

**Compiled Notes of the 76<sup>th</sup> Convention of Synod (Special)**  
Anglican Diocese of Calgary | **March 25, 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:25 pm**

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**1. Registration began at 9:00 am and closed at 10:00 am**

**2. Welcome and Opening Worship**

Attendees were welcomed by Rev. Tara Livingstone, Incumbent of host parish church, Holy Nativity.  
Worship was in the form of Morning Prayer from the Gospel Based Discipleship booklet. Prayers of the People were led by Rev. Margaret Waterchief in Blackfoot.

**3. Synod is called to order at 10:25**

Welcome by Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson. Introductions of Chancellor Peter Crisfield, Director of Finance Stephen Koning, and Executive Officer Barry Foster.  
Appointment of Clerical Recording Secretary Greg Clark and Lay Recording Secretary Mark Dickin.

Quorum: Carol Tubman, acting for Registrar Rev. Cathy Fulton, stated that there were in attendance 53 Clergy of 65 registered, 93 Lay Delegates of 115 registered, 7 Bishop's Lay Delegates, and 6 Members of Synod, with one registered observer. Chancellor Peter Crisfield declared that there was quorum.

**4. Motion by Diocesan Council**

The Convening Circular for this Synod was sent out 18 days prior to Synod, rather than the 21 days under the Canons.

Moved by: Peter Crisfield  
Seconded by: Rev. Kyle Norman  
PURSUANT to Canon 2 – 13( e) "Rules of Order of the Convention of Synod", notwithstanding that the Convening Circular was circulated 18 days and not 21 days prior to the date fixed for Synod, and noting the consent of the Diocesan Council to this motion, the 76<sup>th</sup> Synod be allowed to proceed.  
Carried.

**5. Greetings by NAIB Mark McDonald by Skype**

Bishop Mark spoke highly in favor of the Diocese of Calgary wishing to elect an Indigenous Suffragan Bishop. He was able to hear and answer questions and comments from the floor.

**6. Explanation of the Motions**

Archbishop Greg and Chancellor Peter explained the sections in the Provincial Constitution and Canons relevant to the application of the Diocese to the Provincial Executive for the appointment of a Suffragan Bishop for the Indigenous people of the Diocese, and the election of the Suffragan Bishop by a gathering of the Synod Delegates of the Anglican Indigenous congregations.

Delegates were asked should there be a paper ballot or simply a show of hands. The show of hands method of voting was agreed to.

The Chair has received a notice of motion as follows:

Moved by: Ven. Ken Wells Seconded by: Rev. Joan Schellenberger
WHEREAS in the light of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Report, and the ongoing work of the Indigenous Peoples in the Anglican Church of Canada towards self-determination and self-governance, it is important to take initiatives in this direction in a timely fashion to address the needs of our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the Anglican Diocese of Calgary, AND WHEREAS the Diocese of Calgary requests Provincial Executive to give permission for the creation of a position for Suffragan Bishop as Indigenous Bishop for Treaty 7 under the terms of the Constitution of the Province of Rupert's Land, AND WHEREAS with the next Provincial Synod not set until May of 2018, a timely response can only be achieved by requesting that the Provincial Executive consider and approve our request, MOVED THAT: The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary, having received, in writing, a request from the bishop of the Diocese that he desires the appointment of a Suffragan Bishop, for the Indigenous people of the Diocese, such request being made pursuant to the Diocese of Calgary Canon 6.D 1 and that an application be made to the Provincial Executive Council pursuant to Constitution 6.33 of the Provincial constitution and proceed pursuant to the Constitution 6.33 through to 6.44 thereof, and Canon 9.01A for consideration by the Provincial Executive Council. <b>Carried unanimously</b>

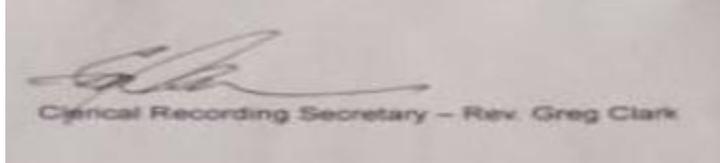
Discussion was held over the word "being" in the final paragraph, but was found to be correct.

The Chair has received a second notice of motion as follows:

Moved by: Rev. Alan Getty Seconded by: Rev. Clara King
i. That the Indigenous people of the Anglican Church in Treaty 7 be consulted and given the opportunity to express their thoughts and wishes with respect to having an Indigenous bishop for Treaty 7 territory – through meetings with members of each of the Indigenous congregations. ii. That said Indigenous bishop, in addition to the general requirements of Canon 9 for someone being elected a bishop, be an Indigenous person from Treaty 7 territory and be able to speak at least one of the languages of the Treaty 7 peoples. iii. That the person be elected by a gathering of the synod delegates of the Anglican Indigenous congregations within the Treaty 7 territory using a circle/concensus model to name the person to fill this ministry. <b>Carried</b>

## 7. Adjournment

Archbishop Greg closed the meeting with prayer. Synod adjourned at 12:25 pm, followed by lunch.



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Clerical Recording Secretary – Rev. Greg Clark

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Lay Recording Secretary – Mark Dickin