

## 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**  
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## **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.*

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## **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.