

Convening Circular

of the

126th Diocesan Synod of Fredericton (Electoral)

to be held

Saturday, March 15, 2003

at Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton
(Corner Westmorland & Charlotte Sts.)

***** Please note the change of venue *****

Commencing at 10:00 A.M.

This Convening Circular includes:

Information and instructions for Delegates (including a copy of the Electoral Canon and the Diocesan Profile)

The Minutes of the 124th (November 2002) and 125th (February 2003) Synods

Information in respect of persons nominated for election as at February 25th (information in respect of nominations received after that date will be given out at registration)

Please bring this with you to Synod - extra copies will not be available

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Dear Clergy and Lay-Delegates to the 126th Diocesan Synod,

It is our deep pleasure to greet you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you prepare for the great task of seeking God's will for the election of our next bishop.

We wish to assure you that our Diocesan wing of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer ("AFP") is actively covering you in a ministry of intercession and thanksgiving. On the Friday evening before Synod, a Prayer-Vigil including representatives of every deanery will be covering your travel and last-minute preparations in prayer. On the Saturday of the Synod itself, March 15, an extended vigil will include concurrent intercessors from every deanery, in half-hour turns. Together, these vigils will be mobilizing about two hundred people, to lift you up in prayer before the Lord.

This ministry continues our habit of covering Diocesan Synods in prayer, as we did in November, 2002, February, 2003, and will again in November, 2003.

In addition to the vigils, AFP-Fredericton has sent a prayer-request throughout our regular Diocesan Prayer-Chain. When this chain is communicated to its widest possible participation, as is the case with the 126th Diocesan Synod, close to four hundred prayer-partners are interceding daily for the two-week period leading up to your meeting. (This includes Prayer Chains and Circles of Prayer in every participating parish, representing about 70 parishes at the present time.)

When many people think of Prayer-Ministries, they think of praying for the sick and the suffering. We are pleased to do this, but we are also eager to thank God and intercede for other aspects of the church's life. In the last year we have prayed for several parishes, for special challenges and opportunities facing the Bishop and other clergy, and for diocesan programs or groups like the Men's Conference. It is our privilege to pray for all of you, as you fulfill this important ministry of discernment in our diocese.

May God be with you, and empower you all with faith, courage, and wisdom.

Prayerfully Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Chris McMullen

AFP Fredericton Diocesan Representative

And our Deanery Representatives:

Chaleur: Brenda Jewett

Fredericton and York: Elizabeth Spinney

Kennecasis: Betty Jane Markham

Kingston: Pauline Chambers

Lancaster: Eleanor Dryden

Miramichi: Herb and Deanne Trevors

St. Andrews: Glenna Jack

Saint John: Doreen Lake

Shediac: Charlene Routledge

Woodstock: Marjorie Perley

"Prayer Unites"

126th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton (Electoral)
March 15, 2003

Christ Church (Parish) Church
Corner Westmorland & Charlotte Sts., Fredericton
Information and Instructions for Delegates

Background:

Bishop Hockin has announced his intention to retire and in making that announcement, expressed a desire that a Coadjutor Bishop be elected in an effort to ensure a smooth transition to a new Episcopacy. At the 124th Synod, convened in November 2003, a decision was made to call an Electoral Synod to be held, March 15, 2003 in order to elect a Coadjutor Bishop. (In the event that inclement weather forces postponement, the Synod would be held on March 22nd.)

A Coadjutor Bishop is one who assumes the office of Diocesan Bishop, upon the resignation of the serving Bishop. The election of a Coadjutor at this time will allow for an overlap of office, or a transitional time, leading up to the installation of the new Diocesan. This process can assist the newly elected Bishop in preparation for assuming the many and varied duties of the Office.

The Synod also approved for distribution a Profile of the Diocese and a copy of that document is included in this mailing.

Synod Logistics:

The Electoral Synod will be held at Christ Church (Parish) Church. Registration will take place in the Lower Hall commencing at 8:30 a.m.. All clergy and lay delegates must report to the registration area before proceeding to the Synod venue.

Delegates are asked to be seated in the Church by 9:45 a.m.. The Synod will begin with a Service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., following which we will begin the electoral process (11:00 a.m.) The clergy and lay delegates are seated in separate areas of the Church. Ushers will be on hand to direct traffic flow.

Lunch will be served.

The Electoral Synod will be chaired by the Most Rev Reverend Andrew S. Hutchison, Bishop of Montreal and Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

Voting:

The appropriate ballot forms will be handed out at Registration. Only those persons who are qualified, may receive ballot forms and vote at an Electoral Synod. Among the clergy this includes clergy, either active or retired, who are licensed by the Bishop of Fredericton and resident in the Diocese. Among the laity this includes, ex-officio members of Synod; Church Army Officers licensed by the Bishop of Fredericton and resident in the Diocese; and Parish lay delegates or their alternates.

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Included in this mailing is a complete set of instructions for delegates as to the voting process and the agenda for the Electoral Synod. Please read it carefully.

