

The nominators were given the opportunity to briefly introduce their candidates to the membership.

Pastoral Care Team

Bishop Robert Bennett introduced the members of the Pastoral Care Team:

Archdeacon Larry Beardy	Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins
Rev. Dan Bennett (Youth Chaplain)	Rev. Canon Jawn Kolohon
Rev. Sandra Copland	Rev. Steve Murray (Youth Chaplain)
Archdeacon Dennis Drainville	Mr. Steve Schuh
Archdeacon Paul Feheley	Ms. Judy Steers
Mrs. Maria Jane Highway	Rev. Sarah Tweedale

Election of Deputy Prolocutor

Ballots for the election of Deputy Prolocutor were distributed and collected.

Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church Letting Down the Nets

Table groups discussed *Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church*, the proposed framework for the work of the church and *Letting Down the Nets*, the funding proposal.

Questions put to the table groups:

- What do you find encouraging about the Framework? . . . about *Letting Down the Nets*?
- How do you think the vision of the Framework aligns with your diocesan vision and priorities?
- What are your key questions or concerns about the Framework ? . . . about *Letting Down the Nets*?

Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That this General Synod move into the Committee of the Whole to discuss *Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church* and *Letting Down the Nets*.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole discussed *Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church* and *Letting Down the Nets*.

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

That General Synod rise from the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Election of Deputy Prolocutor

Dean Louise Peters announced the results of the first ballot.

Mr. Peter Clarke - 18
Mrs. Judy Darling - 70
Mr. Peter Irish - 117
Mr. Geoffrey Jackson - 28
Mrs. Betty Livingston – 51

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped, leaving four names on the ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected. The Acting Primate declared the balloting closed.

Resolutions

Amendment to Canon XXI – On Marriage in the Church – *Place of Marriage* – Second Reading

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Bishop Barry Hollowell

That *second reading* be given to the resolution

That Section 12 in Part II of Canon XXI be repealed and the following substituted therefor:

12. Place of Marriage

- a) Marriage is a public act and shall be solemnized in the face of the community and of the friends and neighbours of the couple.
- b) Every marriage shall be solemnized in the presence of at least two witnesses in addition to the officiating minister.
- c) The body of the church is the appropriate place for the solemnization of a marriage but a marriage may be solemnized in another location if the incumbent, after consultation with the bishop, is satisfied that the solemnity and public nature of the occasion will be preserved and that the service will be conducted with dignity in godly and decent order.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 18

Amendment to Canon XXI – On Marriage in the Church – *Admission to Holy Communion* - Second Reading

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Bishop Barry Hollowell

That *second reading* be given to the resolution

That Canon XXI be amended by deleting Part V - Admission to Holy Communion in Special Cases.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS
Act 19

Election of Deputy Prolocutor

Dean Louise Peters announced the results of the second ballot.

Mrs. Judy Darling - 69
Mr. Peter Irish - 166
Mr. Geoffrey Jackson - 12
Mrs. Betty Livingston – 40

The Acting Primate declared that *Mr. Peter Irish was elected Deputy Prolocutor.*

Act 20

Destruction of Ballots

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by Mr. John Hareuther

That the ballots for the election of the Deputy Prolocutor be destroyed.

CARRIED

Thanks to the Prolocutor

Rev. Canon Michael Read rose on a *point of personal privilege* to thank the Prolocutor, Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall for her fine work chairing the Primatial election.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2004

Morning Prayer was held in the Plenary Hall.

The Acting Primate was in the chair.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Peter Irish reviewed the Orders of the Day.

Blessing of Same Sex Unions

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews introduced the session. Dr. Walter Deller, Principal of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad synthesized the comments gathered earlier from the table group discussions on Clauses One and Two of the proposed resolution on the blessing of same sex unions and gave his interpretation of them. Ms. Leila Zimmer and the Rev. Canon Murray Still introduced Clauses 3 and 4 of the proposed resolution. Mrs. Maria Jane Highway spoke of how the issue had touched First Nations communities and emphasized that time was needed for the discussion to take place. Bishop George Bruce and Bishop Bruce Howe introduced Clause 5 and reported on the activity of the Taskforce on Adequate Episcopal Oversight.

Committee of the Whole

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Murray Still

That this General Synod move into the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole discussed the blessing of same sex unions and the resolution coming before Synod.

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Philip Poole

That General Synod rise from the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated with Bishop Susan Moxley presiding and preaching.

Recognition of Anglican Video

The Prolocutor, Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall rose on a *point of personal privilege* to commend the work of Anglican Video on its being awarded a Silver Screen Award by the International Film and Television Association for the video, *Our Church Lives*.

Provincial Caucuses

Members of Synod met in provincial groups in order to nominate members to the Council of the General Synod for the 2004-2007 triennium.

The Prolocutor assumed the chair.

Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) Presentation

Mr. Todd Russell, co-chair of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples introduced the presentation, which gave a brief history of the colonization experience and the experience of relationship between the Anglican Church and Indigenous peoples; their experience of oppression; their Covenant vision of 1994 and the creation of the Indigenous Covenant Implementation Commission (ICIC), formed to respond to The New Agape's goal of self-determination.

Presenters:	Rev. Arthur Anderson	Mr. Willard Martin
	Ms. Yolanda Bird	Rev. Gloria Moses
	Ms. Nina Burnham	Rev. Andrew Wesley
	Mr. Brian Burrows	Rev. Mervin Wolfleg
	Ms. Verna Firth	

Partners' Reflections

Bishop Raymond Schultz

Bishop Raymond Schultz, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) offered his reflections. Since the signing of the Waterloo Declaration, things have essentially gone very well. He noted the similarities in the two churches' strategic plans and said that his church, too, was experiencing the same disputes arising from changes in society.

The Acting Primate thanked Bishop Shultz and presented him with an appreciation gift.

Professor Richard Schneider

Professor Richard Schneider, President of the Canadian Council of Churches, spoke of ecumenism and said that any decision on the issue of the blessing of same sex unions would, for the Anglican Church, be a church-defining moment.

The Acting Primate thanked Professor Schneider and presented him with an appreciation gift.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Council of General Synod

Dean Louise Peters presented the report of the Nominating Committee listing members elected to the Council of General Synod by the Provincial Caucuses.

THE COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD

Primate	Archbishop Andrew Hutchison
Prolocutor	Dean Peter Elliott
Deputy Prolocutor	Mr. Peter Irish
Chancellor	The Hon. Ronald Stevenson
General Secretary	Archdeacon Jim Boyles (non voting)

Elected Members:

PROVINCE OF CANADA

Bishop	Bishop Percy Coffin Bishop Susan Moxley
Clergy	Archdeacon Dennis Drainville Archdeacon Cyrus Pitman
Lay	Mrs. Shara Golden Mrs. Margaret Jenniex Mrs. Susan Winn Mr. Clarence Randell
Youth	Ms. Melissa Kane

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Bishop	Bishop Robert Bennett Bishop Caleb Lawrence
Clergy	Archdeacon Susan DeGruchy Dean Peter Wall
Lay	Mrs. Judy Darling Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall Canon Robert Falby Mrs. Betty Livingston
Youth	Ms. Meghan Nicholls

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND

Bishop	Bishop Rodney Andrews Archbishop John Clarke
Clergy	Archdeacon Larry Beardy Rev. Nigel Packwood Rev. James Robinson
Lay	Ms. Shelagh Balfour Ms. Marilyn Dean Mr. John Hareuther Ms. Angie Kubluitok Mr. Peter Monk
Youth	Ms. Sheba McKay

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

Bishop	Bishop Michael Ingham
Clergy	Rev. Canon John Steele Archdeacon Peter Zimmer
Lay	Ms. Karen Rinehart-Pidcock Ms. Dorothy Smith Mr. Don Thompson
Youth	Ms. Emily Pollock

CANADIAN FORCES/MILITARY ORDINARIATE

Clergy	Archdeacon Karl McLean
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Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by: Bishop Jim Cowan

That the Report of the Nominating Committee outlining membership on the 2004 – 2007 Council of the General Synod be adopted.

CARRIED
Act 21

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2004

Morning Prayer was held in the Plenary Hall.

The Acting Primate was in the chair.

Presentation on HIV/AIDS

The *Ribbon of Hope*, a 40 feet long patchwork banner created by General Synod members under the guidance of artistic director Mr. Thomas Roach as a symbol of remembrance and hope for victims of HIV/AIDS, was paraded into the plenary hall and formed a backdrop for the presentation.

Mr. Andrew Ignatieff, Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) introduced Stephen Lewis, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS, who spoke of the worldwide pandemic. The world is in a crisis situation with HIV/AIDS and there does not seem to be a political will to fight it. Mr. Lewis implored the church to find time to address the issue.

Mr. Ignatieff thanked Mr. Lewis and called upon Mrs. Mary Dove, Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and Mrs. Shara Golden, Diocese of Fredricton who presented cheques to Mr. Lewis for the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Ms. Susie Henderson introduced the video *For a Generation Without AIDS*. A panel discussed what the church is doing in Canada and in other countries.

Panelists:

Mr. Ron Chaplin, Diocese of Ottawa and Chair, Ottawa Carleton Council on AIDS, spoke of two social evils that must be overcome – the policy of exclusion and the policy of silencing.

Dean Peter Elliott, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver, spoke of four ways in which churches can help: prayer and consciousness raising, education, political advocacy and fundraising.

Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea, Anglican Observer at the United Nations, spoke of the need to break the silence about HIV/AIDS and told of training for priests and primates being provided by the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa.

Support for Partnership for Life Campaign

Moved by: Mrs. Cecily Hinton
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Godfrey Mawajje

That this General Synod:

1. Endorse the *Partnership for Life* Campaign of PWRDF, urging the Government of Canada to

- Lead the international community to increase access to affordable medicines for the world's poorest populations as part of our commitment to the universal right to health care.
- Triple Canada's contribution to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, without taking these funds from existing commitments to international development assistance.
- Challenge international financial institutions' current practices demanding debt repayment and imposing structural adjustment austerity measures that limit people's capacity to ensure their own health and well being.

2. Ask the General Secretary to convey these concerns by letter to the Prime Minister.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Act 22

HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Mr. Gordon Yarde

That this General Synod:

1. Announce that the Anglican Church of Canada stands with people living with HIV/AIDS;
2. Urge the members of the Anglican Church of Canada to work towards the eradication of stigma and discrimination in our church and society, against people living with HIV/AIDS;
3. Ask the PWRDF, in collaboration with the EcoJustice and Partners in Mission Committees, to develop a comprehensive strategy over the next triennium to engage the Anglican Church of Canada members in fighting the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS; and to encourage the dioceses and parishes to get involved and develop

local programs and other responses that are inclusive and to engage in the fight for de-stigmatization of HIV positive people.

4. Ask the Council of General Synod to express the Anglican Church of Canada's solidarity with bishops, clergy and lay people, especially in Africa, who are showing leadership in fighting the HIV/AIDS pandemic by reaching out in partnership to people living with AIDS, not as the objects of charity, but as equal partners.

CARRIED
Act 23

Presentation to PWRDF

Bishop Fred Hiltz introduced Mr. Roy Newcombe, who on behalf of the Parish of Christ Church Cherry Valley, PEI, presented a cheque for \$33,334 to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. Ms. Sheila Ritson-Bennett accepted the cheque on behalf of the Fund.

Partner's Reflection

Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea

Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea reported on her work as the Anglican Observer at the United Nations.

