

# **68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon**

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## **RESOLUTIONS**

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## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 68<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF SASKATOON**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS OF SALUTATION**

(Resolutions # 1- 6)

1. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved:               The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford  
Seconded:           Mr. Peter R. Coolen

2. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved:               Mr. Peter R.Coolen  
Seconded:           The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford

3. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved:               The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford  
Seconded:           Mr. Peter R.Coolen

4. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved:               Mr. Peter R.Coolen  
Seconded:           The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford

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5. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved: The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford  
Seconded: Mr. Peter R.Coolen

6. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved: Mr. Peter R.Coolen  
Seconded: The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford

## **B. RESOLUTIONS REFERRED BY THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL (Resolutions #7-14)**

7. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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 15th of each budget year to solicit their response(s) before the diocesan budget is finalized."

Moved: The Reverend Peter Yeung  
Seconded: Mr. Scott Owens

## **CONSTITUTION AND CANONS COMMITTEE**

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

Moved: Dr. Beth Bilson  
Seconded: The Ven. Richard Spencer

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## THE DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (Resolutions # 9-14)

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

Moved: The Reverend Jim Halmarson  
Seconded: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

10. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved: The Reverend Jim Halmarson  
Seconded: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

11. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved: The Reverend Jim Halmarson  
Seconded: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

12. "Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council establish 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".

Moved: The Reverend Jim Halmarson  
Seconded: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

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13. "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.

Moved: The Reverend Jim Halmarson  
Seconded: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Background Information:** In June 2010, the 39th Session of the General Synod of the Anglican church of Canada will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The exact dates have not yet been established by the General Synod. The 69th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon will be held in the spring of 2010. The uncertain time line between the sessions of the Diocesan Synod and the General Synod may not allow those elected at the Diocesan Synod in 2010 sufficient time to plan for and to attend General Synod in 2010.

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

Moved: The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin  
Seconded: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

## C. RESOLUTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF SYNOD AT LARGE

(Resolution # 15)

15. "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> 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."

Moved: The Reverend Canon Colin Clay  
Seconded: Ms. Cathy Hartsook

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## D. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE DIOCESAN MATRIMONIAL COMMISSION

(Resolutions #16-17)

**Background Information:** In 2004, the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada revised Canon XXI which governs marriage and remarriage. Prior to 2004, Canon XXI required each diocese to establish Matrimonial Commissions which, together with the diocesan bishop, would process applications from individuals who wished to remarry while the previous spouse was still alive. The diocesan matrimonial commission and the bishop had the authority to grant or deny permission to remarry with the rites of the Church.

The Diocese of Saskatoon has operated under the previous procedures of Canon XXI and established a diocesan matrimonial commission.

The revision of Canon XXI in 2004 made diocesan matrimonial commissions optional.

The Diocesan Matrimonial Commission is recommending that the matrimonial commission in the Diocese of Saskatoon be disbanded and that new procedures be accepted to govern the application and the adjudication to remarry in the Diocese of Saskatoon. The attached resolutions are consistent with the 2004 revisions to Canon XXI of the Anglican Church of Canada.

- 16.** "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to dissolve the Diocesan Matrimonial Commission."

Moved: The Reverend Debbie Ramage

Seconded: Mrs. Mary McKay

- 17.** "Be it resolved that this 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon accept the form: "*Application for Permission to Remarry According to the Rites of the Church*" as described in Schedule C of Canon XXI, "On Marriage in Church" of the

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Moved: The Reverend Debbie Ramage

Seconded: Mrs. Mary McKay

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## Resolutions Form

SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

MOVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The mover and the seconder must be members of the Diocesan Synod and be present when the resolution is before the synod for debate.

### EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This motion contains financial implications: \_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

**BE IT RESOLVED:**