Sequence of Events Following Election:

The date for the Consecration of the Coadjutor Bishop is June 24, 2003. It is further expected that the Installation Service for the new Diocesan Bishop will be held on November 7th at Christ Church Cathedral. The details around these services will be made available in due course.

The Coadjutor will be placed on Diocesan staff shortly after the Consecration Service, and begin the process of working with Bishop Hockin and others to prepare for the assumption duties as Diocesan.

<p style="text-align: center;">An Information Guide for Delegates to the Electoral Synod Electoral Synod –Coadjutor Bishop</p>
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March 15, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – Christ Church Parish Church
Archbishop Andrew Hutchinson, Chair

Ref: Canon II of the Canons of the Diocese of Fredericton

As you arrive:

- You will have received, by mail, a list of candidates for election as Diocesan Coadjutor Bishop, who were nominated on or before February 28 (s. 3(5)) (due to time limitations and production requirements cut-off for nominations to be included in the mailing of information was February 25th.)
- You will receive, upon registration, a further list of candidates nominated on or before March 13, 2003, the official closing date for nominations (s. 3(6)).
- You will also receive a booklet of individual ballot forms (one for each ballot) on which you must **clearly print** the name of the **one** candidate for whom you wish to vote (s.3A(2)). Lay and clergy ballots are colour coded.

Following 10 a.m. Service of Holy Communion celebrated by Archbishop Hutchinson the electoral process will begin, in accordance with Canon II (attached):

- The Chair will request that the Chancellor inform Synod concerning the following matters:
 - the existence of a quorum (s. 6),
 - the ballots and the voting procedure (s.3A – 4)
 - the names of the Convenor of Scrutineers, the Scrutineers and their substitutes (s. 3A(2))
- The Chancellor will also remind Synod that:
 - “any priest in Holy Orders of the Anglican church of Canada or of any Church in full communion therewith who is at least thirty years of age may be elected to Episcopal office.” (s 5)
 - to be elected, a candidate must receive at least two-thirds of the votes of each order of the Electoral Synod (lay and clergy members present and voting) (s. 4(1))
 - a nominee may remove his/her name from the list of nominees at any time(s. 3A(6)),
 - Synod may, at any time, by a two-thirds vote in each order of the Electoral Synod, refer the election to the House of Bishops of the Province of Canada (s.4(2))
- The Chair shall request that Synod approve the agenda for the day and the voting procedures as explained (s. 3A(2))
- The Chair will read the list of nominees in alphabetical order and announce the commencement of voting (s. 3A(1))

After each ballot, the Chair shall:

- announce the results (s. 3A(2)),
- advise Synod of the candidates' names that must, according to Canon II, be removed from the list of nominees, and
- ask if any candidate wishes to withdraw his/her name.

On each of the first four ballots:

- A nominee who receives two-thirds of the vote of each order shall be declared elected(s. 4(1))
- A nominee must receive at least one vote in each order and a combined total of at least ten votes to remain on the list of nominees(s. 3A(3)(a) and (b))

If no candidate has been declared elected following the fourth ballot:

- The Chair will remind delegates that Synod may, on a motion carried by a majority of both orders, voting together, call for further nominations from the floor (s. 3A(4))
- If Synod passes such a motion, one or more additional candidates, which may include persons whose names have previously been removed from the list of nominees, may be nominated. Each nomination shall be by a joint nomination of one lay and one clerical member of Synod - including a substitute lay Member of Synod (s.3A(4))
- In the event of further nomination(s) the Chair shall briefly recess the balloting to permit the gathering and oral dissemination of biographical information, which shall be similar to that provided with respect to previously-nominated candidates(s. 3A(5))
- If there are no further nominations, voting will continue

On the fifth and succeeding ballots (if necessary):

- A nominee who receives two-thirds of the vote in each order shall be declared elected(s. 4(1))
- Each candidate must receive at least one vote in each order and at least twenty-five votes in each order to remain on the list of nominees(s. 3A(3)c)

What Will Happen Between Votes?

- At the discretion of the Archbishop there will be singing of hymns, individual and corporate prayer, meditations, etc during the counting of the ballots.