The Acting Primate thanked Archdeacon Tuatagaloa-Matalavea and presented her with an appreciation gift.

Financial Management and Development Presentation

Mr. Robert Dickson, Chair of the Financial Management and Development Committee, and Mr. Jim Cullen, Treasurer, presented the report. Background was provided on the financial challenges of the past triennium.

From 2000 to 2003 revenue dropped from \$11.3 million to \$10.2 million. In 2003 the deficit was \$378,882, with \$370,253 attributed to losses in the Anglican Book Centre.

The 2004 budget has been cut with efforts made to preserve some flexibility awaiting General Synod's direction regarding *The Framework*. In order to achieve a balanced budget, ABC has to return to profitability.

It is anticipated that 2005 revenues will be at the same level as 2004 with an estimated deficit of \$650,000. Moving forward, dioceses will be encouraged to increase or maintain their proportional giving to General Synod; General Synod will work to increase income, promote

Anglican Appeal, increase Planned Giving activity, monitor expenditures carefully and, if cuts are necessary, preserve the capacity for future expansion.

The Prolocutor assumed the chair.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Dean Louise Peters presented the *first report* of the Nominating Committee.

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by: Ms. Rayleen Nash

That the first report of the Nominating Committee regarding Standing Committees for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada 2004 be received.

CARRIED
Act 24

The Acting Primate assumed the chair.

Resolutions

Audited Financial Statements

Moved by: Canon Geoff Jackson
Seconded by: Mr. Stephen Koning

That the audited financial statements of the General Synod for the year ended December 31, 2003 be accepted.

CARRIED
Act 25

Appointment of Auditors

Moved by: Canon Geoff Jackson
Seconded by: Mr. Stephen Koning

That Ernst and Young be appointed auditors for the year ending December 31, 2004 at remuneration to be approved by the Audit Committee.

CARRIED
Act 26

Amendment to Canon XXI – On Marriage in the Church – Remarriage of Divorced Persons – Matrimonial Commissions – Second Reading

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Bishop Barry Hollowell

That *second reading* be given to the resolution

That Canon XXI be amended

(1) by striking out clause 16 b) and substituting therefor the following:

b) “Chancellor” means the chancellor of a diocese;

(2) by striking out the word “Commission” wherever it appears in Part III, in Schedule B or in Schedule D and substituting therefor the word “Chancellor”;

(3) by striking out the word “its” in the second line of clause 20 a) and substituting therefor the words “the Chancellor’s”;

(4) by adding at the end of Part III the following new sections:

22. Procedure

The Chancellor shall follow the procedure set out in the provisions of Schedule D.

23. Avoidance of Delay

The Chancellor shall deal with each application as expeditiously as possible.

24. Limitation of Jurisdiction

Every finding and determination of the Chancellor shall be and shall be expressly stated to be made solely for the purposes of this Canon and not for the purpose of performing any function of a civil court or other civil authority, and shall otherwise be confined to the findings and declaration necessary for disposing of the application in respect of which it is made.

25. Persons Serving in or Attached to the Canadian Forces

a) This section applies to a person who is enrolled in the Canadian Forces who is serving in the regular forces or who is a member of the reserve

forces on continuous duty with the regular forces, or a person who in accordance with the *National Defence Act*, accompanies the Canadian Forces, and the dependents of all such persons.

b) A person described in clause a) may forward an application under this Part to the Anglican chaplain responsible for his or her pastoral care.

c) On receiving an application the chaplain may forward the application to the Chancellor of the diocese in which the applicant resides or to the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces who shall designate a diocesan chancellor to hear the application.

d) Nothing in this section prevents a person from making an application in the manner prescribed by this Part.

(5) by repealing Part IV (Sections 22 to 25) of the Canon and substituting the following:

PART IV

THE REMARRIAGE OF A DIVORCED PERSON WHOSE FORMER PARTNER IS STILL LIVING

26. Definition

In this Part “incumbent” includes an Anglican chaplain responsible for the pastoral care of persons enrolled in the Canadian Forces.

27. Application for Permission to Remarry

a) An application for permission to marry each other according to the rites of this Church may be made by two persons, one or both of whom has or have gone through a ceremony or ceremonies of marriage with a person or persons now living not a party or parties to the application, if the prior marriage or marriages is or are not questioned under this Canon in the application but has or have been dissolved or terminated by a legislature or legislatures or a court or courts or by another act or acts or event or events according to the laws applicable thereto.

b) Where a marriage or purported marriage has been annulled for a defect not mentioned in section 17 of Part III of this Canon, and no defect mentioned in that section is alleged in respect thereof, it shall be deemed for the purposes of this Canon to have been dissolved.

c) The application shall be made to and determined by the incumbent of the parish or mission where it is desired that the intended marriage be celebrated.

d) The incumbent may request other competent persons who are readily accessible to one or both of the parties to interview the parties and report to the incumbent where

i) both parties to the intended marriage reside a significant distance from the proposed place of marriage,

ii) the parties live a significant distance from each other, or

iii) other circumstances require it.

e) The application shall be made in writing and signed by the applicants and shall contain the information required by Schedule C.

f) The incumbent shall ensure, where needed and possible, that appropriate pastoral care is provided to former partners who are not applicants.

28. Permission to Remarry

The incumbent may grant permission to remarry if the incumbent is satisfied that:

a) the applicants understand the nature of Christian marriage as stated in this Canon and intend to enter into such a marriage and believe that they have the capacity to enter into and sustain the marriage during their joint lives;

b) any prior marriage in question has been validly dissolved or terminated in accordance with the law properly applicable thereto;

c) the applicant concerned tried in good faith before dissolution to effect reconciliation with the other party;

d) adequate provision has been made for a former spouse of a divorced applicant according to the means of the applicant and the means and needs of the former spouse;

e) proper provision has been made for the care, maintenance, education and advancement of minor, disabled or otherwise dependent children of any prior marriage;

f) if the children of a prior marriage are to live with the applicants, there is a reasonable prospect that the family relationship will be satisfactory.

29. *Special Cases*

a) If the incumbent is satisfied that efforts towards reconciliation between the parties to a former marriage would have been ineffective as a result of the fault of either party or for any other reason, the requirement of clause 28 c) may be dispensed with.

b) If either applicant has entered into two or more marriages that have been dissolved, the incumbent may, before granting permission, seek the advice of other competent persons.

c) If the incumbent is of the opinion that a prior purported marriage of an applicant did not constitute a marriage as defined by this Canon, the incumbent may refer the application to the Chancellor who may, if the conditions of Part III, section 20, are satisfied, make a declaration under that section in respect of the marriage in question.

d) If an incumbent declines for reasons of conscience to entertain an application for permission to remarry, the incumbent shall refer the applicants to a priest designated by the bishop and, if that priest grants the application, shall permit that priest or another priest to solemnize the marriage in the incumbent's church.

e) If an incumbent declines for reasons of conscience to solemnize a marriage pursuant to permission given under this Part, the incumbent shall refer the applicants to a priest designated by the bishop and shall permit that priest or another priest to solemnize the marriage in the incumbent's church.

(6) by repealing Part VI (Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission) and Part VII (Forms) and substituting the following new Part V:

Part V

FORMS

30. Forms for use in the administration of this Canon may be authorized by the Council of the General Synod, by the diocesan bishop or by the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces.

(7) by striking out Section 14 of Schedule B and substituting therefor the following:

14. If one or both of the applicants do not reside in the parish, the procedure outlined in Section 27 d) may apply.

(8) by striking out the reference "See Part IV, Section 22(c)" at the beginning of Schedule C and substituting therefor "See Part IV, Section 27(e)."

(9) by striking out the reference "See Part VI, Section 30" at the beginning of Schedule D and substituting therefor "See Part III, Section 22."

(10) by striking out section 6 in Schedule D.

(11) by striking out paragraph 8 of Schedule E and substituting the following:

8. If either party has been previously married or has cohabited in a common law or *de facto* marriage, it is important that there be specific discussions about the past relationships, the reasons for the breakdown of any past relationships, the effect of any continuing obligations, financial or otherwise, to a former partner or children of a previous marriage or relationship, potential problems related to access to or custody of such children, and the potential integration of such children into a new family unit.

Amendment

Moved by: Rev. Alan Perry
Seconded by: Bishop David Ashdown

That Resolution A077 be amended by deleting parts (5), (6), (7) and (8) thereof and substituting the following:

(5A) by renumbering sections 22 to 25 in Part IV to be sections 26 to 29;

(5B) by deleting subsection 26 b) (as renumbered) of Part IV and substituting the following:

b) The application shall be made to the incumbent of the parish or mission where it is desired that the intended marriage be celebrated. The incumbent shall investigate the application as thoroughly as possible and forward it together with a report thereon to the Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission established under Part VI having jurisdiction in the diocese or, in a diocese where there is no Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission, to the diocesan bishop.

(5C) by deleting the word “Commission” wherever it appears in section 27 and in subsections 28 a), 29 a) and 29 b) (as renumbered) and substituting the words “Commission or the diocesan bishop”.

(5D) by deleting subsections 28 b) and 28 c) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

b) On being notified of dismissal of the application, the applicants may, within 30 days after receipt of notice, apply in writing to the Commission or the diocesan bishop for reconsideration of the application. On such reconsideration the applicants may appear personally before the Commission or the diocesan bishop and submit further reasons why the application should be granted or may submit such information and reasons in writing. On such reconsideration the Commission or the diocesan bishop may grant the application or confirm the previous decision. If the Commission or the diocesan bishop confirms the previous decision they shall give reasons in writing which shall be communicated to the applicants through the incumbent.

c) If the application is dismissed and the decision is confirmed by the Commission or the diocesan bishop, or if the applicants do not exercise their rights under subsection b), the application may not be renewed before any Commission or diocesan bishop unless further information is provided.

(5E) by deleting subsection 29 c) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

c) If the Commission or the diocesan bishop is of the opinion that a prior purported marriage of an applicant did not constitute a marriage as defined by this Canon, the Commission or the diocesan bishop may refer the application to the Chancellor who may, if the conditions of Part III, section 20, are satisfied, make a declaration under that section in respect of the marriage in question.

(5F) by deleting section 29 in Part VI, by renumbering sections 27 and 28 in Part VI to be sections 30 and 31, and by renumbering sections 30 to 33 in Part VI to be sections 32 to 35.

(5G) by deleting subsection 30 a) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

a) Subject to section 31, there may be in each diocese an Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission to deal with applications under Part IV.

(5H) by deleting section 34 (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

34. Limitation of Jurisdiction

Every finding and determination by a Commission or a diocesan bishop shall be expressly stated to be made solely for the purposes of this Canon and not for the purpose of performing any function of a civil court or other civil authority, and shall be confined to granting or refusing permission to remarry.

(5I) by deleting section 35 (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

35. Persons Serving in or Attached to the Canadian Forces

a) This section applies to a person who is enrolled in the Canadian Forces who is serving in the regular forces or who is a member of the reserve forces on continuous duty with the regular forces, or a person who in accordance with the *National Defence Act*, accompanies the Canadian Forces, and the dependents of all such persons.

b) A person described in clause a) may forward an application under this Part to the Anglican chaplain responsible for his or her pastoral care.

c) On receiving an application the chaplain may forward the application to the Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission or to the bishop of the diocese in which the applicant resides or to the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces.

d) Nothing in this section prevents a person from making an application in the manner prescribed by this Part.

(6) by deleting Part VII (Forms) and substituting the following:

PART VII

FORMS

30. The Council of the General Synod, a Commission, a diocesan bishop or the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces may approve forms for use in the administration of this Canon.

