141st Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton
Substantive Motions Carried

Motion 2026-01 – Amendment of Synod Constitution
David Bell/Cheryl Jacobs

MOVED THAT
the *Synod Constitution* be amended as follows:

3 The Synod shall consist of
(a) the Bishop,
(b) the Coadjutor Bishop,
(c) the Suffragan Bishop,
(d) the Assistant Bishop,
(d.1) the Diocesan Administrator,
(e) the Dean,
(f) members of the clergy,
(g) the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor,
(h) the Diocesan President of the Anglican Church Women,
(i) the Secretary of the Synod,
(j) the Treasurer of the Synod,
(k) evangelists **and missioners** ~~of Threshold Ministries~~ licensed in the Diocese, and
(l) the lay members of the Synod or their substitutes chosen pursuant to this Constitution.

Motion 2026-02 – Amendment of Canon Four
David Bell/Cheryl Jacobs

MOVED THAT
Canon Four – Diocesan Governance be amended as follow:

21(1) The Diocesan Council shall exercise and support the educational functions of the Diocese and, without limiting the generality of this function, shall establish and affirm the relationship between the Diocese and the following educational institutions:

(a) University of King's College, Halifax,
(b) Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, **and**
(c) Rothesay Netherwood School, Rothesay~~, and~~
~~(d) Threshold School of Ministry, Saint John~~.

Motion 2026-03 – Amendment of Canon Four
David Bell/Cheryl Jacobs

MOVED THAT
Canon Four - Diocesan Governance be amended as follows:

16(1) The Diocesan Council shall

(a) as provided in the Constitution, manage and administer the temporal affairs of the Diocese, subject to the Bishop's approval and any limitations prescribed in the Canons,

(b) have special concern for the mission, ministry and program of the Church in the Diocese,

(c) support the work of the Church in Canada and the world,

(c.1) levy financial apportionments and assessments on the Cathedral, parish corporations, and missions in support of the Synod's work,

(d) [etc.]

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~~16(6.1)~~ **repealed 2026** ~~In exceptional circumstances the Diocesan Council and or its Executive Committee may meet in by e-mail or other electronic medium.~~

Motion 2026-04 – Amendment of Canon Six
David Bell/Cheryl Jacobs

MOVED THAT
Canon Six – Parish Governance be amended as follows:

> 2(4) No person may be nominated or elected as a Church Warden who has served as a Church Warden for five consecutive years immediately preceding the time of such election.
> 2(5) If both Church Wardens have served for five years, the annual meeting may elect one of them as a Church Warden for the ensuing year only.
> 2(6) **Notwithstanding sub-sections (4) and (5), the Diocesan Council may grant for a stated time a Parish Corporation's application for continuation of a Church Warden's tenure in office. Such application is subject to prior or subsequent ratification by the parish's annual meeting or by a special meeting of parish voting members. A parish receiving such permission is free nonetheless to replace any of its wardens at an annual meeting.**

Motion 2026-05 (as amended) – Amendment of Canon Six
David Henderson/Norman McLeod
Amendment: Cheryl Jacobs / Maria Shepherdson

MOVED THAT
Canon Six – Parish Governance be amended as follows:

> 2(1) There shall be, not later than the third Sunday in March in each year, an annual meeting of voting members in each parish which shall
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> > (a) determine, before nominations are made, the number, being not fewer than **six** nor more than twelve, of members of the Vestry to be elected, **but with the permission of the Diocesan Council the number of Vestry to be elected may be fewer than six,**
> > (b) elect, by a plurality of votes, two Church Wardens and members of the Vestry in the number determined pursuant to paragraph (a),
> > [etc]

Motion 2026-06 – Obsolete or Impractical Trusts
Edias Christopher Tapera/Myrna Good-Hollett

MOVED THAT
Diocesan Council be advised as follows:

1. To invite parishes and the Synod Office to identify any trust, memorial, endowment, or other externally restricted fund held for charitable purposes where the original purpose appears to have ceased, become impracticable, become obsolete, or is otherwise incapable of being fulfilled;
2. To collect from such parishes or church bodies a brief description of the trust, the donor's stated purpose, the amount currently held, and the reasons why the original purpose is thought no longer capable of fulfilment;
3. To seek legal advice respecting the provisions of the *Anglican Church Act*, the *Trustees Act*, and any other applicable law concerning the variation or administration of charitable trusts and restricted funds;
4. To consider whether there are circumstances in which applications to vary or reform particular trusts may appropriately be pursued in accordance with applicable law and with due regard to the charitable intentions of the original donors;
5. To report its findings and recommendations to a future session of Synod.

Motion – Archdeaconry Elections to Diocesan Council
Cheryl Jacobs / Rob Salloum

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

Chatham Hardwicke)	The Rev. Chukwuebuka Chukwuemeka (Newcastle-Nelson-
	Ms. Laura McNulty (New Bandon)
Fredericton	Dr. Ken Brien (St. Margaret's)
	The Rev. Neil Osiowy (Ludlow and Blissfield)
Kingston and the Kennebecasis	Mr. Connor DeMerchant (Kingston)
	The Rev. Robert Montgomery (Gondola Point)
Moncton	The Rev. Julian Pillay (Riverview)
	(no lay representative elected)
Saint John	The Rev. Terence Chandra (St. Mark, SJ)
	Ms. Margaret Holder (Portland)
St. Andrews	Ms. Dawn Clark (Pennfield)
	The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko (Pennfield)
Woodstock	The Rev. Harold Boomer (Andover and Denmark)
	Ms. Marilyn Wilson (Richmond)