

*Convening Circular and Synod Journal for the One Hundredth And Twenty First Session of*

# The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster



*“Wonderful are your works, that I  
know very well.” (Psalm 139:146)*

May 15, 2021  
8:30am to 1:30pm  
*To be held by Videoconference*

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## Prayer for Synod

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Synod of this diocese for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# The Diocese of New Westminster

## Officers of Synod

President of the Synod  
*The Right Reverend John R. Stephens*

Dean of the Diocese  
*The Very Reverend Christopher Pappas*

Chancellor  
*Mr. George E. H. Cadman, Q.C., ODNW*

Vice-Chancellor  
*Mr Kevin Smith, ODNW*

Registrar  
*Mr. Donald N. Paul, ODNW*

Legal Assessor  
*Ms. Jennifer Dezell, ODNW*

Clerical Secretary  
*The Reverend Justin Cheng*

Lay Secretary  
*Ms. Clare Urquhart*

Treasurer  
*Mr. Robert Hardy, ODNW*

Auditors  
*Rolfe Benson & Co.*

# The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster One Hundred and Twenty First Session of Synod

To be held by Videoconference on May 15, 2021

## Circular

### The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster One Hundred and Twenty-First Session of Synod

Vancouver, B.C.

March 22, 2021

Dear Officers and Delegates to Synod:

We are instructed by the Bishop of New Westminster to inform you that in accordance with Article 2 of the Constitution, he summons the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster to meet on Saturday, May 15th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. by videoconference. Synod will begin with Morning Prayer and the Bishop's Address.



The Rev. Justin Cheng  
**Clerical Secretary**



Ms. Lea Starr  
**Lay Secretary**

# Information for Delegates

## Registration

Registration will take place online via the Zoom Registration process. The link for registration will be circulated via email, and can be found on the Diocesan Website and here: [tinyurl.com/synod121](https://tinyurl.com/synod121) Each Delegate to Synod is responsible for entering their zoom credentials correctly on the registration page. An email confirming registration will be sent to each delegate. The email address and contact information that the delegate enters will be used by Data On the Spot (DOTS) to email the delegate's voting credentials. Members of Synod will need to have continual access to their email for the entire Session of Synod. Email accounts will be used for both voting and requesting to speak. Please read under "speaking from the floor" for more details on this will work via video conference.

Zoom registration will open at 9am on May 3rd and will close Monday May 10th at 9am.

If an Alternate Delegate will replace an initially elected parish Synod Delegate it will be necessary to contact the Synod Office at: [reception@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:reception@vancouver.anglican.ca) and the Executive Archdeacon prior to the close of registration on May 14th at Noon. Please ensure that the Alternate Delegate has been given access to the Convening Circular material in advance of the Synod meeting. This should be provided by their Parish Priest or other delegate.

When the full quota of delegates from a parish has registered, no substitutes for the parish may be made, even if some of those who have registered are unable to attend all Sessions of Synod.

## Opening Worship

An Order for Morning prayer will be displayed on the registered Members of Synod's devices.

## Transportation Allowance

As this Synod is taking place via video conference there will be no Transportation Allowance.

## Synod 2021 Location

Synod will be held through Videoconference only.

## Attendance

All delegates are urged to make every effort to be present at all times during all sessions of Synod beginning with Morning Prayer on Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 8:30am – 1:30pm.

## Sessions

Synod will assemble via Video Conference for the opening worship at 8:30 a.m. After Morning Prayer and the Bishop' Address the opening business session will begin.

## Constitution of Synod

The Synod is the Parliament of the Church. It is the body in which is vested the power to transact all business done by the Church in the Diocese. It also has the right to initiate action in some matters pertaining to Church policy, to endorse or veto others, and in general, to act as a consultative body to advise and assist the Bishop and the Diocesan Officers.

## Quorum of Synod

A Quorum of Synod shall consist of the “Bishop or the Bishop's Commissary and not less than one-fourth of the Licensed Clergy of the Diocese, and not less than one-fourth of the Lay Delegates entitled to take part in the proceedings”. Article 2 (2.6)

## Procedure

While it is essential that a Synod should exercise some measure of freedom in the conduct of its gatherings, it is also of great importance that all things be done “decently and in order”. To attain that end, certain rules and regulations are followed.

## Rules of Order

The Rules of Order that prevail during sessions are those common to parliamentary debate. These are summarized in the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of this Diocese. Clergy and Parishes have been provided with copies and they are also published on the diocesan website.

## Speaking from the Floor

To address Synod, a delegate must email [SpeakAtSynod@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:SpeakAtSynod@vancouver.anglican.ca) and in the subject line put one of the following appropriate subject lines:

- *Point of Order: Name, Clergy or Lay Status, Parish*
- *Amendment: Name, Clergy or Lay Status, Parish*
- *Speak from the Floor: Name, Clergy or Lay Status, Parish*
- *Resolution: Name, Clergy or Lay Status, Parish*

This email address will be checked by all Officers and Synod staff during Synod. You do not need to enter any text in the email. This will alert the Chair that you wish to speak and will naturally create a running order for those who are to speak. The Chair will invite you to speak, and at this point, your video will be shared in ‘speaker’ view through Zoom. Everyone will be able to see and hear you. Please note there is a 3-minute time limit to address the motion. A Secretary of Synod will hold up a red piece of paper to indicate when you have 30 seconds left. At this point, you will complete your address and you will be muted and your video will be removed from view for others.

## Resolutions

All Resolutions must be submitted by the mover and seconder, and given to Ms Jennifer Dezell, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee via the Synod Office. The Resolutions Committee will review and determine whether or not the Resolution is in Order according to the Rules of Order of the Synod.

# Positions to be Elected at Synod

## **Diocesan Treasurer – *Article 3(3.3a)***

One person to be elected by Synod

## **Secretaries of Synod – *Article 3 (3.1)***

One Clerical Secretary and one Lay Secretary are to be elected. Voting is the same as Board of Discipline.

## **Archdeaconry Representatives to Diocesan Council**

There are two Archdeaconry Representatives (one Clergy and one Lay) elected in each of six archdeaconries. At Synod, the registered Delegates of each Archdeaconry vote to elect members to Council from their own Archdeaconry. Please note that terms are for **two years**.

## **Youth Representatives to Diocesan Council**

Two Youth Representatives (aged 15-25 on May 15, 2021) are elected to serve a two-year term.

## **Court of the Diocese – *Canon 18 (18.3 c, d)***

Three Priests and three Laypersons, to be elected by Synod; Laypersons to be 23 years old or more, and communicants of at least three years standing in the Diocese.

- Lay vote for both
- Clergy vote for both

## **Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments – *Canon 5, (5.4c)***

Three clergy persons for a two year term.

Three lay persons for a two year term.

## **Anglican Initiatives Fund – *Regulation 21 (2.6)***

Two clergy and two lay Administrators for a term ending upon the final adjournment of the next regular Synod following their election Administrators shall be communicants of at least one year's standing and at least 21 years of age.

## **General Synod (*Canon 16*) (*Constitution of the General Synod, II 8.f, II 8.h*)**

Three from each of the Clergy and the Laity (with an average attendance of 5,000 to 9,999) and one member who is 16 years at the opening of General Synod and under 26 years at the prorogation of General Synod.

## **Provincial Synod (*Canon 17*) (*Constitution of the Provincial Synod, II 3.b*)**

Three from the Laity and two Clergy

# Synod Committees

The Bishop announces the appointment of the following Synod Committees. Matters affecting any of these Committees should be referred directly to the Chairperson.

## **Organization /Agenda Committee**

Frances Fagan (Chair)  
The Venerable Douglas Fenton  
The Right Reverend John Stephens

## **Resolutions Committee**

Ms Jennifer Dezell, ODNW (Chair)  
The Venerable Kevin Hunt  
Ms Jane Hope  
The Revd Katherine Hough  
Ms Meredith Sargent  
The Reverend Sharon Smith

## **Nominating Committee**

Ms Susanne Stockdill, ODNW  
(Chair)  
Teofilo Bosaing, ODNW  
The Reverend Laurel Dahill  
The Reverend Helen Dunn  
The Reverend Cameron Gutjahr  
The Reverend Allen Doerksen  
Mr Kerry Baisley, ODNW

## **Committee on Memorials**

The Reverend Simbarashe Basvi (Chair)

## **Committee on Messages**

The Reverend Bill Mok(Chair)

## **Vote of Thanks**

The Reverend Amanda Rushton (Chair)

# Bishop's Report

*April 2, 2017 to April 1, 2021*

## Installation

The Right Revd John Robert Stephens, Installed, 10th Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, February 28, 2021.

## Ordinations

The Revd Alexandra D'Arcy Carrothers, ordained to the Priesthood, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Cameron Michael Northcott Gutjahr, ordained to the Priesthood, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Taras Pakholchuk, ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Alecia Danica, Greenfield, ordained to the Priesthood, January 18, 2020.  
The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, ordained to the Priesthood, January 18, 2020.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, ordained to the Priesthood, January 18, 2020.  
The Revd Leah Skuro, ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, June 20, 2020.  
The Revd Donald Stephen Black, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 20, 2020.  
The Revd Amanda Leigh Ruston, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 20, 2020.  
The Revd Donald Stephen Black, ordained to the Priesthood, December 12, 2020.  
The Revd Lorie Kathleen Martin, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, December 12, 2020.  
The Right Revd John Robert Stephens, ordained to the Episcopate, January 23, 2021.

## Received from Other Dioceses

The Revd Gordon Timothy Lovell Morgan, received from the Diocese of Niagara, effective August 1, 2019.  
The Revd Bill Yee-Ching Mok, received from the Diocese of Toronto, effective January 30, 2020.  
The Revd Katherine Lorelle Hough, received from the Diocese of Kootenay, effective March 1, 2020.  
The Revd Christopher Athan Pappas, received from the Diocese of Edmonton, effective June 1, 2020.  
The Revd Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana, received from the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway (Church of Scotland), effective November 15, 2020.  
The Revd Simbarashe Emmanuel Basvi, received from the Diocese of Central Zimbabwe (Church of the Province of Central Africa), effective January 1, 2021.  
The Revd Charles Philip Geoffrey Barker, received from the Diocese of Zululand (Church of Southern Africa), effective February 15, 2021.

## Transferred to Other Dioceses

The Revd Lynne Elizabeth McNaughton, transferred to the Diocese of Kootenay, effective May 1, 2019.  
The Revd William Brian Vickers, transferred to the Diocese of Calgary, effective June 1, 2019.  
The Revd William Richard Hubbard, transferred to the Diocese of British Columbia, effective November 26, 2019.

## Special Resignations/Appointments

The Revd William Brian Vickers, resigned, Regional Dean of Richmond/Delta, effective April 15, 2019.  
The Revd Philippa Segrave-Pride, term completed, Archdeacon of Lougheed, effective May 23, 2019.  
The Revd John Robert Stephens, term completed, Archdeacon of Granville, effective May 23, 2019.  
The Revd Paul Michael Bowie, term completed, Regional Dean of Golden Ears, effective May 23, 2019.  
The Revd Stephanie Eileen Shepard, term completed, Regional Dean of Granville, effective May 23, 2019.  
The Venerable Allan Gregory Carson, appointed, Archdeacon of Lougheed, effective May 24, 2019.  
The Venerable Gordon Douglas Fenton, appointed, Archdeacon of Vancouver (Executive Archdeacon), effective May 24, 2019.  
The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed, Archdeacon of Granville, effective May 24, 2019.  
The Revd Paul Michael Bowie, appointed, Regional Dean of Yale, effective May 24, 2019.  
The Revd Kelly Shannon Duncan, appointed, Regional Dean of Golden Ears, effective May 24, 2019.  
The Revd Paul Richard Woehrle, appointed Regional Dean of Richmond/Delta, effective May 24, 2019.  
The Revd Marion Man Wai Wong, appointed Regional Dean of Oakridge, effective May 24, 2019.  
Mr Kevin William Smith, appointed Vice-Chancellor, effective September 14, 2019.  
The Venerable Bruce Morris, reappointed, Archdeacon for Deacons, effective May 22, 2020.  
The Very Revd Christopher Athan Pappas, appointed, Dean of the Diocese of New Westminster, effective September 12, 2020.  
The Revd Robin Andrew Celiz, resigned as Chair of the Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit, effective May 28, 2020.  
The Revd Michael Henry John Batten, appointed Chair of the Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit effective November 16, 2020.  
The Revd Paula Lee Porter Leggett, appointed, Diocesan Coordinator, Education for Ministry (EfM), effective March 1, 2021.

## Appointments within the Diocese

The Revd Ronald Stanley Berezan, appointed Deacon, St David and St Paul, Powell River, effective June 24, 2017.  
The Revd Roberta Mary Fraser, appointed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Anne, Steveston, effective June 1, 2019.  
The Revd Philippa Segrave-Pride, appointed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective June 1, 2019.  
The Revd Gordon Timothy Lovell Morgan, appointed Priest-in-Charge, Holy Spirit, Whonnock, effective March 1, 2019.  
The Revd Donald David Koe, appointed Deacon, St Thomas, Chilliwack, effective May 22, 2019.  
The Revd Lilian Anne Elliott, appointed Deacon, Tri-Cities/North Burnaby Deanery and St John the Apostle, Port Moody, effective June 1, 2019.  
The Revd Taras Pakholchuk, appointed Deacon, St David and St Paul, Powell River, effective June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Jonathan Pinkney, appointed Honorary Assistant Curate, St Helen, Surrey, effective June 15, 2019.  
The Revd Alexandra D'Arcy Carrothers, appointed Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster, effective July 1, 2019.  
The Revd Cameron Michael Northcott Gutjahr, appointed Rector, St John the Divine, Squamish, effective July 1, 2019.  
The Revd Vivian Margaret Seegers, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St Mary Magdalene, Vancouver and Priest to the Urban Aboriginal Ministry, effective July 1, 2019.  
The Revd Ayoob Shawkat Adwar, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective August 1, 2019.  
The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Chaplain-Vancouver School of Theology, effective August 1, 2019.  
The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, appointed Curate, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, effective September 1, 2019.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, appointed Assistant Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 1, 2019.  
The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective October 1, 2019.  
The Revd Canon Richard Milo LeSueur, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, effective October 22, 2019.  
The Revd Robin Andrew Celiz, appointed Rector, All Saints, Ladner, effective November 1, 2019.  
The Revd Allen Victor Doerksen, appointed Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Thomas Chilliwack, effective November 1, 2019.  
The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, appointed Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), Holy Spirit, Whonnock, effective November 1, 2019.

The Revd Melanie Calabrigo, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Faith, Vancouver, effective December 1, 2019.  
The Venerable Stephanie Shepard, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Martin, North Vancouver, effective December 1, 2019.  
The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, appointed Curate, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, effective January 18, 2020.  
The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, appointed Curate, St Helen, Surrey, effective January 18, 2020.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, appointed Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, effective January 18, 2020.  
The Revd Bill Yee-Ching Mok, appointed Rector, St Chad, Kitsilano, effective February 1, 2020.  
The Revd Arthur John Nash, appointed Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective February 1, 2020.  
The Revd Lucy Jane Price, appointed Vicar, Holy Cross, Vancouver, effective February 1, 2020.  
The Venerable Richard Geoffrey Leggett, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam, effective February 21, 2020.  
The Revd Katherine Lorelle Hough, appointed Vicar, St Augustine, Marpole, effective March 1, 2020.  
The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective May 1, 2020.  
The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed Vicar, Christ the Redeemer, Cloverdale, effective June 1, 2020.  
The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed Vicar, St Michael, Surrey, effective June 1, 2020.  
The Revd Christopher Athan Pappas, appointed Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective June 1, 2020.  
The Revd Donald Stephen Black, appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant, All Saints, Ladner, effective June 20, 2020.  
The Revd Amanda Leigh Ruston, appointed Honorary Deacon Assistant, St Andrew, Langley, effective June 20, 2020.  
The Revd Helen Doris Tervo, appointed Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), St Dunstan, Aldergrove, effective July 12, 2020.  
The Revd Leah Skuro, appointed Deacon, All Saints, Burnaby, effective July 19, 2020.  
The Revd Melanie Calabrigo, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St Faith, Vancouver, effective September 1, 2020.  
The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, appointed Assistant Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 1, 2020.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, appointed Rector, St Clement, North Vancouver, effective September 1, 2020.  
The Revd Adam Benjamin Yates, appointed Rector, St Faith, Vancouver, effective September 1, 2020.  
The Revd Philippa Segrave-Pride, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective September 17, 2020.  
The Venerable Stephen Douglas Muir, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibson, effective October 17, 2020.  
The Venerable Stephen Douglas Muir, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective November 1, 2020.  
The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Mary Magdalene, Vancouver, effective November 1, 2020.  
The Revd Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana, appointed Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective November 15, 2020.  
The Revd Simbarashe Emmanuel Basvi, appointed Rector, St David, Tsawwassen, effective January 1, 2021.  
The Revd Donald Stephen Black, appointed Rector, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective January 1, 2021.  
The Revd Eric Stephen Mason, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Catherine of Alexandria, effective January 1, 2021.  
The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, West Point Grey, effective January 1, 2021.  
The Revd John Robert Stephens, appointed Coadjutor Bishop-Elect, effective January 11, 2021.  
The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St John, Shaughnessy, effective January 11, 2021.  
The Revd Charles Philip Geoffrey Barker, appointed Vicar, All Saints, Agassiz, effective February 15, 2021.  
The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Point Grey, effective February 15, 2021.  
The Revd Christine Elizabeth Wilson, appointed Deacon, St Mary, Kerrisdale, effective February 21, 2021.  
The Revd Melanie Calabrigo, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Philip, Dunbar, effective March 1, 2021.  
The Revd Alexandra D'Arcy Carrothers, appointed Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Vancouver, effective March 1, 2021.  
The Revd Marion Man Wai Wong, appointed Vicar, St Titus, Oakridge, effective March 1, 2021 (continuing appointment, parish name changed from St Matthias and St Luke, Oakridge).  
The Revd Arthur John Nash, appointed Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective March 10, 2021.

## **Resignations/Term Completed within the Diocese**

The Revd Lynne Elizabeth McNaughton, resigned, Rector, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective April 30, 2019.  
The Revd Timothy Joseph Dutcher-Walls, resigned, Priest-in-Charge, St David, Delta, effective May 31, 2019.  
The Revd Nicholas John Parker, retired, Priest-in-Charge, St John the Divine, Squamish, effective May 31, 2019.