(7) by striking out Section 14 of Schedule B and substituting therefor the following:

14. If one or both of the applicants do not reside in the parish, the procedure outlined in section 26 c) may apply.

(8) by striking out the reference “See Part IV, Section 22c) at the beginning of Schedule C and substituting therefor “See Part IV, Section 26 d)”.

Amendment to the amendment

Moved by: Rev. James Pratt
Seconded by: Rev. John Olsson

That the amendment be amended by inserting the sentence “The bishop may delegate authority to the incumbent or some other person.” at the end of 5B.

The amendment to the amendment was put and - **CARRIED**

The amended amendment was then put and- **CARRIED**

Amendment

Moved by: Archdeacon Richard Salt
Seconded by: Mrs. Betty Livingston

That the motion be amended so that in Section 29 Special Cases, paragraph (d) the words “the incumbent’s church” be replaced with “his or her church”

Debate on the amendment was postponed to allow for the mover and seconder to meet with the Chancellor to clarify the intent of the amendment.

General Synod’s Investment Powers

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Mrs. Betty Livingston

That the General Synod authorize the presentation of a petition to the Parliament of Canada requesting enactment of a Bill to repeal section 6A of *An Act to incorporate the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada*, chapter 82 of the statutes of 1921, as enacted by chapter 35 of the statutes of 1951 (second session).

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 27

0.7% Development Goal

Moved by: Archdeacon Dennis Drainville
Seconded by: Bishop Jim Njegovan

That this General Synod

1. Affirm the Development Goal of the United Nations for each developed country to contribute 0.7% of its gross national product to Official Development Assistance (ODA) in developing countries.
2. Request the General Secretary to write to the Government of Canada by June 30, 2004, urging it to act on the 0.7% Development Goal, using the proposal of the Canadian Council of International Cooperation for reaching this goal by 2015:
 - To increase foreign aid by 12% annually until 2009 – an additional \$750 million over the next three years to increases already planned
 - To increase foreign aid by 15% between 2009-2015.
3. Affirm the challenge of the 1998 Lambeth Conference to dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion to provide 0.7% of their own resources to fight global poverty.
4. Request the Primate
 - to encourage Anglicans to give their generous support to the PWRDF and Anglican Appeal, which together with the Partnerships budget of General Synod, represent the Anglican Church of Canada's financial commitment to supporting international development programs, fighting poverty, and strengthening international and intra-Anglican partnerships.
 - to report to the Anglican Communion by August 31, 2004, through the Task Team on Poverty and Trade, on the Anglican Church of Canada's contributions to development and poverty work to help give a complete picture of the Anglican Communion's efforts to achieve Millennium Development Goals.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE

Act 28

Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect

Moved by: Ms. Karen Rinehart Pidcock
Seconded by: Dean Peter Wall

That this General Synod:

1. Commend the work being undertaken by Project Ploughshares on “Fulfilling our Responsibility to the Vulnerable: A Study Resource on Intervention” – looking into the question of humanitarian intervention into sovereign states for the purpose of protecting vulnerable citizens. (refer to Report 005, Appendix E)
2. Request the EcoJustice Committee, during the 2004-2007 triennium:
 - to coordinate Anglican participation in this work

- to undertake and encourage theological and ethical reflection on this issue
- to facilitate the use of any resulting materials from the Project Ploughshares initiative in Canadian Anglican constituencies.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 29

Environmental Audits

Moved by: Rev. Kevin Arndt
Seconded by: Bishop Peter Coffin

That this General Synod

1. Commend the work of the Environmental Commission of the Dioceses of British Columbia and the Ecology and Theology Working Group of the Diocese of Ottawa, and note with gratitude the resources produced by those taskforces, the *Footprint Files* (British Columbia) and *Renewing our Relationship with the Earth* (Ottawa);
2. Commend these resources to the dioceses for wider circulation and study in the Anglican Church of Canada;
3. Request the EcoJustice Committee over the course of the 2004-2007 triennium to encourage all dioceses to develop similar programs, which encourage environmental audits and energy retrofits for all churches and church owned buildings within their jurisdiction.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 30

Kyoto Accord

Moved by: Rev. Ken Gray
Seconded by: Bishop David Ashdown

That this General Synod:

1. Commend the work of the Climate Change Action Network of Canada and its participation in the process through which the Federal Government of Canada ratified the Kyoto Accord.
2. Request the EcoJustice Committee to call on dioceses to engage in advocacy with provincial authorities to ensure effective implementation of the accord.
3. Request the General Secretary to write to the Federal Government at the time Parliament reconvenes in 2004, calling on them to seek ways to formulate further

international agreement towards additional reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in order to reach more sustainable levels of atmospheric CO₂ and other pollutants implicated in global warming.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 31

Addition to the BAS Calendar of Emily Ayckbowm

Moved by: Dean Peter Wall
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod authorize the inclusion of Emily Ayckbowm, foundress of The Community of the Sisters of the Church, in The Calendar in the Book of Alternative Services, as a Memorial, on April 5, the day of the founding of the community

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 32

Addition to the BAS Calendar of Florence Li Tim Oi

Moved by: Dean Peter Wall
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod authorize the inclusion of the Rev. Florence Li Tim Oi in The Calendar in the Book of Alternative Services, as a Memorial on February 26, the date of her death.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 33

Report of the Anti-Racism Working Group

Bishop Susan Moxley and the Rev. Canon Godfrey Mawejje presented the interim report of the Anti-Racism Working Group. Stories of individuals who had experienced racism were shared with Synod. Bishop Moxley outlined three ways in which to bring about racial justice: education, changes in our structure, and commitment to our baptismal promises. The group is working on the draft *Charter for Racial Justice in the Anglican Church of Canada* referred to it by the Council of General Synod.

Suspension of the Rules of Order and Procedure

Moved by: Bishop George Elliott
Seconded by: Mr. Erik Miller

That this General Synod suspend Rules of Order and Procedure 16c to allow the reception of Resolution C009 from the Youth Caucus.

CARRIED

Blessing of Same Sex Unions (Resolution A134)

Moved by: Rev. Alan Perry
Seconded by: Bishop Ann Tottenham

That this General Synod:

- 1) Affirm that, even in the face of deeply held convictions about whether the blessing of committed same sex unions is contrary to the doctrine and teaching of the Anglican Church of Canada, we recognize that through our baptism we are members one of another in Christ Jesus, and we commit ourselves to strive for that communion into which Christ continually calls us;
- 2) Affirm the authority and jurisdiction of any diocesan synod, with the concurrence of its bishop, to authorize the blessing of committed same sex unions;
- 3) Affirm the crucial value of continued respectful dialogue and study of biblical, theological, liturgical, pastoral and social aspects of human sexuality; and call upon all bishops, clergy and lay leaders to be instrumental in seeing that dialogue and study continue;
- 4) Affirm the principle of respect for the way in which the dialogue and study may be taking place, or might take place, in indigenous and various other communities within our church in a manner consistent with their cultures and traditions; and
- 5) Affirm that the Anglican Church is a church for all the baptized and is committed to taking such actions as are necessary to maintain and serve our fellowship and unity in Christ, including provision of adequate episcopal oversight and pastoral care for all, regardless of the perspective from which they view the blessing of committed same sex relationships.

Motion to divide the resolution

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by; Mr. Percy Tinker

That resolution A134 be divided and that clause 2 be debated and voted on separately from clauses 1, 3, 4, and 5.

CARRIED

By agreement of the House, it was decided that clause 2 be debated first. The Rev. Sarah Tweedale expressed concern with debating clause 2 first.

Motion to consider clause 2 first

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby
Seconded by: Mr. Bob McConney

That clause 2 of resolution 134 be considered first

DEFEATED

Debate on Resolution A134, Clauses 1, 3, 4 and 5

Amendment

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby
Seconded by; Bishop Fred Hiltz

That Resolution A134 be amended by:

- 1) Adding to section 3 after the word “pastoral” the words “scientific” and “psychological”;
- 2) Amending section 5 by deleting the word “including” and substituting the words “request the House of Bishops to continue its work on the”;

CARRIED

Amendment

Moved by: Rev. Canon Garth Bulmer
Seconded by: Archdeacon Dennis Drainville

That resolution A134 be amended by adding:

- 6) Affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same sex relationships.

Motion to table

Moved by: Archdeacon Bruce Bryant Scott
Seconded by: Bishop Colin Johnson

That the amendment be tabled.

CARRIED

Amendment

Moved by: Bishop Don Phillips
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett

That the resolution be amended by adding the words “intentionally involving gay and lesbian persons” at the end of clause 3.

Amendment to the amendment

Moved by: Archdeacon Sean Murphy
Seconded by: Mr. Roger Spack

That the amendment be amended by adding the words “and also to include those who identify themselves as ex-gay or lesbian” at the end of clause 3.

Motion to put the question

Moved by: Rev. Canon Patrick Yu
Seconded by: Bishop James Cowan

That the question be put.

CARRIED

The amendment to the amendment was put and -

DEFEATED

The amendment was put and was -

CARRIED

Amended motion A134, Clauses 1, 3, 4, and 5, was put and -

CARRIED
Act 34

Debate on Resolution A134, Clause 2

Motion to defer

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That Resolution A134 be amended by:

- 1) Deferring consideration of section 2 until the meeting of General Synod in 2007; and during the period of deferral:

Request that the Primate ask the Primate's Theological Commission to review, consider and report to the Council of General Synod, by its spring 2006 meeting, whether the blessing of committed same sex unions is a matter of doctrine;

That on receipt of such a report, the Council of General Synod distribute it to each province, diocese and the House of Bishops for consideration.

Archdeacon Karl McLean rose on a *point of order* to question if this was a new motion. The chair ruled that in fact the amendment was a motion to defer.

Amendment

Moved by: Bishop Michael Ingham
Seconded by: Bishop James Cowan

That the motion to defer be amended by deleting the words "ask the Primate's Theological Commission" and inserting the words "to establish a special taskforce"

DEFEATED

Motion to put the question

Moved by: Rev. Joyce Sanchez
Seconded by: Mr. Al Marks

That the question be put.

CARRIED

The motion to defer was put and -

CARRIED
Act 35

"The deferred section 2 reads "That this General Synod affirm the authority and jurisdiction of any diocesan synod, with the concurrence of its bishop, to authorize the blessing of committed same sex unions."

Resolution A134 - Clause 6

Moved by: Bishop Gordon Light
Seconded by: Rev. Sarah Sugden

That the motion to amend Resolution 134 by adding clause 6 be lifted from the table.

CARRIED

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Rev. David Johnson
Seconded by: Bishop William Anderson

That the amendment by the Rev. Canon Garth Bulmer and the Rev. Dennis Drainville, to “affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed same-sex relationships” be deferred until the meeting of General Synod 2007.

DEFEATED

Motion to Adjourn the Session

Bishop Donald Harvey rose *on a point of order*. He acknowledged that discussion on the issue had been lengthy and productive and moved that the session be adjourned.

Moved by: Bishop Donald Harvey
Seconded by: Rev. Michael Li

That the session be adjourned.

CARRIED

Point of Order

Mr. Ken Gray rose on a *point of order* to request that when debate resumed, the same order in line be kept for those wishing to speak to the motion.

Point of Order

Sister Constance Joanna rose on a *point of order* noting that the youth members were at the back of the line. She asked that they speak first when the debate resumed. The Acting Primate indicated that he would take this point under consideration.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004

Morning Prayer was held in the Plenary Hall.

