

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

**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.

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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.