The Revd William Brian Vickers, resigned, Rector, St Anne, Steveston, effective May 31, 2019.  
The Revd Hyok Kim, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Anselm, Vancouver, effective June 30, 2019.  
The Revd Clarence Wing On Li, resigned, Rector, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective June 30, 2019.  
The Revd Gordon Timothy Lovell Morgan, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Spirit, Whonnock, effective June 30, 2019.  
The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St Mary, Kerrisdale, effective June 30, 2019.  
The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, term completed, Curate, St John the Baptist, Sardis, effective June 30, 2019.  
The Revd Janice Mount Lowell, retired, Assistant to the Rector, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, effective July 1, 2019.  
The Revd Lois Esther Coretta Boxill, term completed, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 9, 2019.  
The Very Revd Peter Gordon Elliott, retired, Dean and Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, effective September 30, 2019.  
The Revd Wallace Gordon Shea, retired, Deacon, St Laurence, Coquitlam, effective December 31, 2019.  
The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Ladner, effective October 31, 2019.  
The Revd Lucy Jane Price, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St James, Vancouver, effective December 31, 2019.  
The Revd Juanita Lillian Clark, resigned, Deacon, St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, effective January 16, 2020.  
The Revd Georgina Dale Harris, term completed, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective January 31, 2020.  
The Revd Paulina Chi Mun Lee, retired, Rector, St Chad, Kitsilano, effective January 31, 2020.  
The Revd Craig Douglas Tanksley, retired, Rector, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective January 31, 2020.  
The Revd Glen Allan Nicholson, retired, Deacon, All Saints, Mission, effective February 29, 2020.  
The Revd Connie Lynn Wilks, retired, Deacon, All Saints, Mission, effective April 11, 2020.  
The Revd Canon Richard Milo LeSueur, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, effective April 30, 2020.  
The Revd Pitman Benjamin Potter, retired, Deacon to the Archdeaconry of Vancouver, effective May 31, 2020.  
The Revd Alain-Michel Rocheleau, resigned, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), St Paul, Vancouver, and Anglican Chaplain to College and University Students (Non-Stipendiary), effective July 31, 2020.  
The Revd Sharon Denise Salomons, term completed, Director of Diaconal Formation, effective July 31, 2020.  
The Revd Christine Wilson, resigned, Deacon, St Faith, Vancouver, effective August 13, 2020.  
The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Helen, Surrey, effective August 31, 2020.  
The Revd Philippa Segrave-Pride, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, North Vancouver, effective August 31, 2020.  
The Revd André Marc Stephany, term completed, Assistant Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, effective August 31, 2020.  
The Revd Cecil Scott Gould, resigned, Rector, St Helen, Point Grey, effective December 31, 2020.  
The Venerable Richard Geoffrey Leggett, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam, effective December 31, 2020.  
The Revd Stephen Douglas Muir, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective December 31, 2020.  
The Revd Robert David Price, retired, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Agassiz, effective December 31, 2020.  
The Revd Paula Lee Porter Leggett, retired, Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Alban, Richmond, effective January 31, 2021.  
The Revd Stuart Hallam, resigned, Rector, St Philip, Dunbar, effective March 31, 2021.  
The Revd John Robert Stephens, resigned, Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective January 10, 2021.  
The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St John, Shaughnessy,

effective January 10, 2021.

The Most Revd Melissa Maxine Skelton, retired, Bishop, Diocese of New Westminster, effective February 28, 2021.

The Revd Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana, ended, Rector, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective March 10, 2021.

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The Revd Hyok Kim, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Anselm, Vancouver, effective June 30, 2019.

The Revd Clarence Wing On Li, resigned, Rector, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective June 30, 2019.

The Revd Gordon Timothy Lovell Morgan, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Spirit, Whonnock, effective June 30, 2019.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St Mary, Kerrisdale, effective June 30, 2019.

The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, term completed, Curate, St John the Baptist, Sardis, effective June 30, 2019.

The Revd Janice Mount Lowell, retired, Assistant to the Rector, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, effective July 1, 2019.

The Revd Lois Esther Coretta Boxill, term completed, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 9, 2019.

The Very Revd Peter Gordon Elliott, retired, Dean and Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, effective September 30, 2019.

The Revd Wallace Gordon Shea, retired, Deacon, St Laurence, Coquitlam, effective December 31, 2019.

The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Ladner, effective October 31, 2019.

The Revd Lucy Jane Price, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St James, Vancouver, effective December 31, 2019.

The Revd Juanita Lillian Clark, resigned, Deacon, St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, effective January 16, 2020.

The Revd Georgina Dale Harris, term completed, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective January 31, 2020.

The Revd Paulina Chi Mun Lee, retired, Rector, St Chad, Kitsilano, effective January 31, 2020.

The Revd Craig Douglas Tanksley, retired, Rector, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective January 31, 2020.

The Revd Glen Allan Nicholson, retired, Deacon, All Saints, Mission, effective February 29, 2020.

The Revd Connie Lynn Wilks, retired, Deacon, All Saints, Mission, effective April 11, 2020.

The Revd Canon Richard Milo LeSueur, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, effective April 30, 2020.

The Revd Pitman Benjamin Potter, retired, Deacon to the Archdeaconry of Vancouver, effective May 31, 2020.

The Revd Alain-Michel Rocheleau, resigned, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), St Paul, Vancouver, and Anglican Chaplain to College and University Students (Non-Stipendiary), effective July 31, 2020.

The Revd Sharon Denise Salomons, term completed, Director of Diaconal Formation, effective July 31, 2020.

The Revd Christine Wilson, resigned, Deacon, St Faith, Vancouver, effective August 13, 2020.

The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Helen, Surrey, effective August 31, 2020.

The Revd Philippa Segrave-Pride, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, North Vancouver, effective August 31, 2020.

The Revd André Marc Stephany, term completed, Assistant Curate, Christ Church Cathedral, effective August 31, 2020.

The Revd Cecil Scott Gould, resigned, Rector, St Helen, Point Grey, effective December 31, 2020.

The Venerable Richard Geoffrey Leggett, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam, effective December 31, 2020.

The Revd Stephen Douglas Muir, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective December 31, 2020.

The Revd Robert David Price, retired, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Agassiz, effective December 31, 2020.

The Revd Paula Lee Porter Leggett, retired, Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Alban, Richmond, effective January 31, 2021.

The Revd Stuart Hallam, resigned, Rector, St Philip, Dunbar, effective March 31, 2021.

The Revd John Robert Stephens, resigned, Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective January 10, 2021.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective January 10, 2021.

The Most Revd Melissa Maxine Skelton, retired, Bishop, Diocese of New Westminster, effective February 28, 2021.

The Revd Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana, ended, Rector, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective March 10, 2021

The Revd Stephen Boyd Thompson, resigned, Deacon, St David, Delta, effective May 30, 2018. The Revd John Patrick Mash, resigned, Assistant to the Rector, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective May 31, 2018.

The Venerable John Robert Stephens, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Mary, Kerrisdale, May 31, 2018.

The Revd Richard Geoffrey Leggett, resigned, Rector, St Faith, Vancouver, effective June 24, 2018. The Revd Daebn Moses Im, resigned, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Cross Japanese Canadian, Vancouver, effective June 30, 2018.

The Revd Richard Geoffrey Leggett, resigned, Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Vancouver, effective June 30, 2018.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Anne, Steveston, effective June 30, 2018.

The Revd Sharon Denise Salomons, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Catherine, Capilano, effective June 30, 2018.

The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, resigned, Christ Church, Hope, July 15, 2018.

The Revd Helen Tervo, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Andrew, Langley, effective July 31, 2018.

The Revd Maggie Rose Muldoon, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Alban, Richmond, effective August 31, 2021.

The Venerable Elizabeth Anne Northcott, resigned, Rector, All Saints, Ladner, effective September 23, 2018.

The Revd Roberta Mary Fraser, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Alban the Martyr, Burnaby, effective September 30, 2018.

The Revd Stephen Andrew Halladay, resigned, Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Augustine, Marpole, effective September 30, 2018.

The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, term completed, Assistant Curate, St John, Shaughnessy, effective September 30, 2018.

The Revd Trudi Shaw, retired, Deacon, St John the Apostle, Port Moody, effective October 9, 2017.

The Revd Sharon Denise Salomons, resigned, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), St Margaret, Cedar Cottage, effective October 15, 2018.

The Revd Vivian Pui Yue Lam, resigned, Rector, St Matthias and St Luke, Oakridge, effective November 19, 2018.

The Revd Marion Man Wai Wong, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Matthias and St Luke, Oakridge, effective November 19, 2018.

The Revd Marilyn Patricia Ann Hames, retired, Assistant to the Rector (Non-Stipendiary), St Philip, Dunbar, effective November 25, 2018.

The Revd James Evan Duckett, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Vancouver, effective November 30, 2018.

The Revd Katherine Kim Lian Yeo, resigned, Deacon, St Matthias and St Luke, Oakridge, effective November 30, 2018.

The Revd Robert Harrison Grant Rodgers, resigned, Vicar, Christ the Redeemer, Surrey, effective December 31, 2018.

The Revd Vivian Margaret Seegers, term completed, Assistant Curate, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective February 28 2021.

## Relinquishment/Abandonment

None.

## synod Office staff

Mr Richard Gardner, resigned, Building Manager, effective May 10, 2019.

Mr Regan Gorman and Ms Arlene Hrynuik, appointed, Building Management Team, effective May 15, 2019.

Mr Phil Colvin, resigned, Administrative Assistant and Receptionist, effective October 2, 2019.

Ms Arlene Hrynuik, resigned, Assistant Building Manager, effective October 31, 2019.

Ms Prashanti Yadavalli, appointed Accounting Assistant, effective September 28, 2019.

Mrs Lauren Odile Pinkney, appointed Administrative Assistant and Receptionist, effective November 1, 2019.

Ms Rachel Taylor, resigned, Administrative Assistant, effective July 31, 2020.

Mr Elias Neto, appointed Administrative Assistant, effective September 16, 2020.

Mr Joselito Manalo, appointed Intermediate Accountant, effective October 19, 2020.

## Episcopal Acts

Blessing of Oils (Chrism, Unction and Catechumenate), Chrism Mass, Christ Church Cathedral, April 16, 2019.

Blessing of Oils (Chrism, Unction and Catechumenate), Chrism Mass, Christ Church Cathedral, March 30, 2021.

## Acts of Dedication

St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, Blessed prayer shawls and crosses, April 14, 2019.  
St John the Divine, Maple Ridge, Blessed church sign, a prayer shawl, and a red cedar chalice and paten, May 5, 2019.  
Christ Church, Hope, Blessed scattering memorial garden, June 4, 2019.  
St Mark, Ocean Park, Blessed the winged lion of St Mark sign from the former St Mark, Kitsilano, September 8, 2019.  
St Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, blessed prayer shawls, September 15, 2019.  
St Anselm, Vancouver, dedicated children's chapel in the narthex, October 20, 2019.  
St Dunstan, Aldergrove, blessed tokens of the Spiritual Centre for Renewal, October 27, 2019.  
St Hilda, Sechelt, Blessed prayer shawls, January 19, 2020.  
Holy Spirit, Whonnock, Blessed a new Gospel Book, September 13, 2020.  
St John, Shaughnessy, Blessed a cross pendant, September 28, 2020.  
St Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, Blessed a new Pet Memorial Garden, October 20, 2020.

## Parish Closures

None

## Parish Merger

None

## Special Services

A Mass for the Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination and Baptismal Vows (Chrism Mass), Christ Church Cathedral, April 16, 2019.  
Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, Investiture of Honorary Recipients, Diocesan Synod, Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver, May 24, 2019.  
Diocesan Confirmation, Christ Church Cathedral, May 11, 2019.  
Diocesan Ordination, Christ Church Cathedral, June 15, 2019.  
Diocesan Ordination Christ Church Cathedral, January 18, 2020.  
Diocesan Ordination, Christ Church Cathedral, June 20, 2020.  
Diocesan Ordination, Christ Church Cathedral, December 12, 2020.  
Ordination of The Right Revd John Robert Stephens, Bishop, Christ Church Cathedral, January 23, 2021.  
Installation of The Right Revd John Robert Stephens, 10th Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, Christ Church Cathedral, February 28, 2021.  
A Mass for the Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination and Baptismal Vows (Chrism Mass), Christ Church Cathedral, March 30, 2021.

**Confirmations – 49**

**Receptions – 3**

**Reaffirmations – 2**

## Special Events

Episcopal Electoral Synod, Christ Church Cathedral and on-line, October 3, 2020.  
Parish of St Matthias and St Luke, Oakridge, renamed St Titus, Oakridge, effective March 1, 2021.

## Postulants

Ms Alecia Danica Greenfield, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, May 5, 2019.  
Ms Lorie Martin, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, May 5, 2019.  
Mr André Marc Stephany, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, effective May 5, 2019.  
Mr Jason David Douglas Wood, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, May 5, 2019.  
Ms Leah Skuro, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Vocational Diaconate, August 28, 2019.  
Mr Donald Stephen Black, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, effective April 28, 2020.  
Ms Amanda Leigh Ruston, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, effective April 28, 2020.  
Mr Neil Seedhouse, Postulant for the Diaconate, effective October 16, 2021.  
Ms Martha Cameron, Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Vocational Diaconate, effective January 21, 2021.



The Revd Walter Bayley  
The Revd Randolph Bruce  
The Ven. Barbara Clay  
The Revd Margaret Cole  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Margaret Cornish  
The Revd Christine Cross  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Warren Deacon  
The Revd Douglas Dittrich  
The Revd Leonard Dyer  
(Deacon)  
The Very Revd Peter Elliott  
The Revd James Fergusson  
The Revd John Firmston  
The Revd Susan Foley-Currie  
The Revd Karin Fulcher  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Michael Fuller  
The Revd Keith Gilbert  
The Revd Neil Gray  
The Revd Paul Guiton  
The Most Revd Douglas  
Hambidge  
The Revd Gary Hamblin  
The Revd Marilyn Hames  
The Revd Georgina Harris  
The Ven. Ronald Harrison  
The Revd Paul Illical  
The Right Revd Michael  
Ingham  
The Revd Stuart Isto (Deacon)

The Revd Robert Korth  
The Revd Gregory Law Lah  
The Revd Paulina Lee  
The Revd Charles Lenz  
The Revd Janice Lowell  
The Revd June Maffin  
The Revd Margaret Marquardt  
The Revd John Marsh  
The Revd John Mash  
The Revd Carla McGhie  
The Revd Stuart Mennigke  
The Revd Dennis Morgan  
The Revd Maggie Rose  
Muldoon  
The Revd Canon Harold  
Munn  
The Revd Gail Newell  
The Revd Glen Nicholson  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Nicholas Parker  
The Ven. Andrew Pike  
The Revd Paula Porter Leggett  
The Revd Pitman Potter  
(Deacon)  
The Revd David Price  
The Revd Dudley Ritchie  
The Revd Paula Sampson  
The Revd Alexis Saunders  
The Revd Edward Schmitt  
The Revd Kathleen Schmitt  
The Revd Jeanette Scott  
(Deacon)

The Revd Trudi Shaw  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Wallace Shea  
(Deacon)  
The Revd John Shozawa  
The Most Revd Melissa  
Skelton  
The Revd Linda St Clair  
The Revd April Stanley  
The Ven. Beverley Stewart  
The Ven. Jeannette Stigger  
The Revd Shirley Stockdill  
The Ven. John Struthers  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Craig Tanksley  
The Revd Frederic Tassinari  
The Revd Stephen Thompson  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Adela Torchia  
The Revd Sarah Tweedale  
The Revd Linda Varin  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Jeremy Wex  
The Revd Paul Wheeler  
The Revd Ronald Wickens  
The Revd Connie Wilks  
(Deacon)  
The Revd Graham Witcher  
The Revd Jenny Wong Nam  
The Revd Helen Worley  
The Revd Pamela Worthington

## Retired clergy (inactive)

The Revd Rodney Adamson  
The Revd Terence Allen  
The Revd Thomas Anthony  
The Revd John Barton  
The Revd Elizabeth Beale  
The Revd Barbara Blakely  
The Revd John Blythe  
The Revd Paul Borthistle  
The Revd Virginia Bryant  
The Revd Martin Brokenleg  
The Revd Marie Brown (Deacon)  
The Revd Graeme Brownlee  
The Revd Edward Celiz  
The Revd John Chapman  
The Revd Lawrence Cheung  
The Revd Wendy Eyre-Gray  
The Revd William Ferris  
The Revd Bruce Gifford  
The Revd Keith Hamlin  
The Revd Peter Heritage  
The Revd Helen Hill  
The Revd Edward Hulford

The Revd Patricia Joyce  
The Revd Mark Lemon  
The Revd Brock Lupton  
The Ven. John Major  
The Revd David McKenzie  
The Revd Paul McMullan  
The Revd Daniel Meakes  
The Revd Peter Niblock  
The Revd Esther North  
The Revd Gladys Olsen  
The Revd Herbert Peake  
The Revd William Pike  
The Revd David Robinson  
The Revd John Robinson  
The Revd Philip Townshend-Carter  
The Revd Welby Walker  
The Revd Robin Waller  
The Revd Paul Wiltse  
The Revd Eve Wiseman

# Draft Agenda (subject to change)

## *121st Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster*

### **Saturday, May 15, 2021**

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| 8:00 am  | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8:30 am  | Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement<br>Morning Prayer & Bishop's Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:15 am  | Constitution of Synod<br><br>Quorum<br>Regrets, Privileges<br>Introduction of new clergy<br>Adoption of Agenda<br>Reports of Sessional Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolutions</li><li>• Nominations</li><li>• Memorials</li><li>• Messages from Synod</li></ul> Minutes of the 119th Synod and 120th Electoral Synod<br>Receipt of written reports |
| 9:45 am  | Elections of Officers, Delegates and Committees<br>Run-off (if required)<br>Report of Elections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:15 am | Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements – 2020                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:45 am | 2021 Budget and Vision Budgets 2022 & 2023                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:15 am | Resolutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1:15 pm  | Vote of Thanks<br>Commissioning of newly elected officers, delegates, committee members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:30 pm  | Adjournment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

# Reports

# Introduction to Reports

This section of the Convening Circular contains reports from many ministries, committees and related groups of the diocese. Reports, where appropriate, are grouped into these sections:

***Diocesan Committees and Task Forces*** form the administrative structures which enable much of the mission and ministry of the diocese. Diocesan Council is the executive committee of the diocese, and it is supported by the two Standing Committees which oversee Management, Finance and Property and Mission and Ministry Development. Other committees help administer and distribute funds held by the diocese for particular purposes and support the work of the Bishop's office in the selection of candidates for parish incumbencies.