Canon II Election of Bishop Follows

CANON II

ELECTION OF BISHOPS

1. When a vacancy occurs in the See of Fredericton, the Commissary of the late Bishop, the Dean, or the Archdeacon senior by appointment, in that order, shall summon a special meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop to be held not less than thirty nor more than ninety days after the vacancy has occurred, at which meeting no business other than such election shall be proceeded with.
2. When
 - (a) at the request of the Bishop the Synod by resolution,
or
 - (b) the Synod by resolution carried by three-fourths vote of both the clergy and lay members present, voting by orders,declares it advisable that a Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan should be elected, the Synod shall elect such Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan at a subsequent regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose.
- 2A. (1) The Metropolitan shall preside at the election of a Bishop.
 - (2) In the absence of the Metropolitan or at his request, the Chancellor, or in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor, shall preside.
 - (3) If none of the Metropolitan, the Chancellor, and Vice-chancellor are present, the Synod shall elect a Chairman from among the lay members of the Synod.
 - (4) The Bishop may preside at the election of a Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan.
 - (5) At the request of, or in the absence of, the Bishop, the Chancellor, or Vice-chancellor shall preside.
 - (6) If none of the Bishop, the Chancellor, or the Vice-chancellor are present, the Synod shall elect a Chairman from among the lay members of Synod.
3. (1) When the date for convening a meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan ("Electoral Synod") has been selected pursuant to Section 1 or 2, the Secretary of Synod shall send a notice to all members of Synod convening the Electoral Synod.
 - (2) Such notice shall designate the place, time and the date for the Electoral Synod which shall not be earlier than 30 days from the date of the notice.
 - (3) The notice shall further invite written nominations of eligible persons for the election and shall specify that any nomination must be signed by one clergy and one lay delegate, or substitute lay delegate to Synod.
 - (4) Nominations shall be sent to the Secretary of Synod and shall close forty-eight (48) hours before the time fixed for the Electoral Synod.

- (5) At least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Electoral Synod the Secretary of Synod shall send to all Synod delegates a list of the names received in nomination at that time with brief biographical information concerning each nominee, all in a form approved by the Diocesan Council.
- ~~(6) The final list of nominees with any necessary biographical information shall be handed out at registration.~~
- 3A (1) When the Electoral Synod convenes, the person presiding shall read, in alphabetical order, the names received in nomination.
- (2) Voting on the list of nominees shall take place in accordance with Section 4 and the agenda and procedure adopted by the Electoral Synod.
- (3) When a nominee does not receive:
 - (a) on any ballot, at least one vote in each order, or
 - ~~(b) on any of the first four ballots, an aggregate in both orders of ten votes, or~~
 - (c) on the fifth or any subsequent ballot, an aggregate in both orders, of twenty-five votesthe name of that nominee shall be deleted from the list of nominees and a further ballot shall be taken on the reduced list of nominees.
- ~~(4) At any time after the fourth ballot, the Electoral Synod may, by motion carried by a majority of both orders voting together, direct the chair to call for further nominations. Such nominations shall be made from the floor. Each nomination must be made jointly by one clerical member and one lay member of the Electoral Synod. A nominee whose name has been deleted pursuant to paragraph (3) may be re-nominated.~~
- (5) When further nominations are made the Electoral Synod shall recess until brief biographical information concerning each new nominee, in the form approved by the Diocesan Council, has been provided to the members of the Electoral Synod.
- (6) A nominee may, at any time, withdraw his or her name from the list of nominees.
4. (1) The person who is chosen by the votes, taken by ballot, of two-thirds of the clergy present and voting, and two-thirds of the lay members present and voting at any such meeting or adjournment thereof, shall be declared elected to the office of Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan, as the case may be.
 - (2) The Synod may, at any such meeting, by the same majority as is required to elect, request the House of Bishops of the Province of Canada to appoint a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan.
5. Any priest in Holy Orders of the Anglican Church of Canada or of some Church in full communion therewith who is at least thirty years of age may be elected to episcopal office.
6. No election shall be vitiated by the absence of any of the persons summoned to the meeting at which the election takes place or by the failure of any parish to elect lay representatives.

7. The Chairman of the meeting and the Secretary of Synod shall forthwith notify the Metropolitan of the Province of Canada of every election made under this Canon.
8. Any question as to the validity of an election shall be submitted to the Metropolitan prior to the consecration of the person elected, or, if he is already consecrated, prior to his undertaking episcopal duties in the Diocese, and the decision of the Metropolitan shall be final.
9. Every Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan shall before his consecration, or, if already consecrated, before exercising any episcopal duties in the Diocese, make and subscribe before the metropolitan or some other person appointed by him the following declaration:

I, N., chosen Bishop of the See of Fredericton (or Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Fredericton), promise that I will teach and maintain the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada: and I declare that I consent to be bound by all rules and regulations which have been made or which may be made by the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton; and I agree immediately to resign the said office together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto if sentence requiring such resignation is at anytime passed upon me after due examination and trial had by the Tribunal acknowledged by the Synod of the Diocese for the trial of a Bishop, saving all rights of appeal allowed by Canon.
10. Every such declaration, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filled forthwith with the Secretary of the Synod.
11. The Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan shall preform such diocesan duties and exercise such episcopal functions as the Bishop may assign him, and in the case of the mental incapacity of the Bishop, such duties as the Bishop himself might have exercised but for such incapacity.
12. Should any difference arise between the Bishop and his Coadjutor or Suffragan relative to their respective rights and duties, it shall be referred to and decided by the House of Bishops of the Province of Canada.
13. The Bishop Coadjutor when duly consecrated shall have the right to succession to the See of Fredericton, shall succeed to the same immediately it becomes vacant, and shall be installed as Bishop of the See, provided that previous to his installation he make the declaration required of a Bishop by section 9.

