



**THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON**  
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**MINUTES OF THE  
126<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE  
DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON  
(ELECTORAL)**

The Most Rev'd Andrew Hutchison Presiding

The 126<sup>th</sup> session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton was convened at Christ Church (Parish) Church on Saturday, March 15, 2003 for the purpose of electing a Coadjutor Bishop as directed by the 124<sup>th</sup> session (November 2002).

Registration opened at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Delegates were asked to be seated in church by 9:45 a.m. for the Eucharist Service. The Most Reverend Andrew Hutchison, Metropolitan of the Province of Canada, presided at the Eucharist. Following the Eucharist, the Right Reverend William Hockin assumed the chair and offered words of welcome and opening remarks.

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Canon L.F. Scott, on behalf of the Registration Committee, reported that as of 11:00 a.m. there were 266 lay delegates (out of a possible 273) and 102 clergy delegates (out of a possible 127) registered. The Bishop declared that was a quorum present.

**APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

126-01 - Canon L.F. Scott/The Reverend Rufus Onyewuchi

That the Reverend Leo Martin be appointed Recording Secretary for this session of Synod.  
Carried.

**MINUTES OF THE 124<sup>TH</sup> AND 125<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN SYNODS**

126-02 - The Reverend Ross Hebb/The Reverend Gordon Thompson

That the minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> and 125<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synods be accepted as circulated in the Convening Circular.  
Carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SYNOD COMMITTEES**

Canon L.F. Scott provided the following list:

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| Registration | Ruth Gorlick and Committee from the Parish Church |
| Press        | Ana Watts   |
| Agenda       | Charles Ferris and L.F. Scott                     |

Scrutineers Ronald Stevenson, convenor

For lay ballots:

- The Reverend Brent Ham
- The Reverend Julie Armstrong
- The Reverend Canon Tom Smith
- Kimberley Monteith

For clergy ballots:

- Ray Dixon
- Jim Morell
- Shara Golden
- The Reverend Robyn Cuming

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERGY**

The Bishop introduced the Reverend Bonnie Baird, a priest of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, who is presently working as interim priest in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.

**INTRODUCTION OF SENIOR PRIEST**

The Bishop recognized the Reverend Canon Basil Buckland who was present at the election of the Right Reverend W. H. Moorhead as 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton in 1938. The Bishop indicated Canon Buckland had been at every episcopal election since then.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Bishop introduced and welcomed the Most Reverend Andrew Hutchison, Metropolitan of the Province of Canada as the chair of the electoral synod. The Archbishop offered a few opening remarks in which he reminded those gathered of the purpose of this synod.

**EXPLANATION OF THE VOTING PROCEDURES**

The Archbishop called on the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Charles Ferris, who then proceeded to explain the election procedures as per Canon II of the Diocese. Mr. Ferris also provided the names of alternates scrutineers, namely

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| The Reverend Canon Philip Ward | Fred Nicholson   |
| The Reverend Chris McMullen    | Eugene Westhaver |

**LIST OF NOMINEES**

The Archbishop read the following list of nominees to appear on the first ballot. The nominees were:

- The Reverend Dr. Stephen Andrews
- The Right Reverend Donald Harvey
- The Reverend Murray Henderson
- The Reverend Vicars Hodge
- The Reverend Ronald Horst
- The Very Reverend Keith Joyce
- The Reverend Canon Jon Lownds

List of nominees (continued)

- The Reverend Canon John Matheson
- The Venerable Richard McConnell
- The Reverend Canon Dr. David Mercer
- The Venerable Claude Miller

The Venerable Douglas Patstone  
The Venerable John Sharpe

Appended to the minutes is a listing of votes received for each nominee.

**BALLOT NUMBER ONE**

The Archbishop called for the first ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 11:35 a.m.

During the counting of ballots, the Archbishop shared some of his experiences. The members of Synod sang hymns with Mr. Jim McKenna at the organ

The first ballot results were announced at 11:55 a.m. There were 100 clergy and 267 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 67 clergy and 178 lay. The results of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

The following nominee did not meet the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 10 votes(at least one from each house) and was therefore removed from the list of nominees:

The Reverend Canon Jon Lownds.

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. None came forward.

**BALLOT NUMBER TWO**

The Archbishop called for the second ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 12:05 p.m.

The Chair explained the etiquette required for lunch. Synod was adjourned.

The Synod reconvened at 1:15 p.m. and the second ballot results were announced at 1:20 p.m. There were 98 clergy and 266 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 66 clergy and 178 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

The following nominees did not meet the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 10 votes(at least one from each house) and were therefore removed from the list of nominees:

The Right Reverend Donald Harvey

The Reverend Vicars Hodge

The Reverend Ronald Horst

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. The Venerable Douglas Patstone indicated his wish to do so.

**BALLOT NUMBER THREE**

The Archbishop called for the third ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 1:30 p.m.

The Chair took the time to mention and appreciate the courage of nominees for allowing their names to be put forward. Synod indicated its agreement with applause. The Chair then called the members of Synod to prayer with hymns. The Reverend David Staples was then asked to come forward to the organ and

lead Synod members in the singing of "To God Be The Glory."

The third ballot results were announced at 1:50 p.m. There were 97 clergy and 265 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 65 clergy and 177 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

The following nominee did not meet the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 10 votes(at least one from each house) and was therefore removed from the list of nominees:

The Venerable Richard McConnell

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. The Reverend Canon Dr. David Mercer indicated his wish to do so.