***Chaplaincy*** ministries are served by chaplains, who can be clergy or trained lay persons, and who serve as religious and spiritual leaders and pastors in secular institutions including hospitals, prisons, military units, and schools. Their work can include offering worship services, building community among or across groups within an institution, and providing one-on-one pastoral care.

***care+share*** is the shared outreach program of the diocese. *care+share* recipients are projects which reflect one or more of the core values of diocesan ministry and are selected through an application process and approved by Synod for a two-year inclusion in the program. Ministries included in *care+share* do not receive "funding", instead they receive voluntary contributions made by parishes and individual Anglicans which flow through the Diocesan Office with no fundraising or administration costs charged to them.

***Unit and Wisdom Groups*** are groups in the diocese whose focus is a particular area of ministry. Led by volunteer lay and clergy leaders, and funded by the diocese, Unit and Wisdom Groups engage in a variety of activities to help equip the diocese for ministry including organizing events, training programs and circulating information.

***Related Groups*** are organizations outside the diocesan structure recognized by Synod or Diocesan Council to have aims and objectives shared by the diocese. Related Groups may apply for and may receive funding from the diocese, but they operate as independent societies in accordance with their own constitution and policies.

Other individuals and groups which report to the Synod include: the Anglican Church Women, the Diocesan Archivist, the Diocesan School for Parish Development, the Education for Ministry Program, Indigenous Justice Ministries, and the Street Outreach Initiative.

# Report of the Diocesan Council

*(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2021, Diocesan Council met on twelve occasions, including two day long working retreats on September 14th, 2019 when the members participated in seminar led by Dr Kumari Beck on equity/diversity/inclusion and September 12th, 2020 when Council met at Christ Church Cathedral and attended the installation of the Dean of the Diocese, the Very Revd Christopher Pappas followed by a strategic planning exercise. All regular meetings were held at the Diocesan Centre. Membership on Council, formally known as the “Executive Committee” (cf. Article 4 of the Constitution), includes the Bishop (chair), two members chosen by the Dean and Archdeacons from among their number, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar or the Legal Assessor, the Treasurer of Synod and Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Property, Chair of the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development, two elected delegates from each of the archdeaconries and two youth representatives. Regular staff support attending (without vote) includes the Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver when not a member from the Dean and Archdeacons, the Director of Mission and Ministry Development, the Director of Finance and Property, and the Communications Officer. A volunteer, Ms. Jan Harvey of the Parish of St Stephen, West Vancouver, has generously served as recording secretary.

Electronic voting on matters that require no further debate, and which have already been reviewed and recommended by one of the two Standing Committees has expedited decision making, especially at the parish level. There have been ten email polls conducted between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2021.

Diocesan Council has continued its focus on strategic planning and policy development. An Agenda Committee of Council has assisted Council in organizing its work to do so. The Agenda Committee consists of Ms Jade Martin-Seedhouse, Ms Jane Hope, and the Executive Archdeacon as Chair. The Revd Robin Celiz served from June 2019 to August 2019.

In non-pandemic time Council begins with a light dinner and is followed by a hymn, prayers and/or Bible Study. All of this has assisted in forming community and focusing the work. Since March 25, 2020 all except the September 12, 2020 working retreat have been meetings held by videoconference.

Council set its priorities in line with the diocesan priorities of parish development, reconciliation and ministry with Indigenous peoples, diversity, and relationship building.

Diocesan Council receives financial statements, approves the annual budget, hears reports and receives minutes from the Standing Committees, receives seasonal reports on General Synod business, and hears reports from related groups. It reviews and approves by-laws for parishes and church cemeteries, development projects initiated by parishes, and leases of parish property. Diocesan Council also approves nominations for various committees, units, and certain groups such as Missions to Seafarers and St. Michael’s Centre to which the Diocese has the privilege of appointment.

The Website of the Diocese of New Westminster can direct you to Minutes and other information on Diocesan Council: <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-council>

Thanks to the Standing Committees (Mission and Ministry Development and Management, Finance and Property) who, through their chairs, provide Diocesan Council with regular reports; volunteer recording secretary Jan Harvey who takes Council minutes; Bette Geddes, ODNW who, in non-pandemic time, feeds us; Phil Colvin, Rachel Taylor, and now Elias Neto who oversees meeting arrangements and compile the package of meeting materials; Shailene Caparas, Director of Finance and the Revd Tellison Glover, Director for Mission and Ministry Development who research and prepare many of the précis associated with materials being presented to Council, often with the assistance of our legal officers, who are unstinting in their contributions of time and talent.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable G. Douglas Fenton,  
Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver

## **Report of the Standing Committee on Management, Finance and Property** *(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop John and Members of Synod,

During 2019 through 2020 some of the issues dealt with by the Finance and Properties Committee were:

- Grant requests to the Anglican Foundation from Parishes in the Diocese
- Grant and loan requests from Parishes throughout the Diocese
- Providing advice and financial support to Parishes throughout the Diocese especially regarding the Pandemic
- Review the clergy compensation for 2020-2021
- Review and approval of leases by Parishes longer than 1 year for approval by Diocesan Council
- Manage the audit of Diocesan financial statements.
- Prepare a revised budget for 2020 after the start of the Pandemic to reflect the support to the Parishes from the Diocese.
- Preparation and review of budgets for 2020 and 2021
- Preparation of the Vision budget for 2022 and 2023
- Consulting with parishes to review their finances and help them plan for their future.

Amongst its activities is a monthly overview of the Diocesan operating budget and actual expenses, a quarterly review of the performance of our Consolidated Trust Funds.

The membership of the committee is large and diverse and blessed by very capable and dedicated minds: Susan Chortyk ODNW, John Geddes, Ken Storozuk ODNW, the Revd John Stephens (until February 28, 2021), The Ven. Richard Leggett, The Revd Ruth Monette and Registrar Don Paul ODNW. Director of Finance Shailene Caparas serves as staff support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardy ODNW Diocesan Treasurer,  
Chair Finance and Properties Committee

# Report of the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development

*(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The past two years for the committee have been a period of transition and capacity building as it continually seeks to live out its purpose.

The purpose of the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development (MMD) is to champion and steward the priorities of the Diocese as a framework for all activities related to Mission & Ministry.

We do this by:

1. Providing a strategic lead; advising and/or making recommendations on matters of Mission and Ministry Development
2. Reviewing and making recommendations to Diocesan Council about important development projects in collaboration with the Standing Committee on Finance and Property
3. Assisting in the generation of new ideas and fostering innovative approaches to ministry
4. Paying attention to emerging ministries outside of the parish structure
5. Supporting the work of parish development in the diocese
6. Initiating and promoting dialogue and conversation about mission and ministry
7. Reviewing anticipated renovations to property as they relate to mission and ministry, and making recommendations to the Bishop

The MMD committee membership includes both clergy and lay members: last year the committee bid farewell to the former chair, Rev. David Edgerton and welcomed Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride as the new chair.

During this transition, as a priority, much attention was given to establishing frameworks that support parishes in their mission and the diocese in its values through:

1. Increased collaboration with the Director of Mission and Ministry Development, the Department of Mission and Ministry Development, The Standing Committee on Finance and Property and the Bishop
2. Increased support to the Urban Aboriginal Ministries (UAM) through care  $\frac{1}{4}$  share 2019-2020 Cycle
3. Increased support to parishes in building capacity around Technology, Innovative Ministries Parish Development and Stewardship Ministry through programing and coaching
4. Strategic planning on Collaborative Ministry recognizing the need to increase awareness throughout the Diocese of the complex and diverse expressions of Collaborative Ministry, its inherent value and the opportunities that exist.
5. Intentional and strategic response to Resolution 8 on Climate Emergency through:
  - a. The formation of a Climate Emergency Working Group
  - b. The development of recommendations on Diocesan Climate Emergency Response
6. Increased responsiveness to the challenges faced by parishes due to the COVID-19 pandemic by:
  - a. Conducting a data gathering exercise where all parishes were interviewed to assess their experience.
  - b. Establishing financial and pastoral support to parishes and clergy that experienced negative effects of the pandemic through wage-subsidies and grants.
  - c. Forming a COVID-19 Safety Committee to guide parishes as they created safety protocols for the purposes of liturgy and use of the property.

The Committee has six (6) members: The Reverend Philippa Segrave-Pride (chair), The Reverend Christine Magrega,

The Reverend Justin Cheng, Tony Sauder, Jeddy James, The Reverend Tellison Glover (staff support)

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Reverend Tellison Glover  
Director of Mission and Ministry Development and the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development  
Staff Support

## Report of the Anglican Initiatives Fund (Diocesan Committee)

Bishop and Members of Synod:

The ANGLICAN INITIATIVES FUND (“AIF”) was created by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Session of Synod (1988) to respond to important ministry needs and to fund new initiatives that will guide our church for generations to come. The funding has arisen from three sources:

- (1) An initial capital campaign that was undertaken in the 1980’s;
- (2) Undesignated gifts and bequests to the Diocese
- (3) Direct bequests and gifts to AIF

AIF provides the opportunity for individuals to be a part of their response to God’s call to service by making a meaningful investment in the mission of our church. AIF addresses specific areas such as:

- a) Human Resources
- b) Anglican Church Growth
- c) New Ministries
- d) Outreach Ministries
- e) Deceased Clergy’s Family Support

The AIF had \$2.13 million balance at the beginning of 2019, comprised of \$1.82 million restricted capital and \$0.31 million accumulated surplus (available for grants). In 2019, the Diocese received proceeds from life insurance of \$57,240 and provided a total of \$110,616 in grants which include parish development grants to seven parishes, lay bursaries to Diocesan school students, clergy women’s leadership conference, refugee retreat, Urban Aboriginal Ministries (UAM) and Arabic and Aramaic Outreach of the Church of Epiphany.

Financial markets were resilient in 2019, staging a meaningful recovery from 2018. Stocks continued their upward march resulting in a net market gain of \$0.34 million in 2019. The AIF balance at Dec 31, 2019 stood at \$2.42 million.

We entered 2020 with cautious optimism. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AIF balance plummeted to \$2.20 million as of March 2020. To protect the value of the restricted capital and to maintain it at \$2 million, the AIF Administrators transferred \$121,627 from the accumulated surplus.

In 2020, the AIF Administrators provided \$153,714 in total grants. There were 8 parishes that were eligible for parish development grants. In 2020, the AIF Administrators further supported the initiatives of UAM and Arabic and Aramaic Outreach of the Church of Epiphany. In addition, grants were also provided to the permaculture garden of St. David’s & St. Paul and the ministry replant of Holy Cross. Technology grants of up to \$2,000 for each parish amounting to \$132,000 were also authorized for disbursement until May 2021. Of this authorization, a total of \$59,350 has been granted to 33 parishes as of April 20, 2021.

Buoyed by ultra-low interest rates and fiscal stimulus, financial markets calmed, and stocks gradually rose to record levels. The economic recovery has repeatedly exceeded expectations. On December 31, 2020, AIF earned a total of \$0.31 million keeping the fund balance strong at \$2.57 million.

Below is a summary of the Anglican Initiatives Fund Financial Statements for years 2019 and 2020:

Anglican Initiatives Fund	2019	2020	2020 Budget
<b>CAPITAL, Restricted</b>			
Balance, beginning	1,821,133	1,878,373	1,878,373
Donations during the year	57,240	-	-
Fund Transfer from Accumulated Surplus	-	121,627	-
<b>Balance, ending</b>	<b>1,878,373</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,878,373</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Available Fund)</b>			
Balance, beginning	312,579	538,022	538,022
Market gain/loss, net	336,059	307,546	70,000
Grants Paid ( <i>see Schedule A</i> )	(110,616)	(153,714)	(105,000)
Fund Transfer to Restricted Balance	-	(121,627)	-
<b>Balance, ending</b>	<b>538,022</b>	<b>570,227</b>	<b>503,022</b>
<b>NET FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>2,416,395</b>	<b>2,570,227</b>	<b>2,381,395</b>

In 2017, Diocesan Council delegated the administration of the following diocesan funds to the AIF Administrators: The AIF; The Margaret Lewis Bequest; The Diocesan Fair Share Fund; The Benjafield Fund; and The Denby Fund. The performance and use of the other funds are reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Diocese. Specific information about each of these funds is also available on the Diocesan website under the heading "Resources".

Applications for grant support are received and reviewed by the AIF Administrators and final decision on grants are made by the AIF Administrators. For years 2019 and 2020, the AIF Administrators approved the following parish grant requests:

Anglican Initiatives Fund	2019 Paid	2020 Paid	2020 Budget
Parish Development School Lay Bursaries	5,000	-	5,000
Clergy Women's Leadership Conference	12,000	-	-
Refugee Retreat	6,000	-	-
Urban Aboriginal Ministries	7,648	4,800	-
Technology Grant	-	28,820	-
Arabic and Aramaic Outreach - Church of Epiphany	5,888	10,094	-
Permaculture Garden - St. David's/St. Paul	-	5,000	-
New Ministry Replant - Holy Cross	-	21,000	-
Parish Development Grants ( <i>see Schedule A</i> )	74,080	84,001	100,000
	<b>110,616</b>	<b>153,714</b>	<b>105,000</b>

<b>Schedule A</b>			
Parish Development Grants	2019	2020 Used	Approved
St. Stephen, Burnaby ( <i>Shifting from Scarcity to Abundance</i> )	-	20,000	20,000
Holy Trinity, White Rock ( <i>Making a Positive Difference</i> )	-	15,000	15,000
St. Barnabas ( <i>Singing Our Love Out Loud</i> )	-	11,000	11,000
St. Dunstan ( <i>Retreat and Conference Ministry</i> )	15,000	11,000	10,000
St. George, Maple Ridge ( <i>Music and Youth Minister</i> )	19,564	10,000	10,000
St. John, Squamish ( <i>Children &amp; Youth Ministry Development</i> )	-	-	9,000
St. Mary, Sapperton ( <i>Children and Youth Ministry</i> )	7,893	8,001	8,000
St. John, North Vancouver ( <i>Music Ministry</i> )	-	5,000	5,000
Church of the Epiphany ( <i>New Website</i> )	1,623	-	-
All Saints, Burnaby ( <i>Seasonal Concert Ministry</i> )	4,000	-	-
St. Hilda, Sechelt ( <i>Redevelopment and Feasibility Study</i> )	20,000	-	-
St. Catherine, North Vancouver ( <i>Marketing Plan</i> )	6,000	-	-
St. Mary Magdalene ( <i>Widening the Circle</i> )	-	4,000	-
Uncommitted amount			12,000
<b>Total Parish Development Grants</b>	<b>74,080</b>	<b>84,001</b>	<b>100,000</b>
			<b>0</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kessler  
Bob Hardy, ODNW – Treasurer  
George Cadman, QC, ODNW – Chancellor Gerry Parrott  
The Reverend Christine Rowe The Reverend Sharon Smith  
The Right Reverend John Stephens – Bishop (Chair)

## Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee & Constitution and Canons Working Group (Diocesan Committee & Diocesan Task Force)

Bishop and Members of Synod,

After the significant work done to update the Constitution and Canons and Synod’s approval in 2019 the Committee began the next step of revising the Regulations. Some of the revisions were linked to the canonical changes and others were no longer relevant or were better stated as Policy.

Diocesan Council has the authority to enact or repeal all Regulations except for the regulations pertaining to Anglican Initiatives Fund and Parish Fair Share. From June 2019 to April 2020, the Committee brought the series of suggested amendments and those to be repealed to Diocesan Council.

The Constitution and Canons Committee reported the following corrections to Diocesan Council pursuant to Paragraph 2.13 of the Constitution.

1. THAT Canon 1.10 be amended by changing “license” to “licence” where such word is used as a noun so that Canon 1.10 will now read (emphasis added):  
1.10 “Licensed Clergy” means all Clergy licensed to and actually engaged in a definite sphere of work within the Diocese, whether parochial or otherwise, and whether stipendiary or non-stipendiary, and shall include Clergy holding the Bishop's **license** and serving in Her Majesty's Canadian Armed forces, either inside or outside the Diocese, but shall not include Clergy that only hold:

- (a) a licence styled “honorary”, “on leave” or “permission to officiate” and/or
  - (b) any form of permit that is not a **licence**.
2. THAT the audit on a parish closure that Diocesan Council can waive or limit the requirement for a closing audit, Canon 8.19 be clarified by adding the following sentence to the end of it:  
Notwithstanding the foregoing, Diocesan Council may by resolution or regulation direct that the financial statements required by this paragraph be for a shorter or longer period than set out above and permit such financial statements to be unaudited rather than audited.
3. THAT proxy voting is not permitted unless a provision of the Canons explicitly permits it, Canon 9.13 be clarified by adding the following sentence to the end of it:  
Proxy voting is not permitted.
4. THAT the Search Committee of the parish is only required to be convened for replacement of the Priest in Charge of the Parish by changing the words “Where a Vacancy in a parish arises” to “Where a vacancy of the Priest in charge of a parish arises” so that Canon 9.40 will now read (emphasis added):  
9.40 Where a vacancy **of the Priest in charge of** a parish arises, a Search Committee shall be convened at such a time as the Bishop may direct.
5. THAT paragraph 5.2(c) of the Electoral Synod Rules of Order be amended by adding the missing word “by” in front of “the Chair” so that the phrase now reads (emphasis added):  
5.2 Each Visitor:  
(c) shall remove themselves from the visitor's gallery or the Synod at any time when requested or ordered to do so **by** the Chair.

The Committee also reviewed the Rules of Order to assist with and clarify the process for resolutions to the current and subsequent Synods. This advice was communicated through Diocesan Council to Archdeacons.

I would like to thank the members of both the Working Group and the Committee for the generosity of time, wisdom, and dedication to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable G. Douglas Fenton  
Chair, Constitution and Canons Committee

Members of Committee – Ms Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Archdeacon Douglas Fenton, Ms Sharon Grove, ODNW, Archdeacon Richard Leggett, Mr Don Paul, ODNW, Mr Kevin Smith, ODNW.

## Report of the Property Development Subcommittee

*(Diocesan Task Force)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

In the Fall of 2018 this sub-committee of Diocesan Council was formed to address the stewardship of diocesan property assets with a view to develop a Diocesan strategy regarding property (re)development, and to provide resources for parishes to further their mission and ministry through the successful development of diocesan properties overseen by parishes.

The original committee members were The Very Rev. Melissa Skelton, The Rev. Tellison Glover, Ms. Nancy Southam, Mr. Rob Dixon, Mr. Thomas Rowe (committee chair), Mr. Ian Birtwell and The Rev. Paul Woehrle.