The Acting Primate was in the chair.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Peter Irish reviewed the Orders of the Day. He advised that Resolutions A176 and C008 had been withdrawn.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Standing Committees

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
Seconded by: Archdeacon Harry Huskins

That the Report of the Nominating Committee for Standing Committees be approved.

Motion of referral

Moved by: Archdeacon Peter Zimmer
Seconded by: Rev. Canon William Clarke

That the report be referred back to the Nominating Committee for further consideration.

CARRIED

Blessing of Same Sex Unions

Debate resumed on Amendment to Resolution A134 - Clause 6

The amending motion, which was tabled earlier in the meeting, reads:

That resolution A134 be amended by adding:

- 6) Affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same sex relationships.

The Youth Members of General Synod were given first opportunity to speak to the motion.

Amendment

Moved by: Ms. Catharine Roberts
Seconded by: Mr. Jonathan Blanchard

That the amendment be amended by deleting the words “the integrity and sanctity of” and inserting the words “and love those who are in committed. . .”

A number of Youth Members spoke to the motion to amend. The Rev. Guy Bellerby rose on a *point of privilege* to thank the youth for their candor and honesty.

Moved by: Rev. Guy Bellerby
Seconded by: Rev. David Johnson

That the question be put.

CARRIED

The amendment to the amendment was put and -

DEFEATED

Motion to put the question

Moved by: Ms. Judy Steers
Seconded by: Ms. Mel Malton

That the question be put.

CARRIED

The amendment which reads:

That resolution A134 be amended by adding:

6) Affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same sex relationships.

was put and

CARRIED
Act 36

The Acting Primate commended the Youth Members for their contribution to the debate. Synod concurred with applause. The Acting Primate also thanked delegates for the civil and dignified manner in which the debate was carried out. Members applauded.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett rose on a *point of privilege* asking that Synod pause to reflect on the decision. The Synod paused for a period of quiet reflection after the vote was taken.

Ruling of the Chair

A question was raised by Rev. Alan Perry about the status of Resolution A134. The Chair ruled that a vote was required and that Resolution A134, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be put without further debate. Bishop Donald Harvey appealed the Chair's ruling. The Chancellor advised that it must be put to the house as to whether the ruling of the chair be upheld. A vote was taken and the ruling of the chair was upheld.

The vote on the amended resolution, the text of which follows, was put -

Blessing of Same Sex Unions

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

- 1) Affirm that, even in the face of deeply held convictions about whether the blessing of committed same sex unions is contrary to the doctrine and teaching of the Anglican Church of Canada, we recognize that through our baptism we are members one of another in Christ Jesus, and we commit ourselves to strive for that communion into which Christ continually calls us;
- 2) Affirm the crucial value of continued respectful dialogue and study of biblical, theological, liturgical, pastoral, scientific, psychological and social aspects of human sexuality; and call upon all bishops, clergy and lay leaders to be instrumental in seeing that dialogue and study continue, intentionally involving gay and lesbian persons;
- 3) Affirm the principle of respect for the way in which the dialogue and study may be taking place, or might take place, in indigenous and various other communities within our church in a manner consistent with their cultures and traditions;
- 4) Affirm that the Anglican Church is a church for all the baptized and is committed to taking such actions as are necessary to maintain and serve our fellowship and unity in Christ, and request the House of Bishops to continue its work on the provision of adequate episcopal oversight and pastoral care for all, regardless of the perspective from which they view the blessing of committed same sex relationships; and
- 5) Affirm the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same sex relationships.

CARRIED
Act 37

Blessing of Same Sex Unions – Resources for the Church

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Bishop Ralph Spence

That this General Synod request the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee in the next triennium to prepare resources for the church to use in addressing issues relating to human sexuality, including the blessing of same sex unions and the changing definition of marriage in society.

CARRIED
Act 38

Presentation on Residential School Staff

Archbishop John Clarke introduced Ms. Bernice Logan, a former residential schools staff member, who addressed Synod and showed a video of a ten-day trip to Switzerland made by a hockey club from one of the residential schools. Archbishop Clarke said that the majority of staff members were not abusers and Synod had afforded the opportunity to ensure them a place in the history of the church.

Residential Schools Staff

Moved by: Archbishop John Clarke
Seconded by: Bishop Duncan Wallace

That this General Synod recognize and acknowledge the personal sacrifice and dedication of the great majority of the teachers, supervisors and support staff who, with integrity and honour devoted so much of their lives to the education and care of the aboriginal children in the Residential Schools of Canada.

Rev. Andrew Wesley, a survivor of abuse, came forward and embraced Ms. Logan. He said he has been on a journey of forgiveness and encouraged his aboriginal people to do the same. Synod stood in acknowledgement.

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed to add the words “including aboriginal peoples” after the words “support staff”.

The amended resolution reads -

That this General Synod recognize and acknowledge the personal sacrifice and dedication of the great majority of the teachers, supervisors and support staff including aboriginal

peoples who, with integrity and honour devoted so much of their lives to the education and care of the aboriginal children in the Residential Schools of Canada.

The amended resolution was put and -

CARRIED
Act 39

Partner's Reflections

Rev. Bob Mills

Rev. Bob Mills, United Church of Canada, spoke of how our churches had worked together in many relationships and highlighted the *Bilateral Dialogue*, its future meetings and current issues. He told of the United Church's struggle with the same sex issue and of its work with its ecumenical partners.

The Acting Primate thanked Mr. Mills and presented him with an appreciation gift.

Resolutions

Bishop Ann Tottenham introduced Ms. Judy Robinson, the new Director of Pensions.

Incorporation of the Pension Office

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the application for the incorporation of the Pension Office effective January 1, 2005 as approved by the Council of General Synod.

Motion to Defer

Moved by: Canon John Steele
Seconded by: Bishop James Cowan

That consideration of Resolution A230 be postponed until Resolution C004 has been debated.

DEFEATED

Vote on the resolution

CARRIED
Act 40

Amendments to Canon VI – Financial Management

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon VI as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

Section 5 should be amended by adding the words “and benefit plan funds” after the words “excluding pension funds”.

In section 6(d), line 2, add the words “monies received on account of” after the word “except”; delete the word “premiums” and add the words “and benefit plans” after the word “pension”.

CARRIED
Act 41

Canon VI is attached as Appendix B. The changes are indicated in a form that includes amendments to the Canon passed in Act 15.

Amendments to Canon VIII – The General Synod Pension and Income Continuance Plans

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon VIII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

CARRIED
Act 42

Canon VIII as amended is attached as Appendix C.

Amendments to Canon IX – The Lay Retirement Plan

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon IX as approved by the

Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

CARRIED
Act 43

Canon IX as amended is attached as Appendix D

Amendments to Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon XII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

CARRIED
Act 44

Canon XII as amended is attached as Appendix E.

Omnibus Resolution - Pensions

With the agreement of the house, resolutions **A231** - Amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII (Appendix 6 of Report 010), **A232** - Amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX (Appendix 4 of Report 010), **A233** - Amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII (Appendix 5 of Report 010), and **A234** - Amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan (Appendix 3 of Report 010), all moved by Bishop Ann Tottenham and seconded by Bishop Fred Hiltz, were voted on together and

CARRIED
Act 45

The resolutions read:

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII – The General Synod Pension and Income Continuance Plans

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

Act 46

Regulations of Canon VIII are attached as Appendix F.

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX – The Lay Retirement Plan

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

Act 47

The Regulations of Canon IX are attached as Appendix G.

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

Act 48

The Regulations of Canon XII are attached as Appendix H.

Amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Document

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Long Term Disability Plan Document as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the scored portions and adding the underlined portions as shown on the attached copy of the document.

Act 49

The Long Term Disability Plan Document is attached as Appendix I.

2003 Financial Statements

Moved by: Bishop Ann Tottenham
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod approve the 2003 Audited Financial Statements of the General Synod Pension & Income Continuance Plans, the Lay Retirement Plan and the Long Term Disability Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED
Act 50

Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Rev. Alan Perry

That this General Synod adopt the document *Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church – A Framework for a common journey in Christ 2005 – 2010 (March 2004)* as a guide for the work of the General Synod during this period.

CARRIED
Act 51

The document is attached as Appendix J.

During the debate on the resolution, the Acting Primate invited Mr. Rob Dickson, Chair of the Financial Management and Development Committee to comment on the financial component.

Letting Down the Nets

Moved by: Bishop Rodney Andrews
Seconded by: Mr. Stephen Koning

That this General Synod endorse the document *Letting Down the Nets – a Funding Proposal for the National Church* as a guide for the financial support of the document

Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church – A Framework for a common journey in Christ – 2005-2010 (March 2004).

CARRIED
Act 52

The document is attached as Appendix K.

Committee and Council Goals

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Ms. Suzanne Lawson

That this General Synod ask that the Council of General Synod develop and adopt plans in the 2004 – 2007 triennium based on the Framework document *Serving God's World, Strengthening the Church* and further that the Council of General Synod:

- Request all committees and councils to develop specific directions, goals and plans for the next triennium (2004-2007) reflecting the priorities and themes of the framework, reporting to the spring 2005 meeting of the Council of General Synod;
- Urge that such plans state clear priorities, be clearly linked to budget and include directions for implementation;
- Urge that implementation directions include ways that dioceses, ecclesiastical provinces and the General Synod can participate in contributing existing resources (skills, programs, volunteer and staff expertise); and
- Request dioceses and provinces to offer these resources, effectively stewarding the resources of the whole of the Church in Canada.

CARRIED
Act 53

General Synod Governance

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Canon Robert Falby

That this General Synod request the Council of General Synod to review the governance of General Synod with a view to enhancing the work and mission of General Synod.

CARRIED
Act 54

Rising on a *point of order*, Ms. Meghan Nicholls requested that Resolution C003 regarding youth leadership development be considered at this time.

Youth Leadership Development

Moved by: Ms. Meghan Nicholls
Seconded by: Ms. Hilary Pennett

That this General Synod, request that the Council of General Synod explore a partnership with the national Anglican youth leadership program “Ask & Imagine” in response to the *Framework*’s proposal to develop national youth (and young adult) leadership development conferences.

Motion to refer

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Iain Luke
Seconded by: Bishop Donald Phillips

That the motion be referred to the Council of General Synod.

DEFEATED

The resolution was then put and -

CARRIED
Act 55

WestJet Draw

A draw took place for two airline tickets donated by WestJet Airlines, the primary carrier for General Synod. The winners: Rev. Dr. Iain Luke and Rev. Canon Gordon Redden

Amendment to Canon XXI – On Marriage in the Church – *Remarriage of Divorced Persons – Matrimonial Commissions – Second Reading debate resumed*

The amendment, which had been moved by Archdeacon Richard Salt and seconded by Mrs. Betty Livingston, was withdrawn.

The debate resumed on the original motion as amended, the text of which reads –

That *second reading* be given to the resolution

That Canon XXI be amended

(1) by striking out clause 16 b) and substituting therefor the following:

b) “Chancellor” means the chancellor of a diocese;

(2) by striking out the word “Commission” wherever it appears in Part III, in Schedule B or in Schedule D and substituting therefor the word “Chancellor”;

(3) by striking out the word “its” in the second line of clause 20 a) and substituting therefor the words “the Chancellor’s”;

(4) by adding at the end of Part III the following new sections:

22. Procedure

The Chancellor shall follow the procedure set out in the provisions of Schedule D.