Amended June 1993

PROFILE

of

THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

As approved by the 124th Diocesan Synod, November 16, 2002

Preface

In October, Bishop William Hockin announced to Diocesan Council his intention to retire as Bishop, effective October 31, 2003. He then called, with the agreement of Council, the 124th session of the Diocesan Synod in order to consider his request for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop and to set the date for that election to take place.

As recommended by Bishop Hockin and by Council, this diocesan profile was prepared for the consideration at that same Synod. When the Synod gathered on November 16, 2002, the Profile was approved as a source of information for both candidates and delegates at the forthcoming electoral synod.

PROFILE OF THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

ABOUT OUR DIOCESE AND OUR PARISHES:

The Diocese of Fredericton was founded in 1845. Bishop John Medley was the first Bishop of the Diocese and Bishop William Hockin the eighth. The Diocese has affirmed, in its Declaration of Principles, that it has been, and continues to be, a full member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. As such we are a church built on the faith expressed in the Solemn Declaration of 1893 (Book of Common Prayer page viii) and subscribe to the canons of both Provincial and General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The boundaries of our Diocese are those of the Province of New Brunswick. According to a recent Statistics Canada census, New Brunswick has a total population of 730,000 with 68% English and 30 % French. Approximately 62,000 are reported as being Anglicans. Ours is a largely rural Diocese with 85 parishes and 76 parish clergy and chaplains. Noteworthy is the fact that we have one international and one inter-denominational parish. Following is a breakdown of our parishes:

- 6% (4) have less than 50 members
- 14% (13) have 50-150 members
- 39% (35) have 150-350 members
- 41% (37) have 350 - 500+ members

There are almost 30,000 members on our parish rolls, and approximately 8,300 or 28% attend church on an average Sunday. Of the 2,425 children on the parish rolls, 1727 (71%) attend Sunday School. In 2000 there were 489 baptisms, 248 marriages, 644 funerals and 264 confirmations. Liturgies vary from parish to parish; both the BCP and the BAS are used extensively. The 8712 identifiable givers across the 85 parishes give an average of \$12 per Sunday. The "open" and "envelope" offerings provided a revenue total of \$5.4 million for our parishes in the year 2000.

The diocesan budget, which is established using a consultative approach that includes regional meetings, is \$1.6 million. We are currently enjoying a period of financial stability, with modest increases in revenues over the past three years. Through their annual assessments and mission contributions parishes provide just over 80% of the Diocese's total income. Following is a breakdown of budgets for certain costs: \$681,000 (43%) for program and ministry, \$323,600 (20.5%) for clergy-related, \$412,600 (26%) for administration, and \$168,200 (10.5%) for Episcopal.

The organizational structures and decision-making processes of the Diocese include the following:

- Synod normally meets every two years. It is chaired by the Bishop and is currently comprised of 135 active and retired clergy, and 285 voting lay delegates.

- A Diocesan Council (currently composed of 52 members) is chaired by the Bishop. The council supports and acts in an advisory capacity to the Bishop, and has responsibility for the management of the Diocese between synods.
- The main organizational committees of the Diocese are the Board of Finance (which has sub-committees for stipend and human resources, property, and investment matters) and the Constitution and Canons committee.
- For the purposes of parish oversight the Diocese is divided geographically into seven archdeaconries: Chaleur-Miramichi, Moncton, Kingston-Kennebecasis, Saint John, St. Andrews, Fredericton, and Woodstock.
- The Synod office staff comprises the following positions: the Diocesan Administrator/Treasurer, the Administrative Assistant, the Secretary to the Bishop and the Executive Assistant to the Bishop.
- The Bishop has been very visible across the Diocese (both in person and via the electronic media). This has been part of a highly consultative leadership and decision-making style that has been very well received by both clergy and lay leaders.

Diocesan program and organizational structures are strong. There are active and committed groups that oversee or coordinate outreach and spiritual growth programs such as Alpha, Teens Encounter Christ, annual men's conference, Cursillo, PWRDF, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer, Order of St. Luke, Layreaders, and summer youth camps (the School of Church Music, Camp Medley, Camp Brookwood, and St. Michael's Conference.) In addition there are several active and committed diocesan organizations such as the ACW, Mothers Union, and the Guild of St. Joseph.

PRIORITIES OF SYNOD & OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

There is a renewed sense of unity and purpose in our Diocese, primarily the result of the Bishop's charges to the 2000 and 2001 synods. These charges were particularly well received, because they reflected the concerns and priorities of both clergy and lay leaders, and called for collective action in key areas of ministry. The Diocese is united in its desire to work with the Bishop in making significant improvements, through integrated action plans, in these four main areas:

- **Youth Ministry**
- **Education and Development of Our Clergy and Lay Leaders**
- **Stewardship and Financial Development**
- **Strengthening Struggling Parishes**

As well, there is general support across the Diocese for two basic principles: first, that parishes are "the engine of Christian mission" and must be strong and healthy in order to help individuals develop strong personal relationships with Jesus Christ; and second, that the role of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council/staff is to provide leadership, coordination and support. Based on this model many people are currently serving on diocesan action teams and committees that are leading to improvements in the four areas mentioned above. The extensive involvement of clergy and lay leaders in identifying and formulating plans in these areas has led to momentum, support and parish-based commitment to many new diocesan programs and initiatives such as:

Youth Ministry:

- A highly-successful Diocese-wide **Youth Consultation** which led to the Bishop declaring **2003 as Year of the Youth**, a **14 point Youth Action Plan**, and the creation of a new diocesan **leadership position** in youth ministry
- The establishment of a **new diocesan Christian Education Director** (part-time) whose focus has been to increase the importance and visibility of Christian Education programs for our children, and to train those who teach and lead
- New **guidelines** to help **prepare candidates for confirmation**
- Increased **support for summer camps** (Medley, Brookwood)
- Diocesan financial support of **parish youth ministry**
- Increased support of **Teens Encounter Christ**

Education and Development of Our Clergy and Lay Leaders:

- The establishment of the highly successful annual **Clergy College**
- New investment in **divinity education** and improved **post-ordination training**
- The establishment of a new **diocesan resource centre**
- A diocesan **Men's Conference** designed to encourage personal spiritual growth (note: a number of women from throughout the diocese annually attend a similar conference, which is sponsored by the Christ Church Cathedral ACW)
- The Bishop's **video-taped Lenten Bible study program**
- Continued support of **lay readers, Cursillo and Alpha** programs
- A new "**Definitely Not Synod**" (DNS) lay leadership weekend
- **Warden's Day** and development of new **guidelines for parish officers**

Stewardship and Financial Development:

- Two diocesan **conferences/workshops on stewardship**
- The creation of a new **Stewardship Education & Action Team**
- **Regional consultations** as part of the diocesan budget-development process
- Two very successful **Bishop's Dinners**, the proceeds from which provided base financing for the clergy college and various youth ministry initiatives
- Two successful **Bishop's Appeals**

Strengthening Struggling Parishes:

- Creation of **archdeaconry commissions** to help the Bishop address challenging parish issues
- **Partnering of smaller parishes**, and (in some cases) the sharing of clergy leadership
- **Facilitation of parish amalgamations** in close cooperation with parish clergy and lay leaders
- An overall **reduction in the number of aided parishes** from 16 to 6
- A renewed "**sense of community**" in many parishes

A FINAL WORD

It is the desire of the Diocese of Fredericton that, as we approach a synod to elect our Coadjutor Bishop, that God will provide a person who:

- Is called to Christian ministry according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ and the order of the Church of God
- Will lead us in our love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ
- Is aware of the changes that are occurring in the church and in society, and is able to preach and teach from the age-old Gospel in such a way as to connect with the modern generation while, at the same time, meeting the needs of traditional Anglicans
- Is a person whose life is one of Christian example
- Is merciful to the poor, the needy, and the destitute, and
- Will strive to maintain the unity and harmony we share in our Christ-centered ministry across the Diocese and in each parish.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Almighty Father, we pray that you will prepare the servant of your choice to lead our diocese in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. We pray that you will lead us to a person who will build up your Church, continue to renew its ministry and unite its people in the holy fellowship of trust and love. Provide for us a true shepherd who will feed and govern your flock, and a wise teacher who will be a steadfast guardian of its faith and sacraments. Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and Your Holy Spirit, belong all honour and glory, worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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Minutes of the 124th session of The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton

November 16th, 2002

Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton
The Rt. Reverend William J. Hockin Presiding

The 124th Synod began with a service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church Cathedral, on Saturday, November 16th, 2002. The service was attended by more than 280 clergy and lay delegates to Synod and by numerous observers.

Registration Committee

The Committee reported that there were 77 of 130 Clergy, and 210 of 267 lay delegates registered for Synod. The Bishop declared that a quorum was present.

Corrections to Minutes of 123rd session of the Synod

In one of the Appendix of the response to the Bishop's Charge the word "well" should be in quotation marks

A second "t" should have been added to the name of Mrs. Betty Kennett on page 2.

Mrs. Kathy Nason's name was misspelled on page 7 (change to a "K")

On page 1 of the first Appendix, at the beginning of the second paragraph, the phrase "at Synod 2001" should be changed to "at Synod 2000" (change of year).

In the fourth paragraph of the first page, in the third line, the phrase "is included as Appendix A" should read instead "is included as Appendix 1" (changes "A" to "1").

Appointment of Recording Secretary

123-1 Canon Fred Scott/The Rev. Jane Arnott THAT the Rev. Bentley Steers be appointed Recording Secretary for the Session. Carried.

Minutes of the 123rd Session of the Synod

123-2 The Rev. Gerry Laskey/The Rev. Chris Van Buskirk THAT the minutes be accepted. Carried.

The Bishop thanked all who organized this Synod.

The Bishop welcomed clergy new to this Diocese, including: The Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks, The Rev. Julie Armstrong, The Rev. Greg Frazer.

Agenda Review

The Bishop introduced three items on our agenda and addressed the Synod accordingly.