One of our first tasks was to canvas the nation to see who in the ACoC and other denominations was doing this work. Some of our early contacts were: The Diocese of Ottawa, The Diocese of Algoma, The Diocese of Toronto, The House of Bishops, and The BC Conference of the United Church. Since then we have benefitted from dialogue with the BC Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, The Diocese of Montreal, and a non-profit developer, Catalyst Community Developments Society. Architect Marko Simcic from Simcic & Uhrich Architects has served the committee as an advisor and helped us to orient to the world of real estate development.

Through dialogue internal to the diocese (Diocesan Council, Diocesan Canons, Property and Finance Committee and the Mission and Ministry Committee) and external, we developed terms of reference. In October 2018 we hosted a workshop to talk about real estate development and 14 parishes were represented. It was clear to us that what was needed was a process by which parishes thinking about property development could be in touch with the committee early in the process. It also became clear that we needed professional resources and, following funding from Diocesan Council, we have been researching viable consulting resources.

Over the ensuing years we have been gathering data, reviewing the work of Parishes who have undertaken redevelopment of their property, visiting sites that other Churches have developed, and exploring funding options. Some of us have taken a real estate development course geared for faith communities offered by Impact, the real estate division of Vancity. This was originally slated for 2020 but was postponed until early in 2021.

With the transition in Episcopal leadership has come a 'reboot' of the committee. Our members presently are: The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, The Rev. Tellison Glover, Mr. Thomas Rowe and The Rev. Paul Woehrle (interim chair). We are seeking new members and if this work interests you, please contact The Rev. Tellison Glover at the Synod Office.

Our goals are to hire a property development consultant, articulate a development strategy for the Diocese, and to develop a user-friendly resource for Parishes who are thinking about property development. We acknowledge that property development is a large undertaking, is highly disruptive and has many moving parts. What we are learning is that a parish's understanding of their core mission is the bedrock of the process and that a development vision is built upon this. To further a Parish's ministry and mission through the development of their property is to further the Diocese's ministry and mission. To that end we are here to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Paul Woehrle

## **Report of the Cathedral Chapter** *(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Cathedral Chapter met in March for the first time since the arrival of Dean Chris Pappas. A lively discussion was held around the purpose and mandate of the chapter. Bishop John and Dean Chris will continue this discussion over the coming months and later this fall with the chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Kathy Shier

# Report of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments

*(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments (BACA) is established by authority of Diocesan Canon 5. Membership includes the Bishop as chair, the Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver, and three clerical and three lay members elected by Synod. When the Committee meets to consider the applications received for a clerical vacancy, two representatives from the Search Committee of the respective parish and their Regional Archdeacon join the Committee for that specific instance as full voting members. Also, this includes the Rector if the position is for an Assistant to the Rector.

This report covers the period from April 1, 2019 until March 30, 2021. During this period, BACA met nine times to consider vacancies at Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock; St David, Tsawwassen; St Paul, Vancouver; All Saints, Ladner; St Faith, Vancouver; St Clement, Lynn Valley; St Chad, Vancouver; St Augustine, Marpole; Christ Church Cathedral; St Mark, Ocean Park; and St Hilda, Sechelt.

The search for Incumbents was successful except for Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock and St David, Tsawwassen who were completed in multiple postings.

During this same period, after consultation with the parish leadership, the Bishop made several direct appointments:  
St Thomas, Chilliwack; Christ the Redeemer, Surrey; Holy Spirit, Whonnock; Church of the Holy Cross, Vancouver; and Christ Church, Hope.

The following appointments were also made:

- Interim Priest-in-Charge: St Faith, Vancouver; St Anne, Steveston; St Martin, North Vancouver; St Hilda, Sechelt; St Clement, Lynn Valley and Christ Church Cathedral.
- Vicar: Holy Spirit, Whonnock; Christ Church, Hope; All Saints, Agassiz; and Church of the Holy Cross, Vancouver
- Priest-in-Charge: Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock; St Faith, Vancouver; St Mark, Ocean Park; St John, Shaughnessy; St Helen, Point Grey; St Philip, Dunbar;
- Curate: St John the Divine, Squamish; Holy Trinity Cathedral; Christ Church Cathedral; St Francis-in-the-Wood; and St Helen, Surrey.
- Assistant to the Rector (non-stipendiary): St Dunstan, Aldergrove

1-Year Extensions of Ministry were granted to priests or deacons appointed to:  
Holy Trinity Cathedral; St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibsons; St Mark, Ocean Park; St John the Baptist, Sardis; All Saints' Burnaby; St Hilda, Sechelt; and St David and St Paul, Powell River.

In addition, some term appointments were made or extended.

The Committee on Continuing Education (Murrin Fund) makes periodic reports to BACA. Grants were made to several people assisting them in their ongoing education and learning. Chair of the Committee is the Ven Stephanie Shepard.

Current elected members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments are: Clerical: The Revd Sharon Salomons, The Ven Kevin Hunt and The Ven Richard Leggett; Lay: Ms Charlotte French, ODNW; Ms Brenda Stenson; Ms Rachel Taylor and succeeded by Casper Zuzek.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Venerable G. Douglas Fenton  
Executive Archdeacon/  
Archdeacon of Vancouver

## Report of the Murrin Fund

*(Diocesan Committee)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Murrin Fund's purpose is to help clergy and lay employees of the Diocese take advantage of continuing education opportunities that are available to enhance and enrich their vocation and parish life. Grants are available for degree or credit courses (excluding primary degrees), as well as for retreats, seminars, workshops, conferences, and other educational programs as the Committee deems eligible. Employees of the Anglican Church of Canada contribute to a Continuing Education plan, of which they are encouraged to take full advantage. Other granting organizations and parishes are possible contributors to an individual's study leave plans. The Murrin Fund grants can be used to extend and enrich what is possible.

Recipients over the past two years have been enabled to attend both remote and on-location opportunities for education, although travel has been recently curtailed by the pandemic situation. The average grant was \$750 per individual, with up to \$1500 for extended study leaves. Priority is given to individuals who have not utilized the fund recently. For 2021, the maximum grant amount has been raised to \$1500 per individual, with up to \$3000 available for extended study leave opportunities.

The Committee consists of 3 lay and 3 ordained members of the Diocese. In 2020, two valued members stepped down to move on to other ministries: the Rev. Alain-Michel Rocheleau and the Rev. Hyok Kim. Recently we welcomed the Rev. Greg Jenkins and the Rev. Bill Mok to the committee. I give thanks for them and the dedication and experience of the other current committee members: the Rev. Heidi Brear, Lin Neifert, Dr. Starr Allaby, and Guy Cribdon.

In the last year, the Murrin Fund has been quite successfully meeting electronically by Zoom and email. In addition to the fun work of granting money, we have been busy updating the terms of the Fund and a long-needed revision of the application form (still in process) which we are hoping to get live soon.

If you are interested in applying for a Murrin Fund Grant, please go to the Diocesan website to the "Grants & Loans" section and download a form to submit your application before you embark on your workshop, course, conference, or educational journey. Take advantage of the Murrin Fund as a wonderful resource for congregational development and spiritual growth for our diocesan community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Venerable Stephanie Shepard, Chair

## Report of the Chaplain to St. Jude's Anglican

### Home

*(Chaplaincy)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

“Light is hope, trust, and dignity. Sometimes people can take our dignity away...but Jesus gives it back to us.” A, resident of St. Jude’s

St. Jude’s Anglican Home is a 55-bed complex care home nestled in a west-side residential neighborhood of Vancouver, British Columbia. Care and services are provided in a home-like environment with the focus on resident needs and desires. The Home is governed by a non-profit society and funded by Vancouver Coastal Health, user fees and donations.

I, Clare Morgan, have been the licensed chaplain at the home since late 2017. The position is part-time at eight hours a week. For all of us, 2020 brought unprecedented change in every avenue of life, and things were no different at St. Jude’s.

The year began with executive director Jill van der Linden and I discussing about how we might re-imagine the chapel to become more of an interfaith prayer space through the use of a curtain to hide or display the altar. We also began to make plans for my office to become a shared space where I would alternate throughout the week with another staff member beginning training in human resources.

In March, as COVID-19 began to spread, I was moved out of the office entirely to facilitate social distancing. Our last formal Anglican Eucharist was held on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, under the protocols Archbishop Melissa Skelton had put into place for all parishes. Susan Harvey, the director of care, told me that for safety the chapel could no longer be used until further notice, so we prepared for less formal gatherings with residents. I was also asked to restrict my in-person ministry to St. Jude’s exclusively. My husband and I both began to work from home in order to socially isolate for the safety of the residents. After March 15<sup>th</sup>, in-person worship in the Diocese was suspended.

For a few weeks, my ministry was largely confined to offering music and one-on-one visits, again for social-distancing purposes. A truly precious highlight of that time were visits from members of the Squamish Nation, who share a connection to one resident at the home. They came to our front lawn where they drummed and sang for our elders just outside the glass fence of our main floor garden space. We all felt the power of that medicine.

I started my shifts with Morning Prayer in the chapel alone, which helped to ground me. I did a few special services for Holy Week but could not do the customary ritual of washing hands on the Wednesday of that week. Instead, I repeated a service I had crafted the previous year which I called “Evening in the Garden of Gethsemane,” which involved readings and some Taizé music. Since I couldn’t travel between floors, I also recorded a video of me doing the service in my home and posted it on YouTube for residents to watch on their SmartTV.

On Wednesday during Holy Week I was informed that Vancouver Coastal Health was severely limiting the number of non-direct care staff in homes and that I would be, in effect, laid off until further notice. My last day was April 9<sup>th</sup>, and I did not return until September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thankfully I was able to collect CERB during that period.

On returning some changes were made. I asked if my hours could be switched from Sundays and Wednesdays to Mondays and Wednesdays, and this was accepted with the suggestion that my shifts run from 12noon until 4pm. The home was off-limits to visitors for a time unless they came to visit through the windows or made an appointment to meet outdoors with a table in between them to ensure social-distancing. All those who entered the home were screened, including a temperature check. At first staff did this ourselves, but eventually the home hired workers to do this as well as training some senior staff. Masks were mandatory as well as eye protection (either goggles or face shields). The chapel had become a storage space for mountains of cardboard boxes containing PPE and other things necessary for the event of an outbreak. I was thankfully still able to store my small Celtic harp there.

In the first few months back, I began to offer music sets and Bible study on both floors, sometimes playing harp and sometimes mandolin, which I took up while I was away. I structured the Bible study similarly to a Godly Play session, punctuating it with songs most of the residents would know by heart as we couldn’t

share song sheets like we normally would with a hymn sing. While I intended at the beginning to keep track of who attended these gatherings, this proved to be impractical. I was also able to offer communion to one resident at a time with reserved sacrament graciously given from St. John's Shaughnessy. I am truly grateful for their spiritual care of our residents through this offering. It was very moving for the residents that chose to receive, and it deeply nourished me as well.

Residents had for the most part stayed healthy and there had been very few deaths during the time I'd been away. The new precautions meant that a lot of the outbreaks that would occur during a "normal" year, like the regular flu, had not had the chance to come into the home since visits had been halted or severely limited, masks were being worn, and staff were restricted to only working in one care home at a time. In the latter half of October as the weather got cold, the chapel began to be used as an in-person visiting area, not only because it did not require visitors to enter the living space of the residents, but because the ventilation was very good. Unfortunately, we had to do a pretty thorough purge of many of the furniture and other odds and ends that had accumulated there over time. We sadly had to say goodbye to our electric organ, which had been in need of serious repair for quite a while. I had been trying for weeks to find someone who would fix it before the pandemic hit, but my efforts proved fruitless. Jill and I hoped to replace it with a new electric keyboard in the future to be used both in the chapel and throughout the home. In December St. Mary's Kerrisdale leadership reached out to encourage me to apply for a parish grant for a new keyboard, which I did. Jill and I are thrilled to be pricing and searching for a new instrument with this deeply generous and heartfelt offering from our friends at St. Mary's who care so beautifully for us.

In November, a few staff members were diagnosed with COVID-19, and unfortunately one of our residents also caught the virus. We increased our caution by hiring the screeners that I mentioned above, and also requiring staff to bring a spare set of clothes to work to change into for exclusive use on the floors. In-house visits were stopped, with family members restricted to window visits and Zoom or Skype calls on the home's iPads. Since we had to create a "clean space" and a "dirty space" for workers coming in and out of the home, the chapel became a changing area for women starting their shifts. I would arrive with my bag of work clothes, be screened, go into the chapel to change into my work clothes and my separate pair of shoes, double-bag what I had worn to the home, including my outerwear and valuables, and leave them in a cubby which had to be sanitized with a hand wipe. I then took the designated "clean" elevator upstairs. When my shift ended, I took the other "dirty" elevator down, retrieved my things, and changed in the nurses' regular changing area on the other side of the lower floor. I then took my work clothes home and washed them immediately. It was a lot of work, but necessary to ensure that both residents, staff, and those within our households outside the home stayed safe.

In the first week of December, I was asked if I would be willing to increase my hours and "cohort" to the second floor to minimize the potential of spread. I said yes and for the rest of the month was at the home, exclusively in the special care unit, from Monday to Thursday 12noon to 4pm. This was important because for a time all staff were needed to gently encourage the residents to keep to their rooms and away from one another as much as possible – a difficult task with people who live with dementia. Thankfully, by the grace of God and due to herculean efforts by staff, the virus never reached the special care unit.

On Christmas Eve, I received the Pfizer vaccine. When director of care Susan requested that I spend that shift on the main floor in order to make sure those residents had a Christmas service, I crafted a short service of a few readings and carols. To make sure the second floor didn't miss out, I again made a video of the service at home the night before and posted it to YouTube so they could watch on their TV. Singing "Silent Night" together with the main floor residents, whom I hadn't seen for weeks, was one of the most rewarding and moving experiences of my life.

The following week, I was also able to visit the main floor for a New Year's Eve party. I had crafted a short Watch Night service that I ended up not using because the timing didn't seem right, and which I hope to revisit in the future. Instead we sang and laughed and wore silly hats, just what we all needed. Within a week of my first dose, 98% of our residents had also received theirs, as well as a significant portion of staff and even some spouses and relatives of residents who qualified and were then able to come inside following precautions in order to provide essential care.

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> St. Jude's was no longer an outbreak zone. We made it through with no deaths from COVID-19. Our one infected resident, an Anglican in their late 90s, survived and responded to my exclamation of, "You're the most amazing person I know!" with a casual, "Mm-hmm."

The week of January 4<sup>th</sup> I went back to my regular hours, but continued to observe safety protocols by alternating between floors for shifts, spending Mondays on the main floor and Wednesdays on the second floor. We also still had to bring spare sets of clothes for a time. I was able to book my second dose appointment, and received it on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Again, our rate of vaccinations among residents was almost 100%, and in-person visits as we had done them before (either outside or with the table in-between in the conference room outside the chapel) were allowed to resume.

For Ash Wednesday, I was able to offer imposition of ashes using gloves and extra-long Q-tips. We observed a short service with a few readings and reflections on the season. It was very special. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, restrictions were able to be loosened again. Staff who did not provide direct care no longer had to bring spare sets of clothes and I did not have to restrict myself to one floor per day. We continued with our music and Bible study, and most wonderful of all residents could have one designated visitor (vaccinated) come inside the home with masks and gloves to visit them in their rooms for up to an hour. This has made such a difference for our residents and their families, who have had to put so much trust in the home over the last year.

For Monday in Holy Week, I instituted a new service that I hope to continue. Taking inspiration from the contemplative work of Cynthia Bourgeault, we gathered to remember the precious ministry of the woman who anointed Jesus's feet, reading her story, singing some songs, and receiving anointing (again with gloves and Q-tips) with oil of unction for residents or staff who wished. I let every resident smell the beautiful cedar scent of our oil infused with such love from the Salal and Cedar watershed discipleship community, and told the story of how it was made and why the use of cedar was important.

For Wednesday in Holy Week, we revisited the Garden of Gethsemane service, which I was able to offer in-person on both floors this time! I made a small focal point for residents to look at on each floor with a potted plant, a green scarf, and crocheted flowers I had made. As I started to disassemble this focal point at the conclusion of the service on the second floor, one 98-year-old resident cried, "Oh no, don't! I like it!" My heart overflowed.

Finally, we gathered on Easter Monday to celebrate the new season with an abridged version of the lovely Easter Lessons and Carols service from the *Book of Occasional Services*. We stuck mostly with songs the residents knew by heart, and laughed and clapped with the joy of resurrection and new life springing up all around us. We were also once again hosted most generously on Zoom by St. Mary's Kerrisdale for their online Easter service for seniors as we had been in Advent just prior to Christmas.

With all my heart I commend the leadership of Jill van der Linden, whose steadfast calm and care can surely be said to have been lifesaving. The same must be said of Susan Harvey, whose dedication is matched only by her hope for better days.

This is not to minimize the contributions of all staff. The depth of their devotion is unparalleled. The care they have for the residents, the risks they have taken, and the burden they have shouldered, must never be forgotten. At least two of our nurses cohorted together in a home separate from both of their families for months so that the residents could be kept safe, and I'm sure others did the same. I saw so much love and tenderness shared between staff and residents. Many of our staff are immigrants and could not travel, and all of us had to forego visits of any kind with the ones we loved outside of our households during our outbreak for obvious reasons. Within the walls of St. Jude's, though, we could sing and laugh and cry and dance with one another, a different, diverse, and unexpected new kind of family. It truly felt like the Kingdom of God made manifest.

As we continue through this time, I am made so heavily aware of how clergy and others with the responsibility of spiritual and emotional care must take seriously the work that is coming when the pandemic is over. A huge portion of our society is going to need a lot of help, love, and listening to heal from burnout, PTSD, and all of the mental health issues that come with them.

I am forever thankful for the prayers of the Diocese, Archbishop Melissa, Executive Archdeacon Douglas

Fenton, my regional archdeacon Stephanie Shepard, and my regional dean Marion Wong, as well as from the parishes of St. John's Shaughnessy, St. Mary's Kerrisdale, and St. Margaret's Cedar Cottage. I truly believe that the gathered prayers of the faithful buoyed us up and gave us strength when it was running dry. There is still much to be done, and I continue to welcome your prayers. My prayer is for healing to grow continually, and that my next synod report feels centuries apart from this one.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Clare Morgan  
Chaplain

## Report of the Chaplain to University and College Students *(Chaplaincy)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Since my October 1st, 2014 appointment as Anglican Chaplain to College and University students, it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve the UBC community on a voluntary basis. Thanks be to God!

