

## **Notices of Motion (not included in the convening circular)**

### **Motion 2024-04 - Financial Flexibility for Local Evangelism**

**Greg McMullin / Michael Caines**

**MOVED THAT**

- (a) The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton be advised to partner with parishes in the ministry of evangelism by yielding as much as \$10,000 of a parish's annual Shared Ministry Assessment in order to provide the parish with financial flexibility for specified, annual meeting-approved evangelistic ministry, so that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ can be more greatly presented in the power of the Holy Spirit in local communities with the hope that men, women and children would come to put their faith in God through Him, accept Him as their Saviour and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church;
- (b) The Diocesan Council, in conjunction with the Synod Finance Committee, re-prioritize Synod budgeting to make possible such a diocese-wide evangelistic initiative; and
- (c) The Diocesan Council require parishes engaging with such initiatives to submit an annual accountability report.

*Funding: Although this motion is subject to available funding, it would have the Diocesan Council re-prioritize annual budgeting in order to make such an initiative possible.*

*Background: A 2019 report to the Canadian House of Bishops by the Rev. Neil Elliot, a priest and researcher based in British Columbia, reviewed the church's historical membership data. It found that between 2001 and 2017 membership in the church dropped by 44 percent (from 641,845 to 357,123). In the same period average Sunday attendance declined by 40 percent (from 162,168 to 97,421). These statistics underscore the urgent warning given by former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, who said "We must recall that the Church is always one generation away from extinction."*

*As one Archbishop of Canterbury sounded the alarm, another heralded a hopeful vision. Archbishop William Temple, calling the Church to prioritize her ministry of evangelism, defined it in the following way: "To evangelize is to so present Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that men and women shall come to put their faith in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church."*

*Given the current trend of declining church membership, including in the Diocese of Fredericton, this motion is proposed in the spirit of our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all peoples (Matthew 28:19) and with a sense of urgency.*

**Motion 2024-05 – Christ Church Cathedral**  
**Gerry Laskey / Paul Gwese**

MOVED THAT

This 139th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton declare:

- a. Our loyalty, attachment and commitment to Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, as our “Mother Church”;
- b. Our commitment to its continuing Life and Ministry among us, including support for any necessary financial campaigns;
- c. Our conviction that the whole Diocese has a stake in its future and needs to work together for that future;
- d. Our concern over possible changes in its ownership structure; and
- e. Our expectation that the Archbishop and Cathedral Chapter will make the people of our Diocese (particularly members of the Synod and Diocesan Council) aware of developments as they may arise, and that updates will be shared through Diocesan communications channels.

**Motion – Archdeaconry Elections to Diocesan Council**  
**Robert Taylor / David Peer**

MOVED THAT

This Synod accept the Archdeaconry Greater Chapter elections to Diocesan Council, as presented:

Chatham	The Rev. Canon Gerald Laskey (Derby and Blackville) Ms. Laura McNulty (New Bandon)
Fredericton	The Rev. Neil Osiowy (Ludlow and Blissfield) Ms. Nancy Stephens (Douglas and Nashwaaksis)
Kingston and the Kennebecasis	Mr. Connor DeMerchant (Kingston) The Rev. Robert Montgomery (Gondola Point)
Moncton	Mr. Michael Briggs (the Six Saints) The Rev. Julian Pillay (Riverview)
Saint John	The Rev. Terence Chandra (St. Mark, SJ) Mr. Trevor Fotheringham (Fundy and the Lakes)
St. Andrews	Mr. Tony Munn (Pennfield) The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko (Pennfield)
Woodstock	The Rev. Harold Boomer (Andover and Denmark) No lay person elected