23. Avoidance of Delay

The Chancellor shall deal with each application as expeditiously as possible.

24. Limitation of Jurisdiction

Every finding and determination of the Chancellor shall be and shall be expressly stated to be made solely for the purposes of this Canon and not for the purpose of performing any function of a civil court or other civil authority, and shall otherwise be confined to the findings and declaration necessary for disposing of the application in respect of which it is made.

25. Persons Serving in or Attached to the Canadian Forces

a) This section applies to a person who is enrolled in the Canadian Forces who is serving in the regular forces or who is a member of the reserve forces on continuous duty with the regular forces, or a person who in accordance with the *National Defence Act*, accompanies the Canadian Forces, and the dependents of all such persons.

b) A person described in clause a) may forward an application under this Part to the Anglican chaplain responsible for his or her pastoral care.

c) On receiving an application the chaplain may forward the application to the Chancellor of the diocese in which the applicant resides or to the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces who shall designate a diocesan chancellor to hear the application.

d) Nothing in this section prevents a person from making an application in the manner prescribed by this Part.

(5A) by renumbering sections 22 to 25 in Part IV to be sections 26 to 29;

(5B) by deleting subsection 26 b) (as renumbered) of Part IV and substituting the following:

b) The application shall be made to the incumbent of the parish or mission where it is desired that the intended marriage be celebrated. The incumbent shall investigate the application as thoroughly as possible and forward it together with a report thereon to the Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission established under Part VI having jurisdiction in the diocese or, in a diocese where there is no Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission, to the diocesan bishop. The bishop may delegate authority to the incumbent or some other person.”

(5C) by deleting the word “Commission” wherever it appears in section 27 and in subsections 28 a), 29 a) and 29 b) (as renumbered) and substituting the words “Commission or the diocesan bishop”.

(5D) by deleting subsections 28 b) and 28 c) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

b) On being notified of dismissal of the application, the applicants may, within 30 days after receipt of notice, apply in writing to the Commission or the diocesan bishop for reconsideration of the application. On such reconsideration the applicants may appear personally before the Commission or the diocesan bishop and submit further reasons why the application should be granted or may submit such information and reasons in writing. On such reconsideration the Commission or the diocesan bishop may grant the application or confirm the previous decision. If the Commission or the diocesan bishop confirms the previous decision they shall give reasons in writing which shall be communicated to the applicants through the incumbent.

c) If the application is dismissed and the decision is confirmed by the Commission or the diocesan bishop, or if the applicants do not exercise their rights under subsection b), the application may not be renewed before any Commission or diocesan bishop unless further information is provided.

(5E) by deleting subsection 29 c) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

c) If the Commission or the diocesan bishop is of the opinion that a prior purported marriage of an applicant did not constitute a marriage as defined by this Canon, the Commission or the diocesan bishop may refer the application to the Chancellor who

may, if the conditions of Part III, section 20, are satisfied, make a declaration under that section in respect of the marriage in question.

(5F) by deleting section 29 in Part VI, by renumbering sections 27 and 28 in Part VI to be sections 30 and 31, and by renumbering sections 30 to 33 in Part VI to be sections 32 to 35.

(5G) by deleting subsection 30 a) (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

a) Subject to section 31, there may be in each diocese an Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission to deal with applications under Part IV.

(5H) by deleting section 34 (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

34. Limitation of Jurisdiction

Every finding and determination by a Commission or a diocesan bishop shall be expressly stated to be made solely for the purposes of this Canon and not for the purpose of performing any function of a civil court or other civil authority, and shall be confined to granting or refusing permission to remarry.

(5I) by deleting section 35 (as renumbered) and substituting the following:

35. Persons Serving in or Attached to the Canadian Forces

a) This section applies to a person who is enrolled in the Canadian Forces who is serving in the regular forces or who is a member of the reserve forces on continuous duty with the regular forces, or a person who in accordance with the *National Defence Act*, accompanies the Canadian Forces, and the dependents of all such persons.

b) A person described in clause a) may forward an application under this Part to the Anglican chaplain responsible for his or her pastoral care.

c) On receiving an application the chaplain may forward the application to the Ecclesiastical Matrimonial Commission or to the bishop of the diocese in which the applicant resides or to the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces.

d) Nothing in this section prevents a person from making an application in the manner prescribed by this Part.

(6) by deleting Part VII (Forms) and substituting the following:

PART VII

FORMS

30. The Council of the General Synod, a Commission, a diocesan bishop or the Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces may approve forms for use in the administration of this Canon.

(7) by striking out Section 14 of Schedule B and substituting therefor the following:

14. If one or both of the applicants do not reside in the parish, the procedure outlined in section 26 c) may apply.

(8) by striking out the reference “See Part IV, Section 22c) at the beginning of Schedule C and substituting therefor “See Part IV, Section 26 d)”.

(9) by striking out the reference “See Part VI, Section 30” at the beginning of Schedule D and substituting therefor “See Part III, Section 22.”

(10) by striking out section 6 in Schedule D.

(11) by striking out paragraph 8 of Schedule E and substituting the following:

8. If either party has been previously married or has cohabited in a common law or *de facto* marriage, it is important that there be specific discussions about the past relationships, the reasons for the breakdown of any past relationships, the effect of any continuing obligations, financial or otherwise, to a former partner or children of a previous marriage or relationship, potential problems related to access to or custody of such children, and the potential integration of such children into a new family unit.

The amended motion was then put and -

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 56

Communications and Information Resources Committee – Terms of Reference

Moved by: Ms. Judy Darling
Seconded by: Ms. Tanya Moxley

That the Information Resources Committee Terms of Reference, Appendix B article 4 of the Handbook of the General Synod, be deleted and replaced with;

4. Communications and Information Resources Committee

1. Duties and Responsibilities

- a) Develop and oversee a communications policy for General Synod
- b) Interpret and carry forward the intentions of General Synod with regard to information and communications.
- c) Discern and be responsive to the information and communications needs of Canadian Anglicans.
- d) Provide policy guidelines for coordinating the following areas of work:
 - i. Corporate communications
 - ii. Information services (including Library, Archives, Data Management, Web Site and Resource Distribution)
 - iii. Merchandizing and distribution (Anglican Book Centre retail and trade sales)
 - iv. Resource production (including Anglican Video, ABC Publishing, MinistryMatters)
- e) Maintain liaison with the Anglican Journal Board
- f) Facilitate communications between General Synod and dioceses and among dioceses
- g) Exercise those functions common to all committees, namely:
 - i. develop annual budget proposals
 - ii. coordinate work with other committees and groups through the Mission Coordination Group
 - iii. report regularly to the Council of General Synod
 - iv. encourage theological reflection on stewardship and on the committee's mandate
 - v. within the committee's mandate, do functional strategic planning and visioning
 - vi. maintain liaison with the House of Bishops
 - vii. when deemed appropriate, invite partners (international, ecumenical or internal) to join the committee
 - viii. at least once in each triennium, review policies governing the various areas of work of the Communications and Information Resources Department.

2. Organization

- a) The Communications and Information Resources Committee will oversee the work of corporate communications, information services, merchandizing and distribution and resource production for the General Synod.
- b) The Communications and Information Resources Committee will maintain liaison with the Anglican Journal Board through its common members. At the appropriate time in the triennium, the Communications and

Information Resources Committee may nominate possible names to the Council of General Synod for membership on the Anglican Journal Board.
c) The ways of working will be established by the Communications and Information Resources Committee to address its duties and responsibilities and may from time to time include the establishment of sub-committees which will be created according to the procedures outlined in Procedures for Sub-units of Standing Committees in the Handbook of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED
Act 57

Anglican Journal Terms of Reference

Moved by: Rev. Rob Towler
Seconded by: Bishop Donald Young

That the terms of reference as published in the 13th edition of the Handbook of General Synod – Appendix C be rescinded and replaced by the following:

APPENDIX C ANGLICAN JOURNAL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Corporation

1. Anglican Journal is a federally incorporated organization with controlling interest held by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. It was federally incorporated as of January 23, 2002 under the Canada Corporations Act as Anglican Journal/Journal Anglican and qualified for charitable status on April 12, 2002 (BN 86598 8116 RR0001).

2. The objects of the Corporation are:

- (a) to advance and present the Christian faith and stimulate debate on issues of concern to the Church;
- (b) to inform Anglicans in Canada about the domestic and international work of the Church and to provide relevant news of the worldwide communion and of other faith communities;
- (c) in furtherance of the foregoing, to do the following:
 - a. produce, publish and distribute a national newspaper with an independent editorial policy representing Anglicans in Canada, but not being the official voice of the Church;
 - b. provide a means to distribute other Anglican materials and publications as inserts to the national newspaper;

- c. provide a means to distribute other information of value and interest to Anglicans;
- d. maintain pertinent information on Anglican membership for the national and diocesan offices of the Anglican Church of Canada in a database format.

3. Anglican Journal is an important instrument of communication for the Anglican Church of Canada. The newspaper is encouraged to express the full range of opinion within the Anglican Church community and is editorially independent. The editor makes all decisions on editorial content. When expression of opinion conflicts with official church policy, as stated by decisions of the General Synod or the Council of the General Synod, the newspaper will, at the same time, carry an explanation by an informed spokesperson of the official position of the church.

4. Anglican Journal operates in accordance with the Statement of Ethics and Standards of the Professional Practice of the Associated Church Press.

The Board of Directors

5. The Board of Directors is the publisher of Anglican Journal and supervises the management of the corporation. The Board of Directors reports to the controlling member (General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada) through the Council of General Synod and liaises with the Communications and Information Resources Committee.

6. The Board of Directors is responsible for the appointment of all officers and establishes the terms of engagement of the Editor. Powers and duties of other officers are such as the terms of their engagement call for or as the Board specifies.

CARRIED
Act 58

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Moved by: Dean Peter Wall
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod authorize *A Renewal of Marriage Vows or On The Anniversary of a Marriage* for use where permitted by the local Ordinary.

CARRIED
Act 59

The document is attached as Appendix L.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Dean Louise Peters presented the Third Report of the Nomination Committee regarding election to Standing Committees.

Moved by: Dean Louise Peters
 Seconded by: Ms. Libby Salter

That the third report of the Nominating Committee be adopted.