From June 2018 until the moment of my resignation as Anglican Chaplain, on July 30th, 2020, I devoted between 12 and 14 hours per week to this ministry. I met with the other members of the University Multifaith Chaplains Association on different occasions. I also had the privilege to collaborate with, among others, UBC Student Services and I have met (in person, then exclusively online) with more than 100 individuals for spiritual and pastoral care. Without the support of the UBC IT staff - especially between March and July 2020 -, it would have been almost impossible for me to serve as Chaplain in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to them again!

In order to make the Anglican chaplaincy more visible on campus, I distributed posters and business cards and created posts regularly on the UBC Anglican Chaplaincy Facebook page, which I created in 2016. Many of those posts also allowed me to promote some resources and activities of the Diocese, such as those offered in 2019 and 2020 by Himeni House and the Infinitely More ministry in particular. I also participated in Jump Start (in August 2018 and 2019), an event to welcome international students to UBC and help them to adjust to life in a new environment, and in Imagine Day (in September 2018 and 2019), when more than 1,000 volunteers came together to welcome over 8,500 new-to-UBC students.

I always tried to find new ways to promote students' faith development through their engagement in Christian worship, discipleship, and service; to empower them for a lifetime of participation in the Church, including their call to corporate ministry and reconciliation; and to create opportunities for inter-cultural and inter-faith dialogue. I will always remember the heartfelt thanks and testimonies I received from the members of the University Multifaith Chaplains' Association and from the UBC community when my ministry ended in July 2020.

The Rev. Dr. Alain-Michel Rocheleau  
Priest  
Former Anglican Chaplain to College and University Students

# Report of the Chaplain at Vancouver General Hospital

*(Chaplaincy)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

VGH Chaplaincy has been profoundly impacted by the current pandemic. In February 2020 the hospital cancelled elective surgeries, imposed a lockdown, and from March 13<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> excluded the Anglican, Catholic and Muslim Denominational Chaplains, except for end-of-life situations. Infection-control protocols are now mandatory, and we must wear scrubs, masks, gowns, goggles and disposable gloves when visiting patients. Nevertheless, with the assistance of our two volunteers, the Reverend Juanita Clark and Kate Walker, the Anglican “team” is doing vital pastoral work in very taxing and challenging conditions.

*Overall, the pandemic has greatly increased the need for spiritual care in the hospital.* Many patients experience anxiety, loneliness and depression, and worry that they might contract the virus while hospitalized. There has also been an increase in requests from clergy to visit parishioners on their behalf. Patients welcome the sacramental gifts of prayer, anointing, and communion (with Archbishop Skelton’s permission), as well as our supportive pastoral presence. The increased need for spiritual support for family members who cannot visit their loved-ones has also kept me busy on the phone with families in Vancouver, across B.C., and out of province.

Happily, the Chaplaincy financial situation has improved thanks to 50% funding from the Diocesan Fair Share Fund in 2020 and 2021, and almost matching 50% support from the ACW, some parishes, and individual donors. *However, this ministry still continues to function year to year on an ad hoc basis, and a more stable financial funding formula is obviously desirable in order to eliminate this systemic vulnerability.* This March I also began tentative discussions with the Spiritual Care Department of Fraser Health regarding the possibility of providing a Chaplaincy presence at Royal Columbian Hospital. This will apparently be a lengthy process.

Finally, I wish to express my deep gratitude for the support I have received from my fellow clergy across the Diocese; especially, the indispensable support, advice and encouragement received from the Reverend (now Bishop) John Stephens, the Venerable Stephanie Shepard, the Venerable Douglas Fenton, and Archbishop Melissa Skelton.

Respectfully submitted

Reverend Bryan Rivers, Anglican Chaplain Vancouver General Hospital.

# Report of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry

*(care + share and Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Neighbourhood Ministry (NM) began the year with plans to continue its programs: Street Ministry, Mobile Care Unity (MCU), Angels Program, and luncheon events at Dunbar Apartments. We also hoped to grow our ministry, having applied for a grant from the City of Vancouver to do so. However, like everyone else on earth, our goals for 2020 were drastically altered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In March, when the pandemic was declared, safety concerns prevented us from continuing our programs. However, we were still able to provide tax filing support for 48 of the 51 residents at Dunbar Apartments.

Pitman and Vicki Potter, after 13 years of shepherding this ministry, officially retired from the NM this year. They were both thanked and lauded for their founding and leadership of this ministry at the June Zoom annual meeting (details can be viewed at the NM website [neighbourhoodministry.com/news/](http://neighbourhoodministry.com/news/))

In March, we received a grant of \$26,600 from Renter Services at the City of Vancouver in order to hire a program and volunteers' manager. Because of the pandemic, the hire did not take place until October, at which time the Rev'd Liz Hamel came on board as manager/clergy lead for the NM. She reports to the NM Board of Management, which consists of 4 clergy leaders and 4 parish liaisons from St. Anselm's, St. Helen's, St. John's and St. Philip's.

In August, we were given permission by the Diocese to resume the Street Ministry, with several new COVID-safety protocols in place. At the same time, many of our volunteers, who are the backbone of our organization, understandably stepped back from Street Ministry because of concerns for their own health. We are actively recruiting new volunteers, which takes time. Thankfully, the Street Ministry is still able to operate with two volunteers each Saturday, offering food, clothing and, most importantly, caring and non-judgemental service to the folks they meet on the street. Unfortunately, because of a lack of available housing, we have been unable to place anyone in supportive housing for more than a year.

In December, St. Philips' graciously offered Rev'd. Liz office space at no cost, for which we are very appreciative, as we now have a designated location for the NM.

As of January 2021, we are still unable to restart the MCU or host our luncheon events at Dunbar Apts. However, in anticipation of a full restart of our programs, we have applied for a continuation of the city grant, details of which are on the 2020/2021 financial NM page.

We continue to be in communication with the city about the need for housing and what options may be being considered. We connect with other church and secular organizations in the city who offer food and clothing—and care—to vulnerable people. This web of connection is important, as we continue to share ideas and needs.

We are particularly grateful to the parishioners of St. Anselm's, St. Helen's, St. John's and St. Philip's for their time, talent and financial support of this ministry throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

Rev'd Liz Hamel,  
Neighbourhood Ministry Program Manager

## Report of the Salal+Cedar Watershed Discipleship Community (*care + share*)

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Rooted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Mark of Mission –*to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation*- Salal + Cedar is an ecological justice ministry that has been active for nearly 6 years. We worship outdoors around the diocese and gather for conservation work, education, and action for ecological justice. Our community is a mix of Anglicans, and Christians from other traditions and we have LGBTQ+ and disabled members in leadership positions.

Since the last Synod we have continued with some ongoing commitments: solidarity with Indigenous land

defenders, especially Tsleil Waututh and others opposing the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion; using native plants to prepare sacramental oils for the diocese; study groups; restoring wildlife habitat and creating a labyrinth at Coleman Creek (St. Clement); being a visible Christian presence for climate justice at public events.

Our community has grown in several ways; there has been a small increase in those attending worship and an increased number of donors. We are now meeting weekly for worship, at least monthly for contemplative walks, and observing the Celtic calendar of solstice, equinox, and cross-quarters. Our leadership team is growing and we have transitioned to a more participatory and democratic leadership model. We are a place of mentorship for youth and young adults, and for people discerning ordination. We are supporting a community member at ACPO this spring and look forward to hosting our second VST student this fall.

To accommodate this growth we have had to shrink some in some areas. In December of 2019 we completed the 3-year Wild Lectionary blog. We have stopped offering Sacred Earth Camp as a residential experience and are focusing on maintaining supportive relationships with camper families and on program delivery to post secondary students with a new partnership with Villanova University.

**Beyond the diocese** we are members of the Wild Church Network and have initiated a racial justice accountability group for churches like ours. On the National Church level we were pleased to host a worship service for National Synod youth delegates and a photo of our Epiphany service on English Bay appears in the Canadian Church Calendar. We are honoured to receive frequent requests to use our Eucharistic prayer.

In the early months of the **Covid pandemic** we were involved in setting up a distribution centre for health and harm reduction supplies to Downtown East Side residents. As we are less able to be in the forests and on the streets we have increased our pastoral care and grown in our identity as a community that prays for one another. In 2020 and early 2021 our conversations about money and values brought a shift in our practices of mutual aid and solidarity. We have a regular practice of redistributing funds to people in need and grassroots organizations doing indigenous and climate justice. We have had fewer opportunities to preach and animate worship, but we encourage parishes to invite us in the future.

Salal + Cedar spends an average of 55K/year and our priest Laurel Dykstra is compensated for 2 days/week. In 2020 our income from donations and fees covered 70% of our expenses. With support from the Anglican Initiatives Fund we are in the midst of a project called Taking Root to navigate from a start-up project to a **sustainable new ministry** in a way that is in keeping with our values. We welcome guests at worship and events, new members and supporters, and are proud of the positive influence we have had on climate justice recommendations coming to synod.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Dykstra, Priest in Charge and Caitlin Beck, Warden

## Report of the Anglican CanAsianMinistry (ACAM) Group (*Wisdom Group*)

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Beginning in June 2011, Anglican Asian clergy and churches in the Diocese have been journeying towards a collective, institutional presence for their unique ministries. The journey has evolved from “being an invisible group” to becoming “a wisdom group”, according to Archbishop Melissa. In her opening address at our group’s first workshop in 2015, she articulated that our mission could be “creating a new thing”, which would be “life giving for you, and a need of the Diocese”. She encouraged the group to aspire “to

be a lab” (for multiculturalism), and realize that it was “not just about you, but how you teach others”.

Anglican Canadian-Asian Ministry (ACAM) is made up of Anglican lay and clergy leaders in the Diocese of New Westminster from churches that currently and historically minister/ed primarily to people with Asian heritage, and from multicultural congregations that include those of Asian heritage. We are also Canadian-Asian leaders who are members of other congregations in the Diocese.

We aim to represent the diversity of Canadian-Asian voices found throughout our churches and neighbourhoods, and to be a bridge between them and the larger Diocese. We strive to encourage the Diocese to embrace the multicultural nature of these communities, and to partner with us to create opportunities to recognize and use the gifts of Canadian-Asians so that the Diocese can better reflect the Kingdom of God. We strive to build up Canadian-Asians in our churches and communities with the goal of more effectively living out our Baptismal Covenant.

Since the Synod of 2019, ACAM was able to do the following:

- Summer of 2019, members of ACAM parishes gathered at Queens Park in New Westminster for a fellowship picnic. The highlights of the event were the sharing of food and playing of gongs. Attendance was more than 150.
- July 2019, some members of ACAM laity and youth attended the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM) Youth and Young Adult Leadership Camp held at St. Columba Retreat House in California, USA.
- Organized a Summer One-Day Camp for ACAM churches’ youth in 2019 held at St. Matthias and St. Luke. The Revd. Jessica Schaap, Missioner for Christian Formation of the Diocese, led a workshop regarding faith and science. In the afternoon, 4 students from the University of British Columbia (UBC) also held a workshop regarding climate change.
- Held a summer picnic and fellowship for ACAM clergy and families in 2019 at a beach park in White Rock.
- Some ACAM clergy and laity attended the EAM ANDREWS Mentoring program for clergy and lay in Los Angeles. ANDREWS is an acronym for **A**siamerica **N**etwork of **D**isciples, **R**evivalists, **E**vangelists, **W**itnesses and **S**aints.
- ACAM members continued gathering with their respective ethnic groups during the EAM Annual Ethnic Convocations and shared information with members of Asian clergy and laity.
- ACAM Youth and Young Adults attended the Peer Ministry Leadership Training for Youth conducted by the Lutheran Church and hosted by St. Cuthbert Anglican Church, Delta.
- Conducted two Advent Taizé services at All Saints, Burnaby. The Revd. Justin Cheng and his congregation were glad to host an in-person Taizé service in 2019 and a virtual Taizé service in 2020.
- Since March of 2020 we have had periodic meetings on Zoom for fellowship and ministry sharing. We are hoping that 2021 will give us the opportunity to have more in-person events and meetings, depending on the progress of our church and society’s managing of the pandemic.
- Lastly, some ACAM clergy and laity attended the recent “Stop Asian Hate” webinar hosted by the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry (EAM), which brought together Episcopal Asians and allies for lament, healing, action, and solidarity in response to the rise of violence against Asians and Pacific Islanders. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of TEC was one of the guest speakers.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Justin Cheng and The Rev. Wilmer Toyoken, Co-Chairs

## **Report of the Diocesan Youth Movement (DYM)** *(Unit Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Diocesan Youth Movement leadership team over the last two years, have hosted multiple events for youth from across the Diocese and beyond. We have also met in multiple online events during the pandemic and have persevered to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of young people from across the Diocese of New Westminster in a time of great uncertainty. As the DYM we meet monthly with youth and youth leaders from across the Diocese, and plan educational and social events for youth ages 12 to 25. It is our mandate to affirm diversity of individuals and different perspectives while fostering relationships with God and with each other. As the DYM we seek to equip youth, youth leaders and Parishes to seek challenge and growth through positive actions within individuals, the Diocese and across Canada.

**Sustainability & Growth:** In the next sections of our report we have listed the various events and updates over the last 2 years from the Diocesan Youth Movement. However we feel before looking back we must first look forward and bring to the attention of Synod our vision and hopes for the future. We have big plans for the next few months and years, and the pandemic has given us time to re-vision and plan. Investing now will save us from fulfilling the prediction made in the Anglican Journal that there will be “no members, attenders or givers in the Anglican Church of Canada by approximately 2040” . We take this very seriously and although Parish Sustainability and Development have been cited as ways in which this can be avoided, however, we as the Diocesan Youth Movement take this as a call to action to ensure that youth and children's ministry are invested in. Affirming that young people are not simply dwindling numbers in the pews, but are present in the church now and, with support and development will be the future families, members and givers of the church is a way to express our hope and faith that the Anglican Church of Canada be a vital part of the church universal's ecosystem. In 2040 it will be the fruits of our actions and labours now, which will ensure the thriving and growth of the Anglican Church in Canada. Will the leaders and delegates of Synod join us in preparing the ground, and planting the seeds for that thriving and growth?

#### **2020 Activities:**

- **Winter Retreat:** This was held on the February long weekend at Sorrento Centre. It was titled “Know Thyself,” with Jessi Taylor, PhD, speaking to nearly 50 youth and youth leaders.
- **Maundy Thursday:** Normally a sleep out event at Christ Church Cathedral, due to the pandemic, this instead became an online event attended by nearly 30 young people. It included worship, Christian formation, games and a virtual dance party.
- **Graduation Party:** In June the DYM hosted an online event aimed at young people graduating from high school. This event was attended by over 20 youth and youth leaders and featured a meet and greet with Primate Linda Nichols.
- **Election of our New Chair:** In September we were sorry to hear that due to cuts our Chair Anne Kessler had to step down as the Children and Youth Coordinator at Christ Church Cathedral. We are grateful for her many years of service, both as a member and as chair of DYM. Meeting as a council in October we then elected Lauren Odile Pinkney as our chair. Lauren brings a lot of training and experience to the role, being the current Youth Leader at St. Alban's Burnaby, as well as experience with young people on the Downtown Eastside, as well as a Bachelors in Christian Youth Work and a Master's from VST.
- **All Saints and All Souls Evening:** In early November the DYM marked All Souls and All Saints by hosting an outside socially distanced event at St. Albans, Burnaby; “Kindle My Heart”. This included a campfire, compline and crafts attended by 30 young people and leaders.
- **December Visioning Day:** With a new chair in place, the DYM decided to meet for a time for visioning, facilitated by Reverend Tasha Carrothers. These are some of the key take-aways from that time of discernment:
  - *Attend each Deanery Clericus in the Diocese to share about what the DYM does, hear what youth ministry might be happening already in parishes, and determine how best the DYM can support youth ministry in the Diocese at all levels.*
  - *Host training events for youth leaders and clergy, thinking especially of empowering small parishes that “don't have any young people.”*
  - *Collaborate more with other Anglican organizations serving young people in the Province.*
  - *Engage in additional post-pandemic youth events that are more varied than our current offering(i.e. an Advent/Christmas formal).*

#### **2021 Activities:**

- **Recommendations for Parish Councils for Vestry:** The DYM affirmed the importance of youth attending Synod as an integral part of the work of the Church. To support this, we created a list of

basic and practical recommendations to equip parishes to welcome and support young people on parish councils as youth delegates.

- **Trivia Night:** In lieu of DYM's annual Winter Retreat, this year we held a virtual version of the ever-popular trivia night in March. Over 30 youth and youth leaders attended.
- **Synod 2021:** The DYM leadership team will run a Thursday evening event for youth delegates prior to Synod, featuring a meeting with Bishop John Stephens. This session will educate young people in the workings of Synod, empower them in their roles as youth delegates, and allow them time to ask questions and chat with our new Diocesan Bishop.
- **Planned 2021 Events:** Given that both Winter Retreat and Young Sojourners (typically in May) were cancelled in 2021, we hope to host a Fall/Winter retreat, restrictions pending. We will also continue to meet with each clericus in the Diocese over the year. We hope to offer a virtual event relating to the information gathered from these meetings.

**Moving Forward:** We have many practical and visionary ideas for how growth, sustainability and flourishing might happen at Parochial, Deanery and Diocesan wide levels. We would appreciate and encourage consultation and collaboration with making youth ministry thrive and flourish in this time and place. The pandemic has brought both clarity and urgency to renewing and growing our commitment to youth and the future of the church. We recommend the following three options to enhance and expand our investment in youth ministry:

- **Restore the position funding for youth ministry:** While the creation of the Missioner for Christian Formation position has been a big asset to the diocese, 25% of the time dedicated to youth ministry was essentially cut. This cut was made in order to add adult formation to the portfolio of the position which replaced the full-time position of Children and Youth Ministry coordinator. We certainly see the value of Adult Formation, but it has meant less dedicated time is available to develop youth ministry. The status quo is being maintained with volunteer effort but growth is difficult. The pattern we see is that parishes who invest in youth are the parishes where groups of youth gather, are formed in faith, and gain leadership skills. When resources are distributed towards youth, youth will come.
- **Support the development of a province-wide youth ministry coordinator position:** Bishop Anna Greenwood Lee recently made the statement that the Diocese of British Columbia is exploring and creating a Diocesan Youth coordinator position and given the close work we do alongside the Diocese of BC and across the Ecclesiastical Province we encourage Synod to consider what routes for collaboration might be available. A province wide coordinator could ensure the planning and execution of events such as the youth retreats and leadership camps, as well as the building of a network of youth ministry leaders which would have high levels of participation and bring youth into stronger relationships across the province for the health and growth of the whole. The national church's position of Animator for Youth Ministry is a successful model of how this position could work on a smaller scale in the province. This position could be economical for the diocese as well if jointly funded with provincial partners.
- **Expand funding for the Diocesan Youth Movement:** Increase bursary fund, solidify bus funding for Sorrento Retreats as a regular expense.