Motions coming before the Synod

As an introduction to the first motion, the Bishop discussed the advantages of a specific process of transition (from one Bishop to another) and the benefit of a co-adjutorship for the Diocese and for the individual so elected as succeeding Bishop.

Regarding Election of a Coadjutor Bishop

123-3 Mr. Keith Dow/The Ven. Stuart Allan.

THAT this Synod call for the convening of an Electoral Synod, to be held on Saturday, March 15, 2003 at a time and place to be established in order to elect a Coadjutor Bishop.

Mr. Dow read the explanation as printed in Notices of Motion page 1 in the circular, which detailed the process leading up to consecration and installation of the new Bishop and the cost ramifications.

The Bishop invited those gathered to speak to the motion.

The Rev. Neville Cheeseman expressed favor for a Coadjutor Bishop, but he felt it was not necessary to have the Coadjutor serve for the period of time envisioned in the motion and the explanation.

He commented as well that the actual costs of electing a Coadjutor Bishop could be higher than noted in the explanation, when one takes into account the installation and consecration of the Coadjutor and the Electoral Synod itself.

AMENDMENT

123-4 The Rev. Neville Cheeseman/Canon Alvin Westgate

THAT this Synod call for the convening of an Electoral [Synod] to be held at a date to be determined.

Debate of the motion ensued and the motion was defeated in a vote.

Discussion returned to the original motion.

A suggestion was made that we should have an alternate date for an Electoral Synod to allow for inclement weather.

SECOND AMENDMENT:

123-5 The Rev. Rufus Onyewuchi/The Rev. Brenda McKnight

THAT the original motion to convene an Electoral Synod on March 15, 2003 be amended to allow for the alternate date of Saturday, March 22, 2003, in the event of inclement weather forcing the postponement of the Electoral Synod on March 15, 2003. Carried

The amended motion was then put and carried.

Regarding a Diocesan Profile

Mr. Keith Dow presented the Diocesan Profile for the consideration of this Synod and said this profile was created for Synod delegates AND prospective nominees. The document was produced by a subcommittee of Diocesan Council.

Chancellor Charles Ferris introduced the team who put the profile together:

Keith Dow Jim Morrell Shara Golden Rev. Bill MacMullin
Charles Ferris Peter Irish Archdeacon Stuart Allan. Rev. Patricia Drummond

Archdeacon Stuart Allan spoke about the Diocesan Profile, calling it “the result of very careful work” and “not a static document, but a look at our current Diocese.”

123-6 Mr. Keith Dow/The Ven. Stuart Allan

THAT the Diocesan Profile as printed and distributed be adopted.

The motion was carried.

Chancellor Charles Ferris presented a motion regarding revision of the Church of England Act

Regarding Revisions to the Church of England Act

123-7 Mr. Charles Ferris/ Dr. Barry Craig

Be it resolved THAT this Synod approve the proposed Anglican Church Act 2003 for submission to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick for enactment at its next sitting.

Chancellor Ferris invited the members of the working committee on this motion to come forward. That group included Mr Beverly Smith, Canon Ronald Stevenson, Mr Eugene Westhaver, The Rev Dr Barry Craig, Mr Clyde Spinney and other members of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Chancellor Ferris spoke about the reasoning and process behind the re-writing of the Church of England Act.

He stated: “who we are as Christians in this church is not affected by what you are considering today” “These legal revisions will better facilitate our mission.”

“These changes reflect modern business practices and the reality of church life in New Brunswick” “Most of what is before you is an exacting consolidation of the previous act.”

Chancellor Ferris took Synod delegates through a review of each section of the proposed new Anglican Church Act 2003.

Mr. Beverly Smith then addressed specific parts of the proposed Act, namely that referring to “indemnification” and the “prudent investor rule”. His remarks were enlightening and help delegates understand these sometimes complicated terms and the ramifications of them.

Mr. Ron Stevenson addressed subsection 3 of the proposed Act regarding names of parish corporations. He referenced the list which would be included in the Act and which shows the existing parish names alongside the proposed new names where applicable. It was noted that there was an omission and that is addressed. Parishes are urged to look at this list and if they have objections to the proposed new name they should so inform the Committee.

The Bishop acknowledged the hard work of members of the Constitutions and Canons Committee.

The Bishop opened the floor for debate.

AMENDMENT A call to retain the historical name of the Diocese
123-8 The Rev. David Barrett/The Ven. John Sharpe

THAT all references to the name “The Diocese of New Brunswick” be removed from the proposed “The Anglican Church Act, 2003” and the name “The Diocese of Fredericton” be retained (and the resulting other necessary changes be made).

Debate on the motion ensued and this amendment to the original motion was carried by a majority vote.

Synod adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1pm.

Debate continued on the proposed Revisions to the Church of England Act.

SECOND AMENDMENT - clarification as to the definition of a Parish as contained in the Act

123-9 The Rev. Chris Van Buskirk/Canon Dr. David Mercer

THAT subsection 9 (1) (a) [of the proposed “The Anglican Church Act, 2003”] be changed to read “a specific district or geographical area (and its people) which encompasses a church (or churches) AND

Debate on this amendment ensued and the amendment was carried by a vote of 136/94.