CARRIED
Act 60

THIRD REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Communications and Information Resources Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>COGS</u>	<u>General Synod Member</u>
Dorothy Davies-Flindall	Ontario	Yes	Yes
John Fletcher	Military Ordinariate	-	Yes
Cheryl Kristolaitis	Qu'Appelle	-	No
Edward Lewis	British Columbia	-	No
Mel Malton	Algoma	-	Yes
Sheba McKay	Keewatin	Yes	Yes
Timothy Morgan	Rupert's Land	-	No
Tanya Moxley	Nova Scotia and PEI	-	Yes
Charles Nurse	New Westminster	-	No
Robert Towler	Huron	-	Yes

EcoJustice Committee

Ethel Ahenakew	Saskatoon	-	Yes
Kevin Arndt	British Columbia	-	Yes
Fiona Brownlee	Keewatin	-	No
Cathy Campbell	Rupert's Land	-	No
Kenneth Gray	Kootenay	-	Yes
Peter John Hobbs	Ottawa	-	Yes
Christopher Lind	Toronto	-	No
Susan Moxley	Nova Scotia and PEI	Yes	Yes
Barbara Nangle	Moosonee	-	Yes
Eric Reynolds	Military Ordinariate	-	No
Robyn Thompson	Edmonton	-	Yes
Catherine Torraville	Central Newfoundland	-	Yes

Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee

Jonas Allooloo	Arctic	-	Yes
George Bruce	Ontario	-	Yes

Timothy Connor	Huron	-	Yes
Walter Deller	Saskatoon	-	No
Mary Dove	Cariboo (APCI)	-	Yes
Jennifer Gosse	Eastern Newfoundland	-	Yes
Richard LeSueur	Calgary	-	Yes
Emily Pollock	Kootenay	Yes	Yes
Paula Sampson	Caledonia	-	No
Michelle Staples	Military Ordinariate	-	No
Pierre Voyer	Quebec	-	Yes
Peter Wall	Niagara	Yes	Yes

Financial Management and Development Committee

David Daniel	Montreal	-	Yes
Judy Darling	Ottawa	Yes	Yes
Geoffrey Jackson	Ontario	-	Yes
Suzanne Lawson	Toronto	-	Yes
Betty Livingston	Huron	Yes	Yes
Claude Miller	Fredericton	-	Yes
Stanley Sainawap	Keewatin	-	No
David Torraville	Central Newfoundland	-	Yes
Michael Wellwood	New Westminster	-	No

Partners in Mission Committee

Elizabeth Beardy	Keewatin	-	Yes
Peter Coffin	Ottawa	-	Yes
Julia Davies	Saskatoon	-	Yes
Karen Hogg	British Columbia	-	-
Godfrey Mawejje	Rupert's Land	-	Yes
Robert Marsh	Fredericton	-	Yes
Gregory McVeigh	Montreal	-	Yes
Linda Nicholls	Toronto	-	Yes
Nigel Packwood	Brandon	Yes	Yes
Sandra Sugden	Cariboo (APCI)	-	Yes

Pensions Committee

Jamie Cochran	Nova Scotia and PEI	-	Yes
Ronald Harrison	New Westminster	-	Yes
Stephen Koning	Calgary	-	Yes
Michael Rolph	Athabasca	-	Yes
Ann Tottenham	Toronto	-	Yes
Donald Young	Central Newfoundland	-	Yes

Message to the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

Moved by: Rev. Canon Philip Poole
Seconded by: Archbishop Andrew Hutchison

That this General Synod request the General Secretary to convey to the Reverend Canon Dr. John Peterson its gratitude for his tireless work as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion and wish him God's blessing as he begins a new ministry in the church.

CARRIED
Act 61

Message to the 130th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada

Moved by: Bishop Colin Johnson
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Philip Poole

That this General Synod extend its prayers and greetings to the members of the 130th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada convening in Oshawa, Ontario this Sunday and offer its congratulations to the Reverend Richard Fee who will be installed as its Moderator.

CARRIED
Act 62

No Debate List – Omnibus Motion

It was proposed that a single motion be made for all of the resolutions remaining on the No-Debate List. Synod, by a show of hands, indicated its acceptance of the proposal.

Moved by: Bishop Michael Ingham
Seconded by: Bishop George Elliott

That this General Synod approve resolutions A179, A180, A251, A252, A253 and A254 Revised.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 63

The text of the six resolutions passed by the omnibus motion, follow.

A179	Dialogue with the United Church of Canada
A180	Changes to Episcopal Services Language
A251	Cuba

A252 Sudan
A253 Refugees and Immigrants
A254 Rev. Sanctuary for Refugees

Dialogue with the United Church of Canada

Moved by: Bishop David Ashdown
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod welcome the reestablishment of a formal dialogue relationship with the United Church of Canada and request a report of progress from the dialogue group at the General Synod of 2007.

Act 64

Changes to Episcopal Services Language – BAS

Moved by: Bishop Fred Hiltz
Seconded by: Dean Peter Wall

That this General Synod authorize changes to the Episcopal Services in the *Book of Alternative Services* to reflect gender inclusivity.

Act 65

Cuba

Moved by: Rev. Jennifer Gosse
Seconded by: Dean Peter Wall

That this General Synod:

- a) Join with the Episcopal Church of Cuba and ecumenical Cuban church partners in calling for an end to the U.S. economic embargo of Cuba;
- b) Request the General Secretary write to the Prime Minister of Canada urging the Government of Canada to maintain a foreign and trade policy towards Cuba that is independent from that of the U.S. and to offer to act as a mediator in the normalization of relations between Cuba and the U.S.

Act 66

Sudan

Moved by: Bishop Peter Coffin
Seconded by: Bishop Donald Phillips

That this General Synod:

1. Request the General Secretary write to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to:
 - a. Urge the Government of Canada to press the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the U.S., the UK, and Norway (The “Troika”), and the Sudanese parties to the peace process to ensure that the final peace agreement is substantial and comprehensive in the area of human rights.
 - b. Encourage the Government of Canada to:
 - pursue all possible venues for the establishment of an international human rights monitoring team either within a UN mission, or operating under the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights or other international auspices.
 - urge the parties, the Troika and other concerned countries to guarantee the diplomatic protection and funding necessary for the effective operation of this team.
 - share in providing financial and technical support to UN and/or other international monitoring arrangements on human rights in Sudan.

And

2. Request the Primate to communicate to our partners in the Sudan (the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, the Sudan Council of Churches, and the New Sudan Council of Churches) our ongoing support and solidarity with the people of Sudan, as we pray that the peace process becomes irreversible and the warring parties proceed to the signing of a peace agreement.

Act 67

Refugees and Immigrants

Moved by: Bishop Gordon Light
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Philip Poole

That this General Synod:

1. Congratulate dioceses and parishes for 25 years of commitment to Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program.

2. Call on dioceses and parishes to increase their commitment to the private sponsorship of refugees by increasing the number of refugees they are willing to sponsor annually.
3. Encourage those dioceses that are not Sponsorship Agreement Holders to participate in the sponsorship of refugees either by signing an agreement with the government of Canada and becoming Sponsorship Agreement Holders themselves or by considering a joint ecumenical effort where this is possible.
4. Call on Anglicans in Canada to continue welcoming refugees and immigrants into their communities.
5. Affirm the positive contributions refugees and immigrants have made and continue to make to the life of the Anglican Church and to Canada as a whole.
6. Challenge and denounce irresponsible and unsubstantiated linking of refugees and migrants to security concerns.

Act 68

Sanctuary for Refugees

Moved by: Bishop Sue Moxley
 Seconded by: Ms. Mel Malton

That this General Synod direct the Council of General Synod to create a working group within the next triennium to:

1. develop educational materials that would enable parishes and dioceses to give prayerful consideration to the moral, ethical and legal challenges raised by requests for sanctuary from families and individuals whose claim for refugee status has been rejected by Immigration Canada;
2. have these ready, at the latest, for the spring meeting of the Council of General Synod in 2007.

Act 69

Amendment to Canon XVII – The Licensing of Clergy – *First Reading*

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
 Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett

That *first reading* be given to the Resolution that Canon XVII - The Licensing of Clergy - be amended as follows:

1. by re-lettering sections 11 b) to 11 h) to be sections 11 d) to 11 j);
2. by adding two new sections as follows:

11 b) Although it is not possible to set out all the circumstances in which the bishop might make such a decision, they include financial difficulties in a parish, decline in parish membership,

redeployment of human resources, and the licensee's inability to carry out his or her ministry.

11 c) Where the bishop is aware of circumstances that may establish that a licensee has committed an ecclesiastical offense under Canon XVIII, the bishop may not revoke a license instead of making, or referring to the court having jurisdiction, a determination of whether an ecclesiastical offense has been committed.

3. by amending section 11 i), as re-lettered, to read as follows:

11 i) The arbitration board shall provide an opportunity to the licensee and the bishop to make submissions in writing and orally and to respond to the submissions of the other party. It shall determine the length of notice or the amount of pay and benefits in lieu of notice to be given to the licensee including, where appropriate, financial and vocational counselling, and shall take into account prevailing practices in the secular community. The decision of the arbitration board shall be in writing and is final and binding on the licensee and the bishop.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 70

Amendment to Canon XXI – On Marriage in the Church – *Impediments of Relationship* – Second Reading

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Bishop Barry Hollowell

That *second reading* be given to the resolution

That Canon XXI be amended:

(1) by striking out section 3 of Part I and substituting therefor the following:

3. Impediments of Relationship

- a) Notwithstanding the Table of Kindred and Affinity contained in the Book of Common Prayer (1962), when making the inquiries directed in section 2 the minister shall, with respect to impediments of relationship, be guided by the *Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act*, as it was in force on June 1, 2004, which prohibits marriages between persons who are related

i) lineally by consanguinity or adoption,

ii) as brother and sister by consanguinity, whether by the whole blood or the half-blood, or

iii) as brother and sister by adoption.

b) In addition to marriages prohibited by law, no person may marry another person if they both live, or have previously lived, in the same household and one of them is or has been treated by the other as a child or parent.

(2) by striking out clause 17 a) ii) of Part III and substituting therefor the following:

ii) they are related to each other

i) lineally by consanguinity or adoption,

ii) as brother and sister by consanguinity, whether by the whole blood or the half-blood, or

iii) as brother and sister by adoption;

(3) by renumbering clause 17 a) iii) of Part III to be clause 17 a) iv) and by inserting a new clause 17 a) iii) as follows:

iii) they both live, or have previously lived, in the same household and one of them is or has been treated by the other as a child or parent; or

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 71

Amendment to the Declaration of Principles – *Eligibility of Clergy*

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson

Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That *first reading* be given to the resolution that The Declaration of Principles be amended as follows:

1. by amending section 3 c) to read:

c) The Order of Clergy shall consist of clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada elected by the several diocesan synods according to such rules as they may adopt, subject to the provisions of subsection f). In a diocese that has no synodical organization such appointments shall be made by the bishop; and

2. by amending subsection 3 f) vi) to read:

vi) the words “licensed members of the clergy”, as used in this section and elsewhere in the Constitution shall mean all clerical members of The Anglican Church of Canada or of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada holding the license of the bishop of a diocese to perform the functions of the ordained ministry within the diocese, excepting and excluding those who are resident in the diocese but are on leave from another diocese, and those who are in receipt of benefits from the pension funds of the Church (other than for temporary disability) and who are not in charge of a parish or fully engaged in the work of the ordained ministry.

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS

Act 72

Cultivating a Just Peace . . . True Security

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Garth Bulmer

That this General Synod:

1. Endorse the KAIROS led *Just Peace...True Security Postcard Campaign* that calls on Canada to commit itself to pursuing an Agenda for Just Peace, which will:

Respect Human Rights: Ensure that the civil , political, economic, social and cultural rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its corresponding covenants are indivisible, universal and legally enforceable, and take precedence over trade and investment agreements.

Nurture Social Security: Reorient security spending towards social security, equitable economic development, environmental protection and protection of civil liberties.

Control Arms Exports: Place additional national controls on arms exports and promote an international treaty to prevent arms transfers to governments that show a pattern of persistent human rights violations.

Increase Aid: Increase Official Development Assistance to 0.7% of GNP within the next 5 years, respecting the rights of peoples to determine their own development goals.

Cancel the Debt: Immediately and Unconditionally cancel 100% of the bilateral and multilateral debts of all low-income countries, reject structural adjustment conditionality, and cancel the illegitimate debt of all developing countries.

2. Ask the General Secretary to convey these concerns by letter to the Prime Minister at the time that the commons reconvenes in the fall of 2004.

