

Motions – Synod 77 – October 13/14, 2017

Directions to the next Diocesan Council

Moved: Kamé Staples

Seconded: The Rev. Catherine Holland

THAT this Synod directs the next Diocesan Council to focus its energy on creating a mission plan that will rejuvenate the church, its life and mission; bring people into the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ; and enable them to live out Christ's love in the world.

Amendments to the Constitution

Moved: Peter Crisfield

Seconded: The Ven. Barry Foster

THAT as proposed by the Legislative Committee and as approved by Diocesan Council, this 77th Convention of Synod of the Diocese of Calgary hereby adopts and enacts those amendments to Sections C37 and C39 of the Constitution of The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary as set out in the document entitled "The Anglican Diocese of Calgary Amendments to the Constitution and the Canons" which was included in the Convening Circular for this Convention of Synod.

(Needs to be approved by at least a 2/3 majority.)

Amendments to the Canons

Moved: Murray Tait

Seconded: Stephen Koning

THAT as proposed by the Legislative Committee and as approved by Diocesan Council, this 77th Convention of Synod of the Diocese of Calgary hereby adopts and enacts those amendments to the following Sections of the Canons of The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary:

Canon 1A, Section 1 – the definition of **Annual Return Form**;
Canon 1B, General Provisions – new Sections 1 and 2;
Canon 2, Section 1 – Chair of the Convention of Synod;
Canon 2, Section 12 – Motions;
Canon 3A, Section 5 – Function of the Synod Steering Committee;
Canon 4A, Section 4 – Administration and Finance Committee;
Canon 4B, Sections 2 and 4 – Property Committee;
Canon 4C, Section 4 – Nominating Committee;
Canon 6D, Section 1 – Co-Adjutor, Suffragan, or Assistant Bishop;
Canon 6F, Section 1 – The Administrator of the Diocese;
Canon 13, Section 4 – Eligibility for Office;
Canon 13, Sections 13 and 15 – Lay Members of Synod;
Canon 13, Section 29 – Composition of Parish Council;
Canon 13, Section 36 – Parish Treasurer;
Canon 13, Section 47 – Agenda of Annual Meetings of Parishioners;
Canon 13, Section 61 – Annual Budget;
Canon 16A, Section 1 – Annual Budget;
Canon 16C, Section 22 – Seal of the Diocese
as set out in the document dated October 5, 2017, entitled "The Anglican Diocese of Calgary Amendments to the Constitution and Canons (Revised)" distributed on October 6, 2017 to Members of Synod via email as a electronic link to a pdf document.

Blessing of Same-Sex Couples

Moved: Elizabeth McLennan

Seconded: Jill Stroud

It is hereby moved that clergy and lay people of the Diocese of Calgary be entrusted to follow their consciences when making decisions about the spiritual and pastoral practices offered to same sex couples, including the ability of clergy to decide whether or not to bless the unions of faithful, committed, Christian same-sex couples.