The amended motion, (124-7), was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Canon Fred Scott expressed his appreciation to those who worked to organize this Synod, including:

The Cathedral Staff for their welcome, the facility and the Synod Service.

Peter Waterhouse for music leadership.

The Cathedral Church Women for their catering and refreshments.

Staff persons Doreen Smith and Phyllis Cathcart for their administrative assistance.

Ruth Gorlick and the Registration Committee for their excellent work.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons for their diligence and expertise.

The Bishop for his leadership of the Synod.

The clergy and lay delegates for their attendance and participation

The Rt. Rev. William J. Hockin, Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, closed the afternoon with prayer and announced that this 124th Session of Synod was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Bentley Steers, Recording Secretary,

Canon L.F. Scott, Diocesan Treasurer, on Behalf of the Canonical Secretary



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Minutes of the 125th session of The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton

February 8th, 2003

**Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton
The Rt. Reverend William J. Hockin Presiding**

The 125th Synod began with a prayer by Bishop William J. Hockin.

Registration Committee

The Committee reported that there were 67 of 130 Clergy, and 198 of 267 lay delegates registered for Synod. The Bishop declared that a quorum was present. (Final registration report showed 73 of 130 clergy and 219 of 267 laity registered.)

Appointment of Recording Secretary

125-1 Canon Fred Scott/The Rev Rufus Onyewuchi THAT the Rev. Bentley Steers be appointed Recording Secretary for the Session. Carried.

The Bishop introduced and thanked all who organized this Synod: Arrangements - Canon Fred Scott; Registration - Ruth Gorlick, Doreen Smith and committee; Agenda - Charles Ferris, Press - Ana and David Watts.

The Bishop introduced newest ordinand to this Diocese, The Rev. Chris Hayes and Postulant Bonita Leblanc, who will be ordained later this year.

The Bishop introduced the items on our agenda and offered general remarks with regard to the issues being faced.

Presentations

The Bishop introduced Canon Stevenson, Chancellor of General Synod, who gave a brief history and overview of residential schools and the litigation that arose from them. He mentioned that 28 of 30 dioceses had already ratified the agreement that our Synod is called to consider. He spent time outlining the terms of the residential schools litigation settlement and addressed some of the specific questions that were raised at the regional consultations held prior to the Synod.

Canon Stevenson noted the effect of the settlement and the impact it will have on ministry and relationships with indigenous peoples. He stated the three goals which served as guiding principals in the negotiation process and depicted the consequences of the failure of the Church to ratify the agreement.

Mr. Charles Ferris, Diocesan Chancellor, was then introduced and he outlined the various documents our Diocese is being asked to sign as witness to its participation in the settlement agreement. He discussed the legal obligations that arise from our decision and addressed the matter of why we should be considering this. Mr. Ferris spoke at length about the documents that we will sign namely the Promissory Note, the Contribution and Cooperation Agreement and the General Synod Support Agreement. He explained these documents and what they mean to us and to the settlement agreement itself.

The Promissory Note states that the Diocese will provide the amount requested which is \$762,000 and shows the schedule of quarterly payments over the five year term of the agreement.

The Contribution and Cooperation Agreement outlines the terms of this commitment in terms of the corporation established to oversee and manage the settlement fund.

The General Synod Support Agreement represents our ongoing commitment to do our best to ensure that the General Synod can continue in its ministry and to provide financial support for their budget in that respect.

Notices of Motion

Motions coming before the Synod

Regarding this Synod's participation in the Residential Schools settlement agreement

124-2 Mr. Keith Dow/The Ven. Stuart Allan.

THAT this Synod agree to participate, along with the General Synod and the other Dioceses across the Anglican Church of Canada, in the settlement agreement in the Residential Schools Litigation, and in that respect, authorize the signing of the Contribution and Cooperation Agreement, the Promissory Note in furtherance of the Agreement, and the General Synod Support Agreement.

The Bishop invited those gathered to speak to the motion.

Several speakers expressed their views. One of them, an individual who had served and supported the Residential Schools, expressed concern over the impact that litigation is having on those former workers and on those who supported the Schools out of a sense of Christian Mission. Others agreed and expressed similar concern that the good work done at the schools was being overshadowed by the litigation.

Still others spoke of the need to mend the errors and to move forward with ministry.

AMENDMENT

124-3 The Rev. Canon Philip Ward/The Rev. William MacMullin

Moved that the following words be added to the Motion: “such agreement to participate to be conditional both on a prior apology being given publicly by the Primate, and also on a full report of such apology being printed on page 1 of *The Anglican Journal*; such apology to be both to the many Anglicans who served faithfully and honourably in the Residential Schools; and also to the members of the *Anglican Church Women*. “

There was concern that this amendment could delay the ratification process and also expressed was some reservation as to whether the Synod could compel the Primate to offer the requested apology or the Anglican Journal to print such an item on the front page as noted in the motion.