CARRIED
Act 73

Globalization and Free Trade

Moved by: Mrs. Ethel Ahenakew
Seconded by: Rev. Kevin Arndt

That this General Synod:

- a) Receive and endorse the document, “What Does God Require of Us? A Declaration for Just Trade in the Service of An Economy of Life”, its twelve Principles and corresponding Policy Implications;
- b) Commend its accompanying “Plan of Action – Just Trade Agreements?” to the PWRDF, and the EcoJustice and Partners in Mission Committees of the Anglican Church of Canada for follow-up;
- c) Request that the Primate sign a Canadian Council of Churches titular heads letter commending the Declaration to the Prime Minister;
- d) Work ecumenically through KAIROS and the Canadian Council of Churches to insure that the contents of the Declaration are integrated into the Canadian churches’ contribution to the Government of Canada’s 2004 Foreign Policy Review;
- e) Direct the EcoJustice Committee to develop a “lifestyle integrity program” as suggested in the Action Plan for use in dioceses and parishes.

CARRIED
Act 74

Code of Ethics

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod:

- 1) ask the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee to produce a guide for dioceses to assist in the development or adaptation, and adoption, of codes of ethics and of best standards for those authorized for the practice of ministry; and
- 2) encourage each diocese to develop such codes of ethics during the next 2 triennia 2004-2010, with the assistance of this guide, and to report on progress to General Synod 2007.

CARRIED
Act 75

Standards for Theological Education

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod request that the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee, in cooperation with the House of Bishops, undertake a study of educational standards for those training for ordered ministry, engaging as participants individuals from the three orders of ministry and theological educators, to undertake the following tasks:

- 1) to review the conversation since the Report of the Task Force for Theological Education for Ordained Ministry, 2001 (Bays Report);
- 2) to assess the means for implementation of core expectations/national standards;
- 3) to assess the implications of the agreement of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada for Anglican theological education;
- 4) to examine the respective roles of theological colleges and the wider church in practical and immediate post-ordination training.

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed to replace the words “ordered ministry” with the words “ordained ministry” in the first sentence.

The amended motion now reads

That this General Synod request that the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee, in cooperation with the House of Bishops, undertake a study of educational standards for those training for ordained ministry, engaging as participants individuals from the three orders of ministry and theological educators, to undertake the following tasks:

- 1) to review the conversation since the Report of the Task Force for Theological Education for Ordained Ministry, 2001 (Bays Report);
- 2) to assess the means for implementation of core expectations/national standards;

- 3) to assess the implications of the agreement of full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada for Anglican theological education;
- 4) to examine the respective roles of theological colleges and the wider church in practical and immediate post-ordination training.

The amended motion was put and -

CARRIED
Act 76

Funding for Theological Colleges

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Tim Connor

That this General Synod request the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee and the Financial Management and Development Committee to explore ways to encourage the development of funding sources for theological education, including but not limited to:

- Anglican theological colleges,
- aboriginal and other training programs,
- support for students, including professional development for clergy, and graduate theological studies.

CARRIED
Act 77

Presentation to Archbishop Hutchison

Bishop Barry Hollowell rose on a *point of personal privilege*. He and members from the Diocese of Calgary presented Archbishop Hutchison with a Calgary Flames jersey and a Flames foam finger as the Calgary Flames NHL Hockey Team was playing that evening in the Stanley Cup Finals.

Housing and the Homeless

Moved by: Mrs. Susan Winn
Seconded by: Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson

That this General Synod

1. Affirm the principle that adequate housing is a human right, as stated in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and as stated and interpreted in the International Covenant on Social, Economic, and Cultural Rights.
2. Affirm this Housing Charter for Canadians:

All Residents of Canada have the right to:

- 1. an adequate standard of living to ensure healthy physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and social development and a good quality of life.*
- 2. safe, affordable housing, which reflects the normal standard of their community, is provided in a timely fashion and shall be appropriate to family size.*
- 3. participate in decisions about assessment of need and housing location.*
- 4. accessible and supportive housing as there is need.*
- 5. emergency housing and shelter in the event of housing crisis or homelessness, recognizing that this is only a temporary measure.*
- 6. basic social service or welfare income that will provide adequate cost of safe affordable housing.*
- 7. be served by governments, which acknowledge their responsibility to improve the health and well-being of all Canadians and work co-operatively to ensure adequate and suitable funding for housing.*

The foregoing rights are to apply to all Canadians without discrimination according to race, colour, sex, age, sexual orientation, ability/disability, ethnic origin, language, region, property or class, religion or any other distinction. This may entail the use of affirmative action or equity programs in order to redress situations of special individual, community or regional disadvantage.

3. Affirm the so-called One Percent Solution, calling for Canadian governments at all levels to spend one percent more of their budgets on social housing than they currently do, amounting to \$2 billion annually from the federal government and matching amounts from provinces and territories.
4. Request the General Secretary to write directly to the Prime Minister, urging the Government of Canada to:
 - honour its commitment to the right to adequate housing as a signatory to the International Covenant on Social, Economic, and Cultural Rights
 - deliver on its promise under the Affordable Housing Framework Agreement of 2001 to spend \$1 billion over five years on new housing.
 - make provisions in the federal budget to meet the goal of the One Percent Solution (\$2 billion annually for new social housing)
 - convene a summit as soon as possible of federal, provincial, and territorial ministers, municipal and Aboriginal housing leaders, and community representatives to find ways to get past the delivery logjam, to roll out new funding and programs, and get affordable housing built.

Request the EcoJustice Committee during the 2004-2007 triennium to encourage Anglicans in parishes, social justice and community ministries, and Indigenous communities to give

practical and active support to affordable housing and related initiatives, and to pool information about diocesan initiatives on social housing as a resource for the Church.

CARRIED
Act 78

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Moved by: Mr. Charles Bobbish
Seconded by: Mrs. Ethel Ahenakew

That this General Synod:

1. Affirm the commitment and diligence of Indigenous leaders and human rights experts around the world who have worked for more than two decades to draft the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and to advocate the adoption of the Declaration by the United Nations General Assembly.
2. Partner with the Centre for Rights and Democracy, the Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee, KAIROS, and Amnesty International Canada, to call upon the Government of Canada to do the following:
 - a. Enumerate the articles that Canada can adopt without amendment and precisely identify the perceived problems caused by articles that it cannot adopt without amendments.
 - b. Provide assurance that any changes sought by Canada will be fully consistent with Canada's existing commitments under international law and Supreme Court of Canada decisions, and do not discriminate against Indigenous peoples.
 - c. Strongly support renewal of the mandate of the working group on the draft *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, as its mandate will terminate in December 2004.
 - d. Confer with representatives of Indigenous peoples in examining means to adopt a methodology conducive to accelerating the proceedings of the UN working group.
 - e. Review its strategy and alliances; consider following the example of New Zealand, which recently withdrew from the "CANZUS" group (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United States); and join the Nordic or Latin American group, both of which have a more positive attitude concerning the Declaration.
3. Mandate the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and the EcoJustice Committee, through their joint working group on Indigenous justice issues, to work with the Aboriginal Rights Program of KAIROS, among others, to educate Anglican parishes regarding the content of the draft Declaration, its implications for Indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world, and Canada's role in its adoption.

CARRIED
Act 79

Blessing and Celebration of a Civil Marriage

Moved by: Bishop Fred Hiltz
Seconded by: Dean Peter Wall

That this General Synod authorize *Blessing and Celebration of a Civil Marriage* for use where permitted by the local Ordinary.

Amendment

Moved by: Rev. Henry Dunbar
Seconded by: Archdeacon Robert Hardwick

That the motion be amended to read:

That this General Synod authorize *Blessing and Celebration of a Civil Marriage* (between a man and a woman) for use where permitted by the local Ordinary.

CARRIED

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed that the words “if applicable” be inserted following “The Signing of the Parish Register” in the proposed service.

Amendment

Moved by: Archdeacon Andrew Pike
Seconded by: Rev. Alan Perry

That the signing of the register be deleted from the proposed service.

CARRIED

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed that the name of the service be *Blessing and Celebration After a Civil Marriage*.

Motion to Refer

Moved by: Rev. Canon Fraser Lawton
Seconded by: Dean Michael Rolph

That the motion be referred back to the Faith Worship and Ministry Committee.

DEFEATED

Motion to Table

Moved by: Rev. Alan Perry
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Susan Storey

That the motion be tabled.

DEFEATED

Vote on the amended motion which now reads:

That this General Synod authorize *Blessing and Celebration After a Civil Marriage* (between a man and a woman) for use where permitted by the local Ordinary.

CARRIED
Act 80

The amended text of the service *Blessing and Celebration After a Civil Marriage* is attached as Appendix M.

Night Prayers

Night Prayers were said in the Plenary Hall.

Statement by Dissenting Bishops

The Acting Primate called the House to order. A statement, signed by Bishop William Anderson, Bishop Benjamin Arreak, Bishop Charles Arthurson, Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk, Bishop Terrence Buckle, Bishop Anthony Burton, Bishop Ronald Ferris, Bishop Donald Harvey and Bishop Larry Robertson expressing concerns about the decisions taken earlier by General Synod with regard to the blessing of same sex unions, was read by Bishop Harvey.

The statement is attached as Appendix N.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2004

Morning Prayer took place in the Plenary Hall.

The Prolocutor was in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins rose on a *point of personal privilege* objecting to the letter from the nine bishops. He expressed concern about the contempt it seemed to express for the Anglican Church of Canada and its decision-making process. Dr. Hopkins appreciated the respect shown by bishops who had voted against the motion but had not signed the letter.

Bishop James Njegovan rose on a *point of personal privilege*. He expressed distress that his fellow bishops had caucused separately. The discussion belongs with the whole church. Bishop Njegovan asked his fellow bishops to retract the statement.

Bishop Donald Harvey rose on a *point of order* asking had not the right of personal privilege been stretched to its limit.

Bishop James Cowan rose on a *point of personal privilege*. He spoke about discussions in his Home Groups that centered, not around the decisions, but rather on the pastoral care that the Synod and the whole church require.

Orders of the Day

Mr. Peter Irish reviewed the Orders of the Day and noted two corrections.

Partners' Reflections

Bishop Duleep de Chickera and Mrs. Geetha de Chickera

Bishop Duleep de Chickera and Mrs. Geetha de Chickera, Church of Ceylon, Diocese of Colombo, brought greetings from the Church in Sri Lanka and offered reflections on the organization of General Synod, the uplifting music and worship, and the way in which sensitive issues were addressed. Bishop de Chickera spoke of the need for dialogue in dealing with same sex issues and with self-determination for Aboriginal Anglicans.

The Acting Primate thanked Bishop and Mrs. de Chickera and presented them with an appreciation gift.

Rev. Canon Stephen Lane

The Rev. Canon Stephen Lane, member of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church of the USA, reported that his church had struggled to find a way forward after the General Convention, but was now doing well. He commended General Synod for the honesty, compassion and civility with which it dealt with the issue of the blessing of same sex unions and urged the church to continue the dialogue.

The Acting Primate thanked Canon Lane and presented him with an appreciation gift.

Indigenous Partners

The Acting Primate called the Indigenous Partners to the stage and presented each with a gift. Mr. Todd Russell, Co-chair of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, responded on behalf of the Indigenous Partners. He thanked the Acting Primate for his words and his leadership and for the openness with which the Indigenous Partners had been received.

Cuban Partners

Bishop Ralph Spence, Diocese of Niagara, presented Cuban Partners Mr. Leonel Abaroa, Canon Francisco de Arazoza and Mr. Rody Perez Risco with gifts of appreciation.