We are committed to continuing the conversation with Synod and the Diocese about how to support ministry to young people and support the leaders doing this ministry in parishes, ensuring the survival and future flourishing of youth in the Anglican Church of Canada and their growth into the adults and families of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lauren Pinkney (Chair), Reverend Jonathan Pinkney, Reverend Cameron Gutjahr, Melissa Van Uum. Jason Wood and the Reverend Jessica Schaap (Missioner for Christian Formation).

## Report of the Ecumenical and Multi-faith Unit

*(Unit Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Limitations on activities during the initial months of the COVID -19 pandemic and the resignation of the then Chair of the Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit (EMU) resulted in a dormant period for the better part of 2020. Membership in the Unit had dwindled significantly in recent times.

On November 16, 2020, Archbishop Skelton appointed me as Chair of the Ecumenical and Multi-faith Unit, knowing I have particular interest and experience in Anglican-Roman Catholic relations. In April 2021, after discussions with me and with Ms. Donna Wong-Juliani, who has been an active member of EMU virtually since its inception, Bishop Stephens appointed Ms. Wong-Juliani, as Co-Chair of the Unit, knowing of her particular passion for inter-faith dialogue.

Donna and I are presently rebuilding the Unit in order to carry out the mandates of our respective appointments. We look forward, as Co-Chairs, to revitalizing the work of this important Unit and to helping the Diocese continue to build its dialogue with other religious traditions and other expressions of the Christian tradition. A first meeting of the "reconstituted" Unit took place on Thursday, April 22nd.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Michael Batten  
Co-Chair, Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Unit

## Report of the Eco-Justice Unit (Unit Group)

Bishop and Members of Synod

**"You cannot build on death. You can only build on life. As believers, we must be sustained by a sense of what we are for and not just what we are against. Without hope and a positive vision, we will end up as just another form of the dominant consciousness, which has nothing to believe and no-One to serve."**

*Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M.* The work of the Eco-Justice Unit can be summed up this way.

Time Period: 2019-2021- 1) Focus in 2019 and less so in 2020: **Metro Vancouver Alliance**: building an alliance across the sectors of labour, religious, community organizations and academic institutions working together for the common good. MVA is gearing up to hire a Lead Organizer in autumn of 2021. It has received a grant to have an Elders video which is also connecting with the Urban Aboriginal Ministry and diocesan Indigenous Ministry. MVA is non-partisan political. No partisan political organization can join. The E-J Unit will continue to actively participate (as we get through the pandemic) in MVA Leadership Institute Training. The Leadership Institute training supports parishes in using the listening model within the parish to hear of the pressures among parishioners and also the areas of common work in organizing. The MVA. is part of the Industrial Area Foundation, a 78-year-old organization supporting community organizing around the world. MVA had its **Founding Assembly March 2014**. The focus of the work which came about from listening to each organization which is a member- public transit, economic justice (the Living Wage), affordable housing and social inclusion. Our diocese *became a Sponsoring Organization of MVA* November 2015 and in this indicates the support of the whole diocese in this civil society work.

-2) **The ecological work of the Unit** is in seeking to support parishes in their ecological work as well as working closely with religious and secular partner in this work. Particular work with Kairos Canada and working with BC ecological organizations towards strategy and solutions. Regular connection with the Communications Officer of the diocese regarding information on our diocesan platforms.

– **The Working Group on the Practices of Canadian Mining Companies** (following up on the Synod motion of 2013/ 2017) working with the leadership of Kairos regarding an Ombudsperson in Canada for

communities facing negative impact of Canadian mining companies. The focus has been on the Philippines.

**Other issues:** The Unit is ready to give leadership and respond as issues arise.

The Unit is always ready to support parishes in their work of care of God's creation in social and economic and environmental justice.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Margaret Marquardt, Chair, with a network of folks in parishes around the diocese: Roz Kellett, Sara Shaw, The Reverend Expedito Farinas, The Rev. Arvin Amayag, The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Schmitt, Barry Goodwin, Paul Clark and Brenda Cowl among other folks as the issues present themselves.

## Report of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Unit *(Unit Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the sustainable development and relief agency of the Anglican Church of Canada working towards a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. It strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. It is embarking on a three year educational program related to the theme of Creation Care : Climate Action with a series of learning modules to be found on the website [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org). The module for 2021 entitled Climate Care and Food Security was launched on Earth Day April 22. Information regarding this may be found on the website under Get Involved.

The PWRDF Diocesan Unit fulfils a mandate of creating awareness of and support for the work and ministry of PWRDF. Along with reaching out to the diocese the primary role of the unit is to liaise with parish representatives and to encourage the appointment of representatives in every parish.

The unit is currently without a Chair. A revitalization process was initiated in 2019 with a visit and presentation by members of the PWRDF Public Engagement staff from Toronto. Some parish representatives attending the presentation volunteered to act as a planning group going forward and have had a series of meetings focused on developing liaisons with parish representatives in deanery groups. In February 2020 a presentation of the Mapping the Ground We Stand On Exercise designed by PWRDF as part of its participation in the Reconciliation process was hosted by the unit for parish representatives and members of the diocese. Again in October 2020 the unit spearheaded support for and participation in Ride for Refuge. Several rides and walks were organized throughout the diocese. Thanks to members of the diocese for the more than \$6000 that was raised to support PWRDF's partner St. Jude Family Projects in Uganda with its range of supports for vulnerable women and their families. Going forward the unit will encourage engagement with PWRDF's Creation Care and Climate Action initiative. We look forward to being able to meet again in person as a planning group once it is appropriate to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Goodwin, member of the PWRDF Diocesan Unit planning group

Unit members : Janet Coghlan (St John the Divine, Maple Ridge) Peter Goodwin (St James, Vancouver), Liz MacDonald (All Saints, Ladner), Rev Margaret Marquardt (Christ Church Cathedral), Archdeacon Stephen Muir (St Agnes' North Vancouver, liaison with synod office), John Potts (St. George, Fort Langley), Deidre Thornton (St Alban, Burnaby)

# Report of the Refugee Unit

## *(Unit Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Diocesan Refugee Unit has been continuing its work throughout the pandemic.

There are four main parts to the work of the DRU:

- Communicating with groups who wish to sponsor and ensuring the group has everything in order to do a sponsorship. This includes:
  - Sponsorable people abroad (qualify as refugees)
  - A group of people ready to do the work of settlement when the newcomers arrive.
  - A realistic budget and a plan for funding that budget.
  - In the case of co-sponsorships, a church on board to work with a community group.
- Preparing applications: each group prepares applications for the people they wish to sponsor. The DRU provides guidance so that the application is correctly completed, each application is signed by a diocesan representative, and then the coordinator submits the applications to Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for processing.
- Monitor the applications, refugees, and sponsoring groups as needed during the processing period. Communication and advice is often required at the end of the processing period to make sure all parties have the information they need and that IRCC receives what they need in a timely manner (usually 24-72 hours!).
- Monitor the settlement period. It is the job of the DRU to ensure sponsorships are completed fully, with adequate support provided to each newcomer. Groups may reach out to the DRU at any time for advice about any part of the settlement process.

Because of the pandemic, processing of refugee applications has been very slow. Processing has started again in some countries, but there have been few arrivals.

As in 2020, our diocese received an allocation of 40 spaces to use in 2021. We requested and received three additional space at the end of 2020, so we submitted applications for 43 individuals. We have been working with a variety of groups all over the diocese to get their applications completed and submitted. This includes Anglican parishes as well as other faith groups. We are now working through our waitlist of groups for 2021. Our waiting list for 2021 is full and we have several groups already in cue for spaces in 2022.

We have been so pleased that churches have agreed to act as co-sponsors with community groups. A co-sponsorship has a church, big or small, sign on to make a sponsorship happen, while the community group typically does the work of raising the funds and doing the settlement work. Unexpected connections have come of these co-sponsorships, and many wonderful people have been able to come to Canada as a result.

We continue to have a few refugees who we are seeking sponsors for. The people described below are still seeking sponsors.

- A 42 year old Iranian man with a degree in Architecture. He is persecuted because he is homosexual. He speaks English and has been living in Turkey since 2015, working at manual labour for up to 14 hours per day. He has suffered an injury to his hand and one to his head doing this work. He has a friend in Vancouver who would help with settlement.
- A 25 year old Syrian man who was attending University in Physics and Engineering. He had to leave university and has been working as a translator for the UN in Arabic, Turkish and English. He has helped thousands of people immigrate to Canada as refugees. He dreams of coming to Canada and finishing his studies.
- A family of Kurdish Yarsani people from Iran and Iraq. They are a Mother, father, and two children, age 17 and 28. They are persecuted because they are Yarsani people and their 17 yr. old daughter is at particular risk.

There are many other avenues to sponsorship, if your parish or your community becomes interested, please

get in touch!

Shannon Muir  
Chair, Diocesan Refugee Unit

Dr Shakuntala "Satori" Soden  
Refugee Coordinator

## Report of the 127 Housing Society *(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

2021 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The 127 Society for Housing. Born of Hilda Gregory's participation in a Diocesan mission discernment exercise, 127 has gone on to build four apartment buildings in the Yaletown area. 127 currently operates three apartment buildings providing homes for about 345 souls through seniors independent living and subsidized housing programs. 127 replaced its first building, Jubilee House, with a new Jubilee House at a time when there was very little governmental support for new subsidized housing construction. We accomplished this by partnering with a private developer, the City of Vancouver, and BC Housing to construct a new building that accommodates the tenants of the previous building along with 75 low-end-market tenants whose rents support our ministry of housing the very poor.

127 was originally envisaged as providing housing to those displaced by the development of the Downtown South area for Expo 86, and the continued gentrification of that area and the West End has continued to create that need. That need is now increasing as the government seeks to move people out of encampments in the Downtown East Side into former hotels on Granville Street. Our ministry continues to be mainly to seniors who are currently in inadequate housing or in danger of losing their housing.

In their vision 40 years ago, 127's founders chose to name the society after the opening words of Psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain." Since that time, 127 has striven prayerfully to be God's hands in building homes for its tenants; that is, not just shelter, but the sense of community that really makes a home. We have been very grateful for the continued gifts of the parish of Christ Church Cathedral and many individual donors to support our Community Workers program, which 127 pioneered. Through its 40 year history, 127 and the Diocese have worked together to fulfill the church's ministry to see Christ in the stranger and to take them in and feed them.

Building community has been very different in this time of pandemic than in previous years: In the past, we strove to draw tenants out of their apartments into a social life including community meals and games, but now we have to support them as they choose to remain in their apartments to protect themselves from infection with Covid-19.

Many of our tenants are elderly with pre-existing conditions, so our support requires not only increased sanitation efforts, but looking out for their health and food security as well as being aware of the toll social isolation takes on mental health.

In the coming years, 127 will strive to build on its experience constructing and managing apartment buildings to provide more homes and support for the needy.

Respectfully submitted,

David Van Blarcom  
President, The 127 Society for Housing

## Report of the Camp Artaban Society

*(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Our mission statement; “Camp Artaban’s purpose is to challenge children, youth, and adults, spiritually, mentally and physically in a camping context; so that they may be brought into a closer relationship with God and each other in a loving community”.

What a unique and challenging year 2020 turned out to be! We started the year full of hope and anticipation of an eventful, busy year for camp and then came the abrupt change due to the COVID-19 pandemic and government health restrictions effectively suspending camp for campers and renters. After much deliberation and within the parameters of new protocols, we seized the opportunity to have the summer be an onsite camp improvement season. Throughout the summer, volunteer workers came and went weekly and worked alongside the core staff group. Much was accomplished thanks to the many hands and skills put to use. This was also possible due to the faithfulness of our donors, ensuring the camp could continue to run and improve.

The Board was hard at work at camp and behind the scenes, working to improve the management of the Society and finances. We were fortunate to successfully obtain government grants for more staff in the office and at camp as well as government pandemic relief financial help. Throughout the year, Camp Artaban worked hard to keep our community informed about camp happenings and to keep us current with the latest COVID-19 restrictions.

We are happy to be engaged with Diocese of New Westminster and we welcome The Right Reverend John Stephens. We enjoyed hosting a very positive small group of Clergy to site last summer to learn about the ministry of Camp Artaban and all we have to offer.

We are thankful to all the Camp Artaban Society members and our community who were able to support camp through their prayers, donations and volunteering their time. It made 2020 a successful year in a unique way!

Respectively submitted,

Sandi LaCharite  
Chair of the Board, Camp Artaban Society

## **Report of the Coming Home Society**

*(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Since the last gathering of Synod, the Coming Home Society has continued to work on behalf of the Diocese in partnership with Warriors Against Violence Society and Urban Native Youth Association. Both of these organizations are healing the profound brokenness left behind by Canada’s Residential School system.

Warriors Against Violence provides counseling and workshops for Indigenous individuals and families who have grown up experiencing anger and abuse, and who are now struggling with domestic violence in their relationships. Some have also done jail time. All are trying to understand the legacy of anger, and are learning how to live peaceful lives according to their culture, in which men are the *protectors* of the family and the vulnerable, not the *perpetrators* of violence.

Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) offers over 20 different programs to Indigenous youth in Vancouver’s urban setting. Young people can get help with education, health & wellness, housing, and connection to their culture and to the community. UNYA focuses on each individual’s personal needs and goals to help them create successful lives.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has meant that these organizations are working extra hard and creatively to maintain bonds with those who need them. Due to Ministry of Health restrictions, Warriors Against

Violence Society has had to change from doing in-person counselling and group work to counselling over the phone. The Coming Home Society purchased cell phones and cell phone plans which have been vitally important. The stress of the pandemic on already-fragile families has resulted in a large increase in calls around domestic violence.

Families have also been struggling with basic needs due to the impact of the pandemic. With your help, the Coming Home Society has been able to assist with everything from groceries to personal protective equipment to children's clothing. We have also been able to help give dignity to parents (and joy to kids!) by providing McDonald's gift cards so that they can treat their children.

Many Elders are struggling with loneliness, especially during this pandemic. Warriors Against Violence is finding new ways to keep them connected for cultural activities and mutual support.

The Coming Home Society has also worked with Urban Native Youth Association during this year of pandemic. Your donations have contributed to the drop-by Food Pantry which has helped youth feed themselves and also take home food for their families. The UNYA-2-GO program has used your donations to provide youth with cultural activity kits, bus tickets, traditional medicines, and access to a printer for school homework. It is all helping to keep youth connected to their culture, and to the programs and staff members they need for support.

We would like to thank the clergy and people of this Diocese for all your contributions, and for your prayers for the ongoing work of the Coming Home Society. With your help, we can continue to offer the kind of caring that makes the church a supportive family and community to our Indigenous neighbours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Adams, President, Coming Home Society

# Report of the Mission to Seafarers

*(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

It is my pleasure to be able to share with you the ministry that is the Mission to Seafarers. The mandate of the Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver (2016) is 'To promote and provide for the spiritual, moral, physical and mental well-being of all seafarers and their families'.

It is no surprise that 2020 and now into 2021 has been dominated by our response to Covid 19. In March 2020 we made the decision to close our two centres at Waterfront in Vancouver and Roberts Bank in Delta. At the same time seafarers found themselves no longer able to go ashore without in many cases a means to contact family or to relax off the ship.

This made contact with the seafarers onboard all the more important and so the Chaplains visits to the ships continued with the change being that they would take place at the top of the gangway and not inside. In 2020 there were more ship visits 1819 than in the pre-Covid year of 2019 1418. We started bringing 'Care Packages' onboard with snacks, literature, information and also shopping for seafarers with everything from baby shampoo to new cell phones facilitated by an increase in online communication with seafarers.

In mid summer 2020 we reopened the centres to serve those seafarers who could go ashore. The seafarers remain very needy with increased stress and the detriment to their mental and physical health. Covid 19 brought into focus the need for the Board of Directors to revise our now Strategic Plan 2021-2025 identifying our strategies as 1. Underserved Seafarers 2. Partnerships 3. Underdeveloped Organizational Capabilities and 4. Financial Instability.

To take #2 'Partnership' as an example we are helping seafarers with the enhancement of existing relationships such as with the ITF (International Transport Federation) and the formation of new ones such as the formation of the 'Vancouver Seafarer Welfare Board'. The importance of MTSCanada and colleagues in ports in N.America and around the world has become apparent with worship and learning together helping to sustain us in our ministry.

A down side in 2020/2021 has been the cancellation of in person events but we did have a virtual version of our annual 'Cycle for Seafarers' over the summer of 2020 raising more than in 2019! We will be holding the event again virtually in the summer of 2021.

The Christmas at Sea Appeal resulted in 1500 seafarers that is approx 70 ships around the Christmas period receiving a gift which they greatly appreciated.

We have now in 2021 a part time ship visitor in Port Moody and when needed elsewhere in the port esp. serving Chinese seafarers. Jesus both ministered and called to his service those who made their living on the water. Covid has highlighted that seafarers are essential workers and yet they remain vulnerable to be exploited. As long as that is the case the Mission will be there to offer a ministry of presence and hospitality. It is only possible because our Lord asks it and the Holy Spirit moves people to show compassion in so many ways and for that the Board of Directors, myself and the seafarers from many corners of the world are most grateful.

As we continue to navigate the way ahead please keep the Mission but esp. the seafarers and their loved ones in your prayers.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Mission and the seafarers we serve do contact us. Check out our website [www.flyingangel.ca](http://www.flyingangel.ca) and join us on social media.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Peter Smyth  
Senior Port Chaplain, Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver.