The discussion that ensued seemed to indicate that the intent of the motion was sound, but to add it as a condition of participation is somewhat negative.

After some further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

The original motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Presentation - Financial Implications

Canon Fred Scott, Diocesan Treasurer, offered a presentation dealing with the financial aspect of the agreement and the manner in the Diocese of Fredericton would meet its financial and legal obligations that follow our acceptance.

One key component of the financial plan provided to delegates prior to the Synod is a recommendation that the obligation be paid over a three year period, instead of the five years envisioned. This would serve to put the matter to rest more expediently and will also benefit General Synod in terms of the cash flow of the Settlement Fund.

The Treasurer explained for the Synod that the funding for the payment would come from a combination of three sources:

The first of these is unencumbered Diocesan Funds totaling \$160,000. Second would be through donations invited from individuals and parishes, the goal of which would be \$87,500. The remaining \$515,000 would come from the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund Retained Earnings Reserve.

Mr Scott detailed these three sources and informed the Synod that the financial plan was being amended in order to place clear limitations as to the use of the Retained earnings Reserve.

Members of the Synod were given an information sheet which showed calculations of the Retained Reserve as it is attributed to Diocesan and Parish Funds. The use of the reserve will be limited to that amount attributed to Diocesan Funds, and Parish attributions will not be used.

Further, the use of the Diocesan portion of the reserve will be limited to that part which is attributable to funds and trusts where the use of income is general in nature and not tied to specific restrictions.

These steps were seen as necessary in order to ensure that the use of the Retained Reserve is in keeping with generally accepted Trust regulations and is done in a manner that honours the historical relationship of trust that exists between parish and Diocese in respect of the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund.

The Treasurer also announced that this issue has highlighted a need for work and study to be undertaken with a view to establishing a more formal framework for the operation of the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund. This issue will be dealt with in the months ahead by the Board of Finance and Diocesan Council.

Motion coming before Synod

Regarding this Synod's intention to provide funding in support of the negotiated Residential Schools Litigation Settlement

125-4 Mr. Gene Moore/Mr. Tom Crowther

THAT this Synod agree to provide funding in the amount of \$762,000 in support of the negotiated Residential Schools Litigation Settlement, utilizing the funding sources and following the financial plan as recommended by the Diocesan Council, on the condition that any use of the Funds held in the Consolidated Investment Fund Retained Reserve be limited to that portion of the Reserve that is directly attributable to the Diocesan portion of the Investment Fund.

Amendment:

125-5 The Rev. Neville Cheeseman/Mrs. Shara Golden

THAT the motion 125-4 be amended so as to end after the words "Residential Schools Litigation Settlement."

Discussion of this amendment followed, during which it was ruled by the Chancellor that the motion is, in effect, a tabling motion.

Following further discussion the amending motion was withdrawn.

The original motion 125-4 was then put and carried unanimously.

Motion from the floor:

Regarding a request that the Primate address the issue of the manner in which this litigation has affected the former workers of the Residential Schools and those who supported the ministry

125.6 The Rev. Canon Philip Ward/The Rev. William MacMullin

THAT this Synod invite the Primate to make a public apology, and that The Anglican Journal be encouraged to report such apology prominently, such apology to be offered both to the many Anglicans who served faithfully and honorably in the Residential Schools, and also to the members

of the Anglican Church Women, for any previous statements that implied that their support of the ministry through the Residential Schools was inappropriate or unappreciated.

The motion was carried.

The Rt. Rev. William J. Hockin, Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, closed the afternoon with prayer and announced that this 125th Session of Synod was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Bentley Steers, Recording Secretary,
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APPENDIX A: The Settlement Contribution Payment Schedule

Payment 1: Second Quarter 2003 \$254,000

This represents one third of our commitment. The source of this payment would be the Retained Earnings Reserve.

Payment 2: Fourth Quarter 2003 \$160,000

The source of this payment would be unencumbered Diocesan funds on hand including:

The Douglas Estate Bequest *	\$18,000
The McSweeney Estate Bequest *	\$32,000
A.I. M. Residue on hand	\$16,500
Sale Proceeds Canterbury House	\$93,750

* Portions of these two bequests were used during 2000 to 2002 as a partial funding source for the Christian Education Director position

The budget impact of the use of these funds is nominal - loss of interest income about \$6,500 in the budget for 2004 and beyond.

Payments 3 through 10: Quarterly during 2004 and 2005 at \$43,500 each

In each of the two years the source of the first three quarterly payments would be the Retained Earnings Reserve.

It is hoped that we can put in place an effective process for inviting and collecting voluntary contributions from parishes and individuals and that we would have sufficient funding from those sources to cover the fourth payment in each of the two years. There is also the possibility that budget opportunities will present themselves as a funding source, but this is not 'counted' at this point.

Summary of sources:

Retained Earnings Reserve	\$515,000
Unencumbered Capital	160,000
Contributions	<u>87,000</u>
	\$762,000