#### **BALLOT NUMBER FOUR**

The Archbishop called for the fourth ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 2:05 p.m.

During the counting of the ballots, the members of Synod were invited to bring forth suggestions of hymns they would like to sing. "Your Hand O God has Guided" and "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" were sung.

The fourth ballot results were announced at 2:20 p.m. There were 97 clergy and 266 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 65 clergy and 178 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

The following nominee did not meet the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 10 votes(at least one from each house) and was therefore removed from the list of nominees:

The Reverend Canon John Matheson

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. None came forward.

At this point, the Chancellor explained that nominations could now reopen on a simple majority of Synod members. As well, he reminded Synod members that the combined required number of votes now moved to 25.

MOTION 126-03 - Charles Ferris/Clyde Spinney

That all procedural matters be accepted.

Carried.

#### **BALLOT NUMBER FIVE**

The Archbishop called for the fifth ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 2:35 p.m.

During the counting of the ballots, the hymn "Lift High the Cross" was sung.

The fifth ballot results were announced at 2:55 p.m. There were 97 clergy and 267 laity ballots cast. The

number of votes required for election stood at 65 clergy and 178 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

The following nominees did not meet the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 25 votes(at least one from each house) and were therefore removed from the list of nominees:

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Andrews

The Reverend Murray Henderson

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. None came forward.

### **BALLOT NUMBER SIX**

The Archbishop called for the sixth ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 3:05 p.m.

During the counting of the ballots, the hymn "Let there be light" was sung.

The sixth ballot results were announced at 3:20 p.m. There were 97 clergy and 263 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 65 clergy and 176 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

All nominees met the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 25 votes(at least one from each house); therefore, no one were removed from the list of nominees.

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. No one came forward.

### **BALLOT NUMBER SEVEN**

The Archbishop called for the seventh ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 3:30 p.m.

During the counting of the ballots, the hymn "Spirit of the Living God" was sung as a meditative prayer. Another hymn, "King of Love" was also sung.

The seventh ballot results were announced at 3:45 p.m. There were 97 clergy and 267 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 65 clergy and 178 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

All nominees met the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 25 votes(at least one from each house); therefore no one was removed from the list of nominees.

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. No one came forward.

### **BALLOT NUMBER EIGHT**

The Archbishop called for the eighth ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes were closed at 3:52 p.m.

The hymn "Love Divine" was sung.

The eighth ballot results were announced at 4:03 p.m. There were 95 clergy and 266 laity ballots cast.

The number of votes required for election stood at 64 clergy and 178 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. There was no election.

All nominees met the Canonical requirement of a minimum of 25 votes(at least one from each house); therefore no one was removed from the list of nominees.

The Chair asked if any nominee wished to withdraw. No one came forward.

### **COURTESIES**

Canon L.F. Scott offered thanks to the following people:

To the Rector, Staff and volunteers of the Parish Church for their assistance and hosting of the Synod especially:

the Registration Committee headed by Mrs Ruth Gorlick  
those who catered the coffee and luncheon, led by Mrs Nelda Targett  
those who served as ushers

To the Rev'd David Staples and Mr Jim McKenna for their able music leadership

To the Synod Office Staff, Doreen Smith and Phyllis Cathcart for their work in preparing for the Synod

To The Most Rev'd Andrew Hutchison for his chairmanship and pastoral oversight of the Synod

To The Ven Geoffrey Hall for his work on keeping the WEB site up to date with the latest nominee information for the benefit of Synod Members

To David Watts for all of his help in ensuring photographic information was in appropriate form for publication and distribution.

To the scrutineers under the leadership of Ronald Stevenson for their accurate and efficient work on behalf of the Synod.

To those who saw fit to prayerfully nominate individuals for this important Episcopal ministry.

To Bishop Hockin for his leadership and continued vision of ministry our Diocese.

To the members of Synod for their prayerful participation in the election

### **BALLOT NUMBER NINE**

The Archbishop recognized the difficulty of the upcoming ballot, so he asked for silent prayer before calling for the ninth ballot to be cast. Ballot boxes closed at 4:15 p.m.

The hymn "I Bind Unto Myself Today" was sung. The Chair recognized the arrival of the Right Reverend George Lemmon to the Synod and welcomed him.

The ninth ballot results were announced at 4:30 p.m. There were 93 clergy and 263 laity ballots cast. The number of votes required for election stood at 62 clergy and 176 lay. Full disclosure of ballots cast may be viewed in the appendix. The results showed the Venerable Claude Miller was selected by the Synod to be Bishop Coadjutor.

Archdeacon Miller was asked for his consent and his reply was in the affirmative. The Archbishop indicated to the Synod members he would be in touch with the other bishops in the Province of Canada for their assent.

Archdeacon Miller then spoke to express his thanks, to say it had been a blessing to work with Bishop Hockin and that he looked forward to work with the clergy and laity of this Diocese in which he sees a strong vision of ministry.

The Archbishop thanked the Chancellor for his help during the day. Bishop Hockin added his own comments to congratulate Archdeacon Miller and all others for this electoral process.

The Doxology was sung. Archdeacon Miller gave a blessing. The Archbishop dismissed the assembled.

The Chart of ballot results is appended.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev Leo Martin  
and L F Scott,  
Recording Secretaries