The Primate assumed the chair.

Resolutions

St. George's, Harriston

Moved by: Bishop Bruce Howe
Seconded by: Bishop Ralph Spence

That this General Synod consent to the transfer of St. George's, Harriston, congregation, building, and assets, from the diocese of Niagara to the Diocese of Huron.

CARRIED
Act 81

Point of Order

Rev. Dr. Iain Luke rose on a *point of order* and requested that the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins withdraw the words "contempt of this Synod."

The above was in reference to remarks made when Dr. Hopkins rose earlier in the day on a *point of personal privilege*.

Dr. Hopkins withdrew the words.

Colombia

Moved by: Mr. Matthew Kett
Seconded by: Bishop George Elliott

That this General Synod request the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister to:

- Call on the Government of Canada to press the Colombian government to fully implement recommendations made to it repeatedly by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR), to bring an end to human rights abuses committed by the Colombian state security forces and the paramilitary, to sever links between security forces and paramilitary groups and to guarantee the rights of human rights defenders and other activists.
- Call on the Canadian government to strongly oppose growing U.S. military aid to Colombia (in both bilateral relations with the U.S. and multilateral forums like the U.N.).
- Press the Canadian government to monitor Canadian corporations doing business in Colombia (including crown corporations such as Export Development Canada) to ensure their activities do not violate human rights.
- Press the Canadian government to continue to support a negotiated political settlement to Colombia's social and armed conflict and strengthen the role of Colombia's social organizations in any future peace process.
- Urge the Government of Canada to support the call of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia to Colombian armed opposition groups to respect international humanitarian law.

CARRIED
Act 82

Rejection of War as a Means of Resolving Conflict

Moved by: Mrs. Phyllis Creighton
Seconded by: Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert

That this General Synod reject war as a means of resolving conflict, and call on all Canadian Anglicans to:

- Oppose the doctrine and policy of pre-emptive or preventive war;
- Work to stop war being used as an instrument of policy;
- Press for the means to teach people the skills of mediation, conflict resolution, and reconciliation;
- Engage in learning and using these skills for peace-building and reconciliation;
- Press for the transfer of resources from war and militarism to urgent social and environmental needs.

CARRIED
Act 83

Abstentions were noted from Cdr. David Cooper, Lt. Col. Rev. Canon John Fletcher, Archdeacon Karl McLean and the Rev. Canon John Steele.

Anglican-Roman Catholic Relations: The Gift of Authority

Moved by: Bishop Bruce Stavert
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

That this General Synod:

- 1) note the importance of our ongoing dialogue with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters;
- 2) thank the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) for its work in the preparation of *The Gift of Authority*;
- 3) recognize that *The Gift of Authority* has not found sufficient resonance among Canadian Anglicans for this Synod to be able to say that it has received it;
- 4) draw attention to the 'Response to *The Gift of Authority*' (FWM Report #006, pp. 42-58 Document 8) of the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada, in particular its observation that more work should be done by ARCIC in exploring the practical working out of primacy and synodality as they express themselves at the local and diocesan levels; and its observations about the place of the laity in decision-making;
- 5) welcome the initiative of the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) to prepare a Joint Declaration summarizing the Anglican Roman Catholic agreements achieved to date.

CARRIED
Act 84

Ballistic Missile Defense

Moved by: Mrs. Phyllis Creighton
Seconded by: Ms. Karen Rinehart Pidcock

That this General Synod, having gone on record as opposing Canadian participation in the proposed Ballistic Missile Defense Program of the US administration, request the General Secretary to communicate with dioceses by the time Parliament reconvenes in the fall of 2004, inviting them:

- to write to the government of Canada, expressing this opposition, and
- to encourage parishes and individuals to do the same.

CARRIED
Act 85

Abstentions were noted from Cdr. David Cooper, Lt. Col. Rev. Canon John Fletcher, Archdeacon Karl McLean and the Rev. Canon John Steele.

Unified Book of Common Prayer

Moved by: Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett
Seconded by: Archdeacon Andrew Pike

That this General Synod direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to initiate a process of liturgical revision to prepare a unified Book of Common Prayer.

Amendment

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Captain Rob Marsh

That the motion be amended by deleting the words “to initiate” and inserting the words “consider initiating.”

DEFEATED

The motion was put and -

DEFEATED
Act 86

Ms. Sanja Pecelj

Synod indicated its approval to suspend Rules of Order and Procedure 16 b) and 16 c) so that Synod could entertain a resolution regarding Ms. Sanja Pecelj.

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Bishop Fred Hiltz

That this General Synod call upon Immigration Canada to make public its reasons for denying Sanja Pecelj’s application; support Sanja Pecelj’s application to remain in Canada and urge Canadian Anglicans to actively support Sanja Pecelj’s fight to become a Canadian citizen.

CARRIED
Act 87

A petition in support of Ms Pecelj’s application to remain in Canada was circulated.

Motion of Thanks

Moved by: Archdeacon Paul Feheley
Seconded by: Mrs. Margaret Jenniex

We the members of the 37th Session of our General Synod are privileged people. The Holy Spirit has been with us as we broke bread and shared wine. We elected Andrew our Primate to provide leadership to our Church. We talked, shared, cried, laughed and voted on many different matters; always keeping before us the Acting Primate's question "*Will this enhance or inhibit the spread of the Realm of God?*"

We met in Home Groups to read and talk about God's word and our lives. Friendships were born and enhanced over meals, drinks, walks and parties. We prayed earnestly when one of us was under the healing hand of God in an Edmonton hospital. We were moved to breathlessness and tears when an honourable Canadian told us of brothers and sisters around the world who are dying from HIV/AIDS. They look with longing eyes for prayers, medication and money in order to stay alive.

We praised God through music and who will ever forget -

*I am an Anglican, pure C of E
I'm High Church, not Low Church
In communion with Canterbury
Not a Baptist – Not a Presby
Not a Lutheran right with form
I am an Anglican, just one step from Rome (x2)*

We, the diverse Body of Christ, want to express our gratitude and deep appreciation to those who have *Let down the nets*, helped us to continue *the Long Haul* and experience in our hearts and souls the great theme of this Synod - *See I am making all things new*.

We move that the members of the General Synod express sincere thanks and gratitude:

- 1) To Archdeacon Bruce McPetrie and Archdeacon Marion Vincett, co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, and their team of volunteers for the many countless hours both before and during the Synod. Thank you for your warm welcome, for organizing programs and coordinating the transportation. Thank you for being so visible.
- 2) To Bishop Ralph Spence and the people of the Diocese of Niagara, thank you for enriching our gathering in so many ways.
- 3) To all who helped us through prayer and praise
 - Dean Peter Wall and the Worship Committee team and the volunteer choir for the many wonderful worship experiences; and to those who upheld us in prayer;
 - Angus Sinclair and Ken Hull, who shared their gifts of music so spontaneously and enthusiastically enriching our worship and voting time;
 - Home group leaders who led us gently through the circle process and
 - Marcia Christie who decorated the plenary space.

- 4) To all those who staffed and chaired committees – General Synod Planning, Agenda, Nominating, Resolutions and Expenditures. We acknowledge the tremendous commitment involved. Thank you for your time, patience, skills and faithfulness throughout the whole process.
- 5) For the work of our media teams, and our Standing Committees and Council of General Synod members over the past three years. Thank you for your dedication and willingness to serve God and strengthen the Church.
- 6) To Ronald Stevenson, our Chancellor, and to the teams of assessors and secretaries who have worked quietly to make the Synod run smoothly.
- 7) Our meeting has been enriched by the contribution of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, members of the Council and the many First Nations Anglicans who have come as our partners, and to all our other partners who have come from near and far and who continue to be such faithful supporters, gentle teachers and companions. Thank you for your wisdom, your stories, your faith, your love of God and God's Church, as we work together to build up our common life and witness to the Gospel.
- 8) Behind a meeting such as this are the labours of many General Synod staff members, who so often go far beyond their primary areas of responsibility to look after our needs with grace and skill. Margaret Shawyer, our General Synod Coordinator, exemplifies the dedication and helpfulness that have enabled us to do our work effectively and smoothly – *We thank you!!*
- 9) To all members of this 37th Session of Synod – lay, clergy and bishops – who gave of your gift of grace, discernment and generosity. To our youth, whose lips were truly touched by God and spoke to us not as our children, but as prophets.
- 10) To all those whom we may forget (and we are sure there are some) do thou O Lord remember.

Our closing words of thanks are to those who have sat before us under the glare of the lights and provided a leadership of our Church of which we are all extraordinarily proud.

To Dianne Izzard, who has quietly yet ever so faithfully been our recording secretary, handled all of our questions in the past few months and provided communication in such a wonderful way that we think of you now as one of God's secretaries.

To Peter Elliott, our Deputy Prolocutor, who has responded to Our Lord's command to Friend – Come up Higher. You have played a significant role in planning this synod and bringing to us a framework for our future. You have a passion for our church for which we are thankful and we look forward to your work as our Prolocutor during the next triennium.

To Archdeacon Jim Boyles –
You bring to us the wisdom and grace of experience. As a weaver takes many threads and creates something beautiful, so you take all of us and in a humble, quiet way help our Church

become all that it is meant to be. Not only for this Synod, but for all that you have done in the past to achieve peace, harmony and justice, we thank you.

To Dorothy Davies-Flindall -

As our Prolocutor, you remind me of my Irish grandmother, at times firm, giving advice; at times laughing - always there for us. We know that you love our Church and your strength, wisdom and experience will greatly benefit the Council of General Synod as it meets and moves us forward.

And finally, to Archbishop David Crawley, our Acting Primate –

You, sir, closed your Presidential Address saying that we from time to time forget God, but God never forgets nor forsakes us. This General Synod will likely be the only one you chair. We will not forget you. Your care, attention to detail, your humour and your fairness allowed us to *Draw the Circle Wide, Draw it Wider Still*. We have experienced how courageous, faithful and balanced leadership enables us to be proud to be Anglicans, and we are honoured to be part of this Church. Thank you.

We go now back to the outports of Newfoundland, the village churches, the First Nations communities, the cities, the prairies, the glory of the Okanagan Valley with the words “*See I am making all things new*” indelibly etched on our hearts and souls because you have led us to be the Body of Christ. Thank you.

Glory to God

Whose power working in us,

Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation

In the Church and in Christ Jesus

For ever and ever. Amen

CARRIED

Act 88

Presentations

Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

Dean Peter Elliott thanked Mrs. Davies-Flindall and presented her with a gift in appreciation of her work as Prolocutor.

Archbishop David Crawley

Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall thanked Archbishop Crawley for taking on the role of Acting Primate with generosity, energy, commitment and grace. She presented Archbishop Crawley with a gift – a framed photograph of the House of Bishops of the Dominion of Canada gathering at the founding of General Synod in 1893.

Primate's Closing Remarks

Archbishop David Crawley, Acting Primate, spoke about compromise, which he defined as a condition in which no one is completely happy but with which most people can live. He noted that Canada was born in compromise and that "it is also the Anglican way . . . The Church prides itself on being the middle way." Archbishop Crawley added that the middle was not a dot or a line but a space and that "we must, as a church, for the next three years work very hard to make that middle space as wide as possible."

Primalial Installation

The Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison was installed as the 12th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton. The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop and Primate, Episcopal Church, United States of America, delivered the sermon. Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate, presided at the Eucharist.

Prorogation

At the closing dinner, which followed the Installation Service, the Primate declared the 37th Session of the General Synod to be prorogued.

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