# Report of Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre

*(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

## Our four pillars in these uncertain times:

1. **Building a robust and sustainable foundation** for the future, including a return to in-person events when it is safe to do so. We were able to open for five “safe, slow, small” months in 2020, and we are planning to re-open in July. We have events booked for the fall and winter and into 2022. The public health rules allow limited outdoor gatherings, and we are strengthening our relationship with Wild Church BC. We launched a COVID-compliant Winter Youth Leadership Development program in 2020. We are building plans for major new engagements in 2022 and beyond. Our full listing of events open for registration is at [www.sorrentocentre.ca](http://www.sorrentocentre.ca)
2. **Strengthening our on-line presence** through our virtual community hub, launched in 2020. We offer a wide range of on-line events – from our homefulness symposium to a spiritual exploration of the life of Francis of Assisi. Our virtual hub – the first of its kind in the South Shuswap – is available to our neighbours, and we use the hub for educational and spiritual programming for our youth work. Check out our on-line listing on our website at [www.sorrentocentre.ca](http://www.sorrentocentre.ca)
3. **Engaging with our neighbours.** Our emergency meal program – which began in 2020 when we realized that local food charities were forced to close as they didn’t meet enhanced public health rules – has delivered more than 30,000 breakfasts, lunches and dinners on a daily basis. We host the regional social services forum . We are founding members of the South Shuswap Housing Society, the Shuswap Anti-Racism Coalition. We host weekly worship with St Mary’s Anglican / United. We are continuing the journey of reconciliation with the Secwepemc people.
4. **Protecting and enhancing our staff, lands and buildings.** We’ve launched lots of small projects around the campus and the farm from 32 new solar panels on the roof of Spes Bona to upgrading of our RV and tenting sites. We’re controlling costs in these challenging times, so we are grateful for grants and donations that have allowed us to do this work. We have been able to protect our small but dedicated and skilled staff team, thanks – in large measure – to the federal wage subsidy.

## Effective management while navigating through year one of the pandemic

By the time a state of emergency was declared in British Columbia on March 18, 2020, the Sorrento Centre had developed its first response to protect the health and well-being of our staff, guests and neighbours. We began and continue daily monitoring of public health and WorkSafeBC rules and guidelines. We closed our campus to in-person events in mid-March. By mid-May, we had a “safe, slow, small” gradual re-opening plan. At the end of June, public health and WorkSafeBC authorized our re-opening. We safely opened from July to November before closing for the second wave in late November 2020. With financial assistance from two grants, we launched our virtual community hub in the summer of 2020 – the first in the South Shuswap. We host our own revenue-generating events on-line and make the hub available to community groups at no charge. We host weekly worship and other activities of St Mary’s Anglican / United Church. We host educational events for our Winter Youth Leadership Development program. On March 29, 2021, BC announced a three-week “circuit- breaker” of new restrictions to slow transmission of COVID-19. We are closed to in-person gatherings– except for small outdoor worship. We screen staff and visitors. We are planning on a gradual re- opening in July – similar to our “safe, slow, small” summer of 2020.

### A financial snapshot

The pandemic has had a catastrophic impact on our finances – with a loss of earned income due to COVID-19 of \$695k. We offset much of that with new revenues and increases in donations, but as our core business (retreat and conference activities) continues to be threatened by the uncertainty of the pandemic, we continue to post a negative cash position.

We have launched an appeal to major donors. The Anglican Church of Canada has confirmed a \$186,750 grant to support our WYLD program. The Diocese of Calgary has confirmed a \$200,000 grant to support our post-pandemic programming. *We have invited the Diocese of New Westminster, which has been a major supporter of our beloved Centre in the past, to make a similar pledge.*

The Sorrento Centre is well-managed financially and operationally in the face of ongoing global pandemic uncertainties. Key numbers for 2020 and 2021:

- Earned income in 2020 due to pandemic-cancelled events down 78% (a loss of \$694,347).
- New revenue from federal wage subsidy in 2020 was \$295,520.
- New revenue from emergency meal program in 2020 was \$255,396.
- Small donations revenue in 2020 increased by 14% to \$128,808.
- Total expenses in 2020 down by \$109,268 due to efficiencies and savings.
- Cash position at end of March of 2021 (first quarter) was -\$186,764 (after accounts receivable).
- Total donations in first quarter up 83% over same period in 2020.
- New revenue from emergency meals in first quarter of 2021 is \$84,975 – largest revenue source.

Since 2019, the Sorrento Centre has been posting monthly Monitoring & Evaluation reports which give numbers and narrative on our finances and operations: [www.sorrentocentre.ca/m&e](http://www.sorrentocentre.ca/m&e)

We aspire to be a holy place of transformation for learning, healing and belonging and a gathering place for all. We are grateful for the enthusiastic support of so many friends in these difficult times.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Michael Shapcott, Executive Director, Sorrento Centre

## Report of the Vancouver School of Theology

*(Related Group)*

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Vancouver School of Theology adapted well to the move of all our programs and operations online due to public health protocols. VST's investment in online learning facilitated this transition. Further investments in electronic resources, software systems for the library and students records support are crucial to our model of hybrid learning. The Anglican Church is well represented on our board and faculty, and among our sessional lecturers, staff and student body. We welcomed the Rev. Rebecca Simpson to the VST faculty, and The Rev Dr Pat Dutcher-Walls has retired. Prof. Mari Joestad will begin as our new Dean July 1, 2021. The faculty of VST is prolific in its publications with over 10 books, and numerous articles, in the past year. Lecturers of international repute have visited the school in person and online. VST's summer school features Prof. Miroslav Volf, of Yale Divinity School and our double virtual convocation (classes of 2020-2021) will see over 60 graduates, with Prof. Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger, of Princeton Seminary, as the speaker. Twelve students will graduate with the diploma in Leadership Excellence from Sauder School of Business. VST is expanding its classroom space and renovating its facilities to accommodate the unprecedented growth in the student body. The Rev Curtis Bablitz is the winner of the 2021 VST TEG (thoughtful, engaged and generous Christian leader) Award.

## Thoughtful, Engaged and Generous Christian Leaders

In 2021, we not only taught adaptive leadership, we lived it out. The faculty, students, staff, Board, and administration of the school showed resilience, kindness, trust in God and a degree of mutual support that bears witness to the gospel. Our hybrid delivery enabled us to move all our classes online with the help of a wonderful IT department, and to teach students on five continents who registered for courses and programs. Auditors of our courses significantly increased and the training of our faculty for online instruction was a providential blessing. Zoom and Canvas, while not without limitations, are essential and flexible enough to provide engaging online learning. In January of 2020, VST was acknowledged by *In Trust* Magazine (for theological schools across North America) as one of six – and the only Canadian – schools that have undergone significant transformative change. “Recognizing they could no longer maintain the status quo in this radically changed environment, six theological schools took bold, drastic action.”

VST is called to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church and the world. Our graduates are thoughtful people, reflective about how to interact with the large issues of our time out of the deep resources of faith. We don't rush to thin relevance but linger with scripture, tradition, scholarship and conversation with Indigenous neighbours and people of other faith traditions. Our students are engaged, willing to get involved in the world, not just waiting for the next one. Our theological ethos is designed to nurture practitioners who are making a difference for God and the gospel. We are convinced that the Risen Christ is always already involved in the world (we're missional); we discern that movement and respond to grace wherever we find it – and it is surprising where it is found. Our graduates are generous, inclusive people, able to find friends with whom to collaborate for the love of God and the good of the world. We go deep with God in Christ and so wide with the world God loves.

## Faculty

Anglican faculty and staff include The Rev. Grant Rodgers, The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz, Chaplain, and our new Dean, Dr Mari Joerstad, who begins July 1, 2021 and will also be Professor of Hebrew Bible. We are grateful to The Venerable Douglas Fenton and The Rev. Jessica Schaap who served on the search committee. The Very Rev. Dr Peter Elliot, Archbishop Melissa Skelton, The Rev. Dr Christopher Brittain, The Rev. Dr Maryann Amor, The Rev. Dr Stephen Black, The Rev. Dr Dawna Wall, The Rev. Dixie Black, Dr Anne-Marie Ellithorpe and Ms. Christina Ray have been among our sessional lectures and facilitators in the past academic year. Many local Anglican Church clergy have been guest speakers and leaders in our chapel services.

The Rev. Dr Pat Dutcher-Walls retires at the end of June 2021 from her work as Dean. The Rev. Rebecca Simpson has been engaged as the new Presbyterian Director of Denominational Formation with the former Director, The Rev. Dr Ross Lockhart, becoming the Dean of St Andrew's Hall. Principal Richard Topping's contract has been renewed for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

The faculty have completed a volume together entitled *Theological Studies: A Thoughtful, Engaged and Generous Approach*. It will be published in 2021 as part of the 50th anniversary of VST and is edited by Profs. Harry Maier, Richard Topping and Ashley Moyses. Our faculty continues to be prolific in research and publication. In the fall of 2020, at least five new books for publication were in the works by various members of the faculty. In 2021 more than 10 new volumes have appeared, either edited by or written by our faculty. The faculty continue to deliver important scholarship in a number of registers for the upbuilding of the church. A new series of podcasts called *Bruderholz* will be offered in 2021. It is a series of interviews with faculty about their work for the church and the world.

## VST Board/Employees

Mr. Michael Francis is the insightful and cheerful chair of the Board at VST. We are so blessed by his work. The Board meets four times a year, and has representatives from the Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches, as well as the community at large. We follow a policy governance model. Bishop David Lehmann, Archbishop Melissa Skelton and The Rev. Jessica Schaap serve on our board. Mr. Iain Black, President and CEO of Maximizer CRM, is our Chancellor. We launched our new brand and website in

2020 and a new Student Information System and OpenAthens software for easy use of online resources through our growing collection of electronic resources in 2021.

### **Partnerships**

VST thrives because of its partnerships. We are a theological school preparing students for Christian leadership in the Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches. In addition to these core partnerships, we work with the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia, Huron College at the University of Western Ontario (for UCC students), St Mark's College at UBC, and Durham University, United Kingdom, to deliver our degree programs from the B.A. to Ph.D. levels. A new course in the Sauder program includes leading transformational change. In late 2020, we signed agreements for faculty and student exchange and course sharing with St Andrew's, Quezon City, Philippines, and Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia. These partnerships encourage us to engage in theological education that, while geared to the Canadian context, is global in its sensibilities.

### **Grants/Finances/Foundation**

Vancouver School of Theology has achieved a balanced budget for the sixth year in a row with growth in programs and while also building a reserve for capital purchases and maintenance. This has been possible through the prudent financial management of our Vice-Principal and CFO, Ms. Shari Coltart, the excellent leadership of our Audit and Finance Committee and the Foundation Board, chaired by The Venerable Ronald Harrison. The Foundation provides an important and generous revenue stream for the operations of the school. Anglican Church members of the Foundation board include Ms. Frances Picherack, Mr. Douglas Rae, Mr. Russell Smith.

VST has completed the expenditure of the \$400,000 Luce Grant for Indigenous Ministry through the Teaching House That Moves Around, led by The Rev. Dr Ray Aldred. In the last year of the program, eight communities with 151 participants were engaged in Indigenous communities in Canada and the United States. A three-year grant from the United Church of Canada totaling \$225,000 will enable this work to continue in Northwest communities within the Province of British Columbia. This ministry will take theological education to Indigenous communities in Northern British Columbia using indigenous methods and instructors and is one way that we are following up on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

In addition, significant gifts were received at VST to support ongoing and new programs. Our Sauder School of Business program, where students learn the essentials of administrative and managerial excellence, will be completely endowed through a major donation of 1 million dollars, half of which we have already received. We received donations of almost \$70,000 to support the program in the meanwhile. We have also received significant gifts for student recruitment in Asia (\$30,000) and a recent grant of \$250,000 toward promoting congregational flourishing. We have hired a Director to lead our new project for Congregational Flourishing through Community Engagement, Mr. Chris Pullenayegem, who began January 1, 2021. Mr. Pullenayegem comes to us from the National Offices of the United Church of Canada where he served as Faith Formation and Mission Program Coordinator.

VST is constructing larger classroom spaces and renewing Epiphany Chapel to accommodate the growth of the student body and to keep our buildings and technology ready to support theological education for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Not all the school's strategic initiatives are fully funded, and we welcome support.

### **Academic Enrollment**

The headcount for spring 2021 is 243. This represents an increase of 47% over 2018. The number of course registrations in the spring of 2021 is 445, an increase of 41% over spring 2018 (and an increase of 11% over spring 2020). The number of full-time students in the fall of 2020 was 89, in the spring of 2021 it is 106 (an increase of 17%). VST student, Shauna Kubossek won the 2020 *Anglican Theological Review* student essay contest. This is the second time in three years that a VST student has won this North America-wide prize. Some of the growth in our student body is related to the creation of the Diploma in

Anglican Diaconal Studies. We were delighted to work with the Diocese of New Westminster in the creation of this program.

The Anglican Church of Canada has the largest cohort at 60 students, United Church the second at 55 students and Presbyterians third at 45. We have a significant number of United Church of Christ students (12) and a growing number of students from other Christian churches (57). For the fall of 2020, we had the largest number of applications, acceptances and incoming class members in the history of the school. Over 60 students began their programs, including two more doctoral students in the Durham Ph.D. program and two students in our joint BA program at St. Mark's have now begun their M.Div. programs at VST. Our Explorers Weekend, under the direction of the Rev. Julie Lees, continues to build our domestic applications both when done in person and online. VST Sunday saw members of the VST community engaged at almost 50 churches across the country online. We are grateful to our partner churches who welcomed this effort.

## SPECIAL LECTURES

Vancouver School of Theology has welcomed a series of world-class lecturers and church leaders to special lecture series at our school in the service of our mission. In the past two academic years, we welcomed Prof. Norman Wirzba of Duke Divinity School, Prof. Candida Moss, University of Birmingham, Prof. Tony Campolo, Prof. Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Artist Dr James He Qi, Rabbi Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University, and in the summer of 2021, Prof. Miroslav Volf, who will teach in our summer school which takes place July 5-16 and includes outstanding multiple opportunities to learn. <https://vst.edu/vst-summer-school/>. Online Summer School 2020 saw an increase of 37% in course registrations. The G. Peter Kaye Lecture with Prof. Amy-Jill Levine, held online, had 1024 people in attendance and is the most well-attended lecture we have ever had.

VST will host Religion & Thoughtful Activism Online Academic & Community Conference on May 25th to 27th, 2021. This program is offered through our Interreligious Studies program and will feature Ms. [Shachi Kurl, President, Angus Reid Institute, Roots Palestinian-Israeli Network](https://vst.edu/inter-religious-studies-program/conference/). <https://vst.edu/inter-religious-studies-program/conference/>. The Indigenous Studies Program Summer School takes place online July 12th to July 23rd, 2021. This is an opportunity for students who are often isolated from one another to gather, learn, and worship together. Understanding Northwest Culture will be taught by VST graduate, Ms. Arlene Roberts. <https://vst.edu/isp-summer-school/>

## CONVOCATION 2020/2021

On May 11, we confer degrees and certificates over 60 graduates in our online convocation for the classes of 2020 and 2021. Twelve students will receive the certificate in Leadership Excellence from the Sauder School of Business. We will also present the Principal's Thoughtful, Engaged and Generous Leader Award to Archdeacon Clara Plamondon (2020) and The Rev. Curtis Bablitz (2021), who exemplify the leadership we aspire to encourage. This award is made to clergy in the first ten years of ministry. We will award four honorary doctorates – to Prof. Santa Ono, President of UBC; Rabbi Marcia Prager, Director and Dean of Aleph Ordination Programs, the Rev. Doug Goodwin, former General Secretary of British Columbia Conference and Regional Executive Minister for the United Church and to Mr. Rupert Lang, Organist and Director of Music, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver. Our convocation speaker is Prof. Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger, author of *Bearing the Unbearable: Trauma, Gospel and Pastoral Care*, Academy of Parish Clergy Book of the Year, 2015. She will conduct an online workshop – “Keeping an Open Heart in Troubled Times” - on May 12. This day after graduation event is part of our ongoing project for revitalization and is funded through the Hugh and Helen Mogensen Fund.

Vancouver School of Theology is grateful for our partnership with The Anglican Church of Canada and offer our prayers and greetings.

Respectfully submitted

Richard R. Topping, Principal

# Report from the Anglican Director of Formation, Vancouver School of Theology

(Related Group)

Bishop and all members of Synod:

During any recent term, we typically have had 50-60 Anglicans studying in various academic programmes at Vancouver School of Theology (VST). Of those, 15—20 will be studying toward priesthood, 4—6 will be studying toward other forms of professional ministry like chaplaincies, and others will be studying toward acquiring post-graduate degrees or simply for personal interest. Recently, we have added to that mix a number of students studying in the **Diploma in Anglican Diaconal Studies** (DADS) programme, which I am proud to say I had a hand in planning and implementing. It is good for a variety of reasons to be able to include diaconal postulants in our Anglican formation classes.

My role has evolved considerably in the six years I have been on faculty at VST. Beginning at .3 time, my role initially was as a mentor and pastoral presence for students and coordinator of liturgical and community life. My teaching responsibilities entailed three-day retreats on subjects like Baptism, Eucharist, Marriage and End-of-life ministry/funerals.

I still enjoy the personal and pastoral aspects of my ministry, but, year by year, I was invited to do more and take a larger role and I welcomed the opportunities. I have been serving for several years now in a full-time capacity. In addition to mentoring, etc., my teaching responsibilities have substantially increased. I also serve on seven college committees and act as a liaison on behalf of students with bishops of a number of dioceses. It is a very full, demanding and rewarding ministry.

As I became familiar with the Anglican programme at VST, I saw the need for certain shifts in timing, emphasis and priority, and the aligning of certain subjects that had previously been taught in isolation. Everything is a work in progress, but I would say that the Anglican formation component offers students a deep and comprehensive exploration of our tradition -- its historical development, current practice and growing edges. I fully expect it will continue to evolve and improve.

Anglicans have been quite strongly represented at VST despite impressions to the contrary. I have adopted what might be called a dispersed approach to Anglican formation. Despite being the only Anglican on faculty, but willing to improvise, I quickly found that there are various Anglicans with expertise about, including retired (and active) bishops, national church staff, university professors and parish clergy, who have contributed particular pieces of classes I have taught. Zoom technology has in fact made it easier to “import” impressive guest facilitators (like the Rev. Dr. Christopher Brittain of Trinity College, Toronto), and they have been surprisingly willing to contribute. It has been a delight working with all of them. We also have a number of Anglican sessional lecturers, including our former Archbishop Skelton, who now teaches Anglican Liturgy, as well as a class in pastoral care, and former Cathedral Dean Peter Elliott, who has taught several classes. Peter has also served as Chancellor of the College.

In terms of Anglican liturgical life, the pandemic crisis not only has not dampened our desire to pray the Daily Office and celebrate Eucharist together, but thanks to Zoom technology our numbers were better this last year than in many years, with regular attendees from the UK, Florida, Washington, as well as many places in B.C. Worship serves as a mainstay amid the demands and pressures of academic life. It also serves as a kind of workshop, in which students can practice and hone skills in reading, presiding, chanting, liturgical assistance, preaching, etc.

