

68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon

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Secretaries

68-1

Motion by: Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

That the Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse of Lloydminster Parish be nominated as Clerical Secretary of this Synod.

CARRIED.

68-2

Motion by: Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

That Ms. Pat Skinner of Lloydminster Parish be nominated Lay Secretary of this Synod.

CARRIED.

Presentation of Agenda

68-3

Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: The Ven. Peter Yeung

That the Agenda for the 68th Session of Synod be received as presented.

CARRIED.

Minutes of 67th Session of Synod

Addition to the minutes:

Page 33 last paragraph "The Bishop closed the Synod with prayer and the Grace at 9:55 am."

68-4

Motion by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

Seconded by: Dr. Arne Paus-Jensen

That the minutes of the 67th Session of Synod be accepted as amended and corrected.

CARRIED.

Receipt of Written Reports

Correction to Pg. 38 of the Convening Circular – under Relinquishment of Ministry, "The Reverend Shawn Sanford Beck's" should read "On Leave without Permission to Officiate".

68-5

Motion by: The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon William

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That all reports be received as presented and amended.

CARRIED.

68-6

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Seconded by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and assure her of our prayers for God's protection and guidance.

CARRIED.

68-7

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Seconded by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to our Primate, The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, assuring him of our prayers as he gives pastoral oversight to the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED.

68-8

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Seconded by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to our Metropolitan, The Most Reverend John R. Clarke, assuring him of our prayers as he ministers throughout the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

CARRIED.

68-9

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Seconded by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon extend its warm collegial greetings to Mrs. Doris Ford, to Mrs. Betty Wood and to Bishop Tom and Mrs. Lillian Morgan, assuring them of our prayers and our good wishes.

CARRIED.

68-10

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Seconded by: Mr. Peter Coolen

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Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon extend to Bishop Randolph George, Mrs. Sheila George and the clergy and congregations of the Diocese of Guyana our warm greetings and the assurance of our prayers.

CARRIED.

68-11

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Seconded by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to Bishop Cindy Halmarson of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, a faith community with which we are in full communion.

CARRIED.

68-12

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon accept in principle the Development Plan "Turning Hope into Action, Future Directions for 2008-2014."

CARRIED.

68-13

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon affirm the following Mission Statement for the Diocese of Saskatoon: As a diocese of Anglican Christian disciples, we seek to be lively and welcoming communities of faith who serve God and serve others. Our parishioners will be prayerful, grounded in Scripture, welcoming and attentive to the needs and aspirations of our neighbours.

CARRIED.

68-14

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon affirm the following Vision Statement for the Diocese of Saskatoon: Christ calls us to be a vigorous, faith-filled diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada, where parishes, parishioners and leaders are empowered together to share the Gospel message with enthusiasm and hope and live the Gospel message in its fullness.

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CARRIED.

Presentation of Same Sex Motion

68-15

Motion by: The Rev. Don Byrt

Seconded by: Mr. Nestor Michasiw

That the resolution *"Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where at least one party is baptized, and to authorize rites for such blessings"* **be tabled until after General Synod 2010.**

(Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)

DEFEATED.

68-16

Motion by: The Rev. Peter Norman

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

That this the 68th Session of Synod votes by orders.

(Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)

DEFEATED.

68-17

Motion by: The Rev. Canon Colin Clay

Seconded by: Ms. Cathy Hartsook

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where at least one party is baptized, and to authorize rites for such blessings.

(Clergy and Lay voting together by standing)

DEFEATED.

68-18

Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

That the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

68-19

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Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

That KPMG be appointed the Diocesan Auditor for 2008.

CARRIED.

68-20

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon elect the delegates to attend the 39th Session of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2010.

CARRIED.

Constitution and Canons

68-21

Motion by: Canon Dr. Beth Bilson

Seconded by: The Ven. Richard Spencer

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon approve the amendments to the Constitution and Canons as recommended by Diocesan Council.

CARRIED.

68-22

Motion by: The Rev. Debbie Ramage

Seconded by: Mrs. Mary McKay

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to dissolve the Diocesan Matrimonial Commission.

CARRIED.

68-23

Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung

Seconded by: Mr. Scott Owens

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon approve that the Fair Share Levy and the proposed diocesan budget be presented to the parishes by June 15 of each budget year to solicit their response(s) before the diocesan budget is finalized.

CARRIED.

68-24

Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

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Be it resolved that this Synod direct Diocesan Council to appoint a task force to change the structure and representation of Diocesan Council to reflect the demographics of the diocese and in the spirit of our accepted strategic plan.

CARRIED.

Future Directions Task Force

68-25

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council establishes an Implementation Task Force in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Appendix C of the Development Plan and which shall report on its progress to the Sessions of the Synod to be held in 2010 and 2012.

CARRIED.

68-26

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council establish a Future Directions Task Force in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Appendix D of the Development Plan.

CARRIED.

68-27

Motion by: The Rev. Alex Parsons

Seconded by: Mr. Milton Harvey

Be it resolved that this Synod request the Diocesan Council to consider restoring travel pooling as part of the annual diocesan budget.

CARRIED.

Nominations Committee Report on Elections

68-28

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: Mr. Geoff Cooke

Be it resolved that Synod approve the following list of persons elected by their Regional Deanery Caucuses pursuant of Regulation 15, as members of Diocesan Council until the next sitting of Synod:

Lay

Clergy

Western Deanery:

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Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Biggar	The Rev. Peter Norman, Battle River
Mr. Nicholas Krenn, Unity Central	The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse, Lloydminster
Mr. Scott Owens, Parkland	

Eastern Deanery

Mr. Barrie Broad, Humboldt	The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster, Quill View
Ms. Lillian Fleck, Porcupine Plain	The Rev. Alex Parsons, Greater Watrous
Elaine Hrycenko, Lintlaw/Endeavour	

Saskatoon Deanery

Mr. Ken Bos, St. Mark's	The Rev. Don Byrt, St. Stephen's
Mr. Peter Coolen, St. George's	Pastor Jim Halmarson, Christ Church
Mr. Peter Cornford, Good Shepherd	The Rev. Joe Ponic, St. James'
Dr. Michael MacGregor, All Saints	The Rev. Gary Sinclair, St. Matthew's
Mrs. Mercedes Montgomery, St. Timothy's	
Dr. Arne Paus-Jensen, St. John's Cathedral	
Mr. Monty Zadorozny, River Valley	
Mrs. Charmaine Zevena, Holy Trinity	

(Votes having been cast by ballots)

CARRIED.

68-29

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin **Seconded by:** The Ven. Dan Hughes

Be it resolved that Synod approve the following list of persons elected to the Constitution and Canons Committee, General Synod and Provincial Synod pursuant of Regulation 15.

1. Constitutions and Canons Committee

The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster	The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
Mrs. Julia Davies	The Rev. Gary Sinclair

2. Provincial Synod

Elected:	Clergy	Lay
	The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse	Mr. Ken Bos
	The Rev. Gary Sinclair	Ms. Jessica Nicklin (Y)
	The Ven. Dan Hughes	Mr. Nestor Michasiw
	The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster	Mrs. Mary McKay

Alternates:	The Rev. Sheila Martin	Mr. Geoff Cooke
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<p>The Rev. Carlos Roberts The Rev. Alex Parsons</p> <p>3. General Synod</p> <p>Elected: Clergy</p> <p>Pastor Jim Halmarson The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe</p> <p>Alternates: The Ven. Peter Yeung The Rev. Debbie Ramage The Rev. Canon Colin Clay The Rev. Peter Norman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Votes having been cast by ballots)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CARRIED.</u></p>	<p>Mr. Mark Siddons (Y) Mrs. Mercedes Montgomery Ms. Lillian Fleck</p> <p>Lay</p> <p>Mrs. Lorea Eufemia Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko Ms. Meghan Lofgren Mr. Taylor Grafton (Y)</p> <p>Dr. Arne Paus-Jensen Dr. Walter Klaassen Mr. Peter Coolen Mr. Alex Dolman (Y)</p>										
<p>68-30</p> <p>Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin Seconded by: The Ven. Richard Spencer That the ballots be destroyed. (Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CARRIED.</u></p>											
<p><u>Courtesy Resolutions</u></p> <p>68-31</p> <p>Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung Seconded by: Ms. Meghan Lofgren</p> <p>Be it resolved that the 68th Session of Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon expresses its thanks and appreciation to the following people who have played particular and important roles in making this Synod successful. Without listing all they have done, we thank:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Primate</td> <td>The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diocesan Bishop</td> <td>The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chancellor</td> <td>Canon Beth Bilson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominating Committee</td> <td>The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin (chair) The Ven. Geoffrey Huggill Mr. Geoff Cooke Mr. Harvey Milton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resolutions Committee</td> <td>The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford (chair)</td> </tr> </table>		Primate	The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz	Diocesan Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews	Chancellor	Canon Beth Bilson	Nominating Committee	The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin (chair) The Ven. Geoffrey Huggill Mr. Geoff Cooke Mr. Harvey Milton	Resolutions Committee	The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford (chair)
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Agenda Committee	The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe (chair) The Rev. Peter Norman Mrs. Lorea Eufemia The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews
Arrangements/Credentials Committee	Mrs. Betty Ann Horbay (chair) Mr. Michael Horbay Mrs. Betty Lloyd Mrs. Merce Montgomery Mrs. Marion Pope Mr. Jim Sharp Mrs. Tannis Sharp Mrs. Ruth Zuk Mr. Bernie Zuk
Scrutineers	The Ven. Richard Spencer (chair) Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko Mr. Don Coomber The Rev. Gary Sinclair
Chaplain	Pastor Hugh Farmer
Lay Secretary	Mrs. Pat Skinner
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse
Worship Leadership during Synod Sessions	The Rev. Karen Sandell (chair) Mr. John Seib The Rev. Paula Foster Ms. Cathy Hartsook Ms. Katie Nichol
Orientation	The Rev. Gary Sinclair The Rev. Debbie Ramage
Regional Deans for Deanery elections	The Rev. Sheila Martin The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin The Rev. Karen Sandell
Guests & Partners	Mrs. Mary Ann Assailly Dr. Walter Deller Rev. Hugh Farmer Mrs. Jean Green Mrs. Zandra Hafeez Archbishop Fred Hiltz

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	Bishop Tom Morgan Ms. Lesia Olchoway Mrs. Jacqueline Plante Mrs. Barbara Thomas
Auditor from KPMG	Mr. Scott Verity
Financial Advisor, Raymond James	Mr. David Hassell
Synod Office Staff	Mrs. Lorea Eufemia Ms. Shauna Milner Mr. Steve Draude
Entertainment	Mr. Mark Zielke Quintessential String Quartet
Musicians for Jazz Eucharist	Pastor David Hunter Pastor Paul Sartison Mr. Don Griffiths Mr. Sheldon Corbitt Mr. Glenn Enns
	Members & Staff of St. John's Cathedral
	Management & Staff of The Willows Golf & Country Club
Displays	Church Mouse PWRDF
	All Parishes and their representatives
	All others who have helped and remained hidden.

CARRIED with applause.