VST is not a diocesan seminary but the relationship between VST and DONW is important. I have had excellent support from clergy of this diocese, who have helped with the formation process by serving as guest presiders and preachers. Bishop John Stephens and Bishop Lynne McNaughton, while they were parish priests, and now as bishops, have been among that number. This year Bishop David Lehmann of

Caledonia joined that number. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee, new bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia (Isles and Inlets) has already expressed interest in being involved. I am grateful for many invitations from parishes to preach and share a vision of the College, and grateful as well for those (clergy and lay) who have expressed interest via conversations and encouragements. Let me not fail to mention those who give generously to VST.

Formation is not merely about academic success, or how much information a person can regurgitate on command. It is about paying attention to the kind of person they are becoming; it is about understanding themselves in context; it is about discerning the deeper nature of their sense of calling and it is about whether the Church's needs justify and encourage that understanding of what they want to be.

We are drawing students from all over the world, and numerous students arrive with very little in the way of Anglican background and practice. Formation necessarily is a somewhat different process and approach than what it once was. The Anglican Church of Canada, in its document, *Competencies for Ordination to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada*, speaks of the importance of clergy who are "able to translate the rich tradition of Christian and Anglican thought into the real life of the actual communities and contexts where we minister." Very true, so it is more important than ever to enable students to appreciate and integrate the Anglican Way.

We (the faculty at VST) recently published a book on theological education, called *Thoughtful, Engaged, and Generous: Ten Percent to Know Before Starting Theological Study* (Wipf and Stock, 2021). I would encourage you to read it. I contributed a chapter on denominational formation. VST is a dynamic and evolving learning environment, with substantial ecumenical, inter-faith and indigenous dimensions. Anglicans studying here learn the Anglican Way, but they learn it in context, not in isolation; they learn it in relation to other expressions of faith. Studying Anglican history not only awakened to the injustices of the colonial era but in the presence of indigenous students who continue to experience the consequences of that historical injustice is only one of the important learning opportunities for those who study at VST.

My thanks to former Archbishop Skelton, Archdeacon Douglas Fenton, and our current Bishop John Stephens for their support and rapport over the last six years.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Grant Rodgers  
Director of Anglican Formation, Vancouver School of Theology

## Report of the Society of Anglican Church Women

Bishop Stephens and Members of Synod

The Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of New Westminster is a Not for Profit Society, registered in the Province of B.C. We have 16 Branches and a number of individual members who support us. The purpose of the Society is to unite women in fellowship of worship, study and stewardship which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives and which will lead them into Christian service everywhere.

Since the last Synod in 2019, we have been very pleased that the Trust Fund with the Anglican Foundation, which was set up as a perpetual bursary for those attending theological school in preparation for Ordination, has been given to Rev. Tasha Carrothers, Rev. Jonathan Pinkney, Rev. Amanda Ruston and Rev. Lorie Martin. All the recipients are currently working in this Diocese for which we are extremely grateful.

We hold Area meetings 3 times a year as well as our Annual General Meeting. These meetings allow us to share the activities of the branches over the past year.

In Oct. 2019, the Greater Vancouver/North Shore Area meeting was held at St. John's, Shaughnessy with the Vancouver Disaster Preparedness Coordinator as speaker. In Oct. 2020, due to Covid we held a Zoom Area meeting hosted by St. Thomas, Vancouver with a virtual tour of ACW Place by Social Action Chair Beth Fortin. Nov 2019, the South West Fraser Area Meeting was held at St. Mark's, Ocean Park with a guest speaker from Semiahmoo House Society who work with people with disabilities. Nov 2020, Holy Trinity, White Rock hosted a zoom meeting with speaker Simon Johnston, ODNW, author of the book "House of Wives". March 2020 the North East Fraser Area meeting was held at Christ Church, Hope where we heard from Hope-Boston Bar Victim Services and a former police officer, George Preston on his years spent in Resolute Bay, Nunavut. March 2021 saw St. George's, Maple Ridge host the zoom meeting with the speaker from Embrace Rwanda.

The 2020 ACW AGM was held late in the year, June 2020, due to the Covid restrictions and was held via Zoom, hosted by the Executive Board. The Feather Dance Project at St. Faith's Vancouver was highlighted. At ACW Place in Burnaby, the warehouse is constantly busy preparing bales to be sent to the Diocese of the Yukon and groups in Northern B.C. containing used clothing and small household items. 126 bales were sent from October 2019 until December 2020. This number is a third less bales sent than the previous years as due to Covid we were shut down for many months and are still waiting to reopen to continue our work.

After the bale requests are filled, we help Covenant House, Mission to Seafarers, Dressed for Success, Working Gear, Progressive Housing of Burnaby and Urban Aboriginal Ministry. We also financially assisted 14 different organizations within the Diocese, Nationally and Globally.

A newsletter is produced 3 times a year to keep us connected between meetings.

With the last 16 months of restrictions due to Covid-19, we have had to stop all in person meeting but have continued to reach out to "Use Your Gifts to Serve" theme by keeping in touch with each other by phone and email, delivering small gifts, cards and goodies to shut ins, holding parking lot sales and online sales to continue the good work that we help financially.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Revitt,  
Diocesan President, Anglican Church Women

## Report of the Diocesan Archivist

Bishop and Members of Synod,

It has been a very hectic and chaotic past while, given the COVID-19 Crisis currently facing the world. Nonetheless, the work carries on.

Since my last report, I have been focusing on these categories of work:

1. Proper maintenance and administration of the Archives themselves
2. Work within the Archives for the benefit of Diocesan staff/Diocesan and parish business
3. Work within the Archives for the benefit of the public (research)
4. Work within the Archives for the benefit of the public (access requests [carries a legal mandate of response])

I will comment on all of these in turn.

In terms of the proper maintenance of the Archives, I have been occupied planning minor projects of enhancing the navigability/arrangement of the Archives contents. In notable addition to this, I and my volunteers have been engaged in steady work on the large backlog of the Diocesan Archives. With the help of my latest volunteer, we successfully processed boxes ranging in the hundreds, and have thus added

significantly to the retrievable contents of the Archives.

In terms of work in the Archives for the benefit of Diocesan/parish business - this continues on as sure as ever, as the work of a Diocese is never truly done in all areas. Work is continually done to respond as promptly as possible with a meaningful enough response to all Diocesan/parish inquiries and to go every extra mile to assist parishes and Diocesan staff in their Archives-related needs.

In terms of work in the Archives for the benefit of the public in terms of research interests, these are handled on a case-by-case basis. I do not guarantee availability of the Archives for research purposes, and when I do offer the use of the Archives for that, it is under the condition of financial charges. The work of the Archives must be focused primarily and at all times on the primary purpose for the Diocesan Archives' existence, which is the business and organizational needs of the Diocese of New Westminster. Thus far, since last Synod, I have not agreed to all that many research requests, simply given my own time constraints in my duties for the Diocese.

In terms of work in the Archives for the benefit of the public in terms of access requests (by which I refer to BC PIPA's language for formal requests for one's personal information), this carries on as usual. Every effort is made to respond to these promptly and in as satisfactory a manner as possible for the benefit of the inquirer. Thus far since last Synod, there have been a good many of these received and answered - this is typical of these manners of requests.

As always, the work continues on and will continue to go on. It is my sincere hope that my next report will be given in the context of far less eventful times.

Respectfully submitted,

Marche Riley, Diocesan Archivist

## Report of the Diocesan School for Parish Development

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Diocesan School for Parish Development exists as a training resource to increase capacity within parishes in leadership, visioning, change management, team building, group and self awareness and membership growth. The school has a certificate program offered through two course tracks (year A and year B). These tracks are delivered through weekend and weeklong programs to meet the scheduling needs of participants.

In 2019 the School offered both programs with 22 participants in the weekend and 31 participants in the weeklong. Collectively 16 participants completed the program and received certificates. In 2020, through collaboration with Archbishop Melissa Skelton and The Reverend Tellison Glover, Director of Mission and Ministry Development, the decision was made to discontinue the Weekend course and only offer the Weeklong Intensive. This decision was made in recognition of the logistical challenges of offering both courses in the same year but more importantly, recognizing that most parishes and leaders had already completed the school and thus the need to offer two programs was reduced. Preparations were underway to deliver the Weeklong Intensive however, due to health and safety concerns and logistical constraints because of the COVID-19 pandemic the program was cancelled for 2020.

The school experienced other changes as well. The Reverend Andrew Halladay stepped down as Director and resumed their role as trainer. Rachel Taylor, who served as the Coordinating Assistant for the School resigned as the Administrative Assistant for the Synod Office. The Reverend Stephen Crippen of the Diocese of Ottawa accepted the position of Director. Elias Neto accepted the role as Coordinating Assistant. As the School continues to offer training to the Diocese and as it faces the challenges of meeting together in-person, other models of the school are being considered and developed. Archbishop Melissa is

developing a hybrid model so that participants can have both an online and in-person experience. The School for Parish Development is committed to meeting these and other needs of the Diocese in building teams and leaders.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Tellison Glover  
Director of Mission and Ministry Development

## Report of the Education for Ministry Program

Bishop and Members of Synod,

In 2020 all EFM groups went on-line in order to continue to meet during the pandemic. That continues to be the case. While most of our groups were able to carry on without loss, one group did lose three members because they were unable to have the resources required for on-line technology.

For Education for Ministry in our diocese this is a wake-up call. The three people so effected are Indigenous people who have been preparing to mentor a future EFM group with the Urban Aboriginal Ministry. While we all hope that we will be able to be in face-to-face meetings again next September, my hope is that we will be able to consider this experience and discover places where equipment and access is available for our learning community in times such as this.

We have four groups meeting in our Diocese, two at the Cathedral, a group in Port Moody, and a group in Abbotsford that now includes members of the local ELC congregation and is meeting in their church. This is a very exciting new chapter for EFM in our diocese. Our current mentors are Jennifer Burgoyne and John Brower in Abbotsford, Anne Anchor and Debora Jones-Akiyama in Port Moody, and Jams Berger and Ken Peppin at the Cathedral. New mentors are Gail Berger, Manuela Dressler and Donna Marlatte. My sincere thanks are given to them all for their ministry of coaching and encouragement.

During the pandemic our mentors continue to receive their annual training via ZOOM. This has allowed a mixing of mentors across the country which enriches everyone's learning. In 2020-21 we had three new people take mentor training and receive certifications.

Our diocese has partnered with EFM Canada for twenty-five years. Parish ministries have been strengthened by parishioners engaged in EFM. Many EFM participants and graduates are involved in ministries to the communities in which we live. Most importantly, Education for Ministry has given members of our Diocesan church the means to study the Scriptures, and the history and ongoing life of the church while making connections to each other and to living as Christians in our world today supported and encouraged by the depth of understanding and knowledge they gain participating in EFM.

Up to two training events are offered every year so that mentors remain grounded in their practice and have an opportunity to grow in the areas we engage, from group dynamics to spirituality. During the pandemic we have not had to host Trainers for these events, but as we move into the 'new normal' we will again welcome them from wherever they come in Canada, and bear the cost of their room and board, and travel, which we depend on our diocesan budget to cover.

EFM Mentors, group members and the Diocesan Coordinator welcome the opportunity to share about Education for Ministry and their learning. Please contact me and I will happily work with you to make that happen.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Paula Porter Leggett, Diocesan Coordinator (EFM)

# Report of the Indigenous Justice Ministries

Bishop and Members of Synod,

I would like to acknowledge the Musqeam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Sto:lo Nations for allowing us to be on their Ancestral Territories as visitors and to also acknowledge their openness to work to create right and respectful relationships between visitors and their people.

Jerry Adams began his work in February 2018 and retired on September 30, 2020. Randy Murray's October 1, 2020 news article eloquently summarized Jerry's work and accomplishments:

*During the two and half years Jerry has developed connections with Indigenous leaders and groups as well as establishing the popular First Notions blog and op/ed series, and in-person programming like the annual Feasts for Connection and Reconciliation held at the Synod Office and the Sharing Our Stories guest speaker series. Well-known in diverse communities, Jerry's reputation for fairness, justice and compassion opened many doors creating opportunities for Indigenous groups not familiar with the ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada to connect, and in best case scenarios begin that ongoing journey of Reconciliation with one of the denominations complicit in the dark legacy of Indian Residential Schools.*

Building on the good work Jerry has done I began work in October 2020. The position is now a three day per week position. My working days are Tuesday to Thursday. The COVID-19 limitation on gatherings has temporarily limited the ability to gather in groups and connect with each other. As Jerry said in his report to Synod, "the need for connections is important for all communities, and especially Indigenous people." We are looking forward to a time when we can meet face to face again sometime in the near future.

It was my privilege to make connections with the Indigenous people who welcomed us at Bishop John's Ordination as Coadjutor Bishop and his Installation as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Westminster. I have had opportunities to speak with many people on the work being done to further right relations and develop relationships with Indigenous People, including the Metis and Inuit who are living within the land that makes up our Diocese. That work has involved people from the parishes of All Saints Agassiz, Holy Spirit Whonnock, Holy Trinity Cathedral, St Clement Lynn Valley, St Cuthbert Delta, St John the Apostle Port Moody, St John the Divine Maple Ridge, St Laurence Coquitlam, St Mark Ocean Park, St Mary Magdalene Vancouver and Christ Church Cathedral.

The work is exciting like the Welcome Figure Project of Port Moody, the Wrongs to Rights work of All Saints Agassiz with the Sto:lo Nation and the Reconciliation Retreat offered through St Dunstan's Centre for Spiritual Renewal. I look forward to more opportunities for engagement and growth as we move towards a time when gatherings are possible.

It was an honour to hear Archbishop Mark MacDonald preach at Christ Church Cathedral on All Saints Day November 1, 2020 and spent a little time with him between the three or four services he had that day! It has also been a joy to reconnect with Melanie Delva Reconciliation Animator with the Anglican Church of Canada.

Work on the Diocesan Website has been proceeding with the creative assistance of Lauren Pinkney. We are exploring ways of exploring how Reconciliation can move from a concern or a wish into an action. The process is looking at ways we can learn history, listen to experiences, develop relationships and practice Reconciliation. Indigenous Dance artist Tasha Faye Evans asked if we could work to expand practicing Reconciliation into "Being Good Ancestors." It is an intriguing challenge I look forward to exploring.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to work in the Church as Missioner of Indigenous Justice. It has been a journey of discovery and will continue to be one as we collectively work to restore right relationships

with our Indigenous, Metis and Inuit sisters and brothers.  
Merci, All My Relations,

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Baisley  
Missioner, Indigenous Justice.

## Report of the Street Outreach Initiative

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Street Outreach Team draws together a priest, a deacon, a lay person, a consulting Elder, and volunteers, as we reach out to and provide spiritual and sacramental care for street-involved men and women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES).

**Street Outreach Priest.** The Reverend Fr Matthew Johnson, offers pastoral care to adults who struggle daily with poverty, mental illness, drug addiction, alcoholism, violence, social isolation, and trauma. Fr Matthew's work occurs in a variety of contexts: street, Church, homes, SRO hotels, addiction counselling sessions, pastoral counselling meetings, trauma workshops, hospital, funerals, parish workshops, group work, the law courts, at the Altar, equipping and resourcing clergy, meeting with community leaders, and providing emergency meal relief.

**Street Outreach Deacon.** The Reverend Joyce Lochter RCC, is a clinical counsellor with a special focus on trauma and trauma-recovery, and in supporting the families of addicted persons. Her professional counselling services are offered *pro bono publico* to neighbourhood members who could otherwise not afford it. Deacon Joyce's work takes place in: counselling sessions (in-person, and for now Zoom), family homes, the Altar, hospital visits, spiritual formation sessions, funerals, trauma workshops, and in personal skills workshops, to name only a few.

**On-Street Outreach.** We continue on-street outreach to the men and women of the DTES. **Elders Rounds.** A resident teaching Elder joins the priest to resource the community in weekly outreach. **Trauma Workshops.** The Outreach has continued to host numerous Trauma Workshops in collaboration with a trauma specialist from VCH. **Addictions.** The Outreach priest provides a specialized form of service, in hearing the Fifth Steps of those working toward or maintaining addiction recovery. At the heart of this action is a journey of reconciliation with God, with others, and with self. **Liturgies.** Subject to limits of pandemic, at St James we offer weekday Masses, attended by neighbourhood members, where significant pastoral contact occurs. **Resourcing Survivors.** The Outreach was twice approached by Survivors of historic sexual abuse, and supported them in filing reports, interacting with appropriate authorities, and attending Court.

**Pandemic.** The outbreak of Covid-19 significantly impacted our Community and our Apostolate. Impoverished residents and street-involved adults were profoundly affected. SOI discontinued and reinitiated on-street operations twice, based on Public Health guidance. Outreach clergy began doing more one-on-one work, either by teleconference or by observing protocols indoors. We kept a close eye on the Street and Community as the neighbourhood and our entire world changed around us. Street Outreach worked with St James Church in hosting the Watari Organization, who prepared and delivered many thousands of delicious hot meals for vulnerable residents as the pandemic developed.

**Deaths.** The Outreach responded to three homicides over the last two years, a young man, a refugee, and a senior; offering pastoral care, and large community liturgies at St James. The other pandemic, of accidental opioid overdoses, continued unabated; and we joined with numerous families as they laid to rest and mourned daughters and sons, brothers and sisters, many of them killed in their twenties and thirties. Overdose has killed countless older brothers and sisters too, many of them friends of the Outreach for over a decade. Supporting the families and friends and communities of those who have died is the objective.

Necessary limits on numbers at liturgies have complicated death and grieving for families and loved ones, denying many a sense of communal gathering and support.

**Partnership and Leverage.** At the heart of the Street Outreach philosophy is the word 'partnership'.  
**Sponsoring Partners.** We are a partnership of the Diocese, St James Church, and the Community—made up of individuals, family foundations, partnering parishes, businesses, corporate sponsors, and charitable trusts. **Program Partners.** We attempt to leverage our activities by working with other community organizations, in both official and informal partnerships. These have included The Watari Organization, Union Gospel Mission, Vancouver Coastal Health Pender Clinic, Aboriginal Front Door, Vancouver Infectious Diseases Centre, VCH Nurses, and the UBC Centre for Group Therapy and Trauma

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Matthew Johnson, Street Outreach Priest, Street Outreach Initiative

# Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 – Italian Cultural Centre

8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.                      Registration

9:00 a.m.                                      Welcome and Acknowledgements of Territory,  
Synod Eucharist and Homily

The Synod opened with words of welcome by Committee chair Ms. Frances Fagan who provided Synod with announcements and housekeeping items.

Squamish Elder S7aplek, Lanakila (Bob Baker) welcomed the members of Synod to the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish people. Archbishop Melissa Skelton was the presider and preacher at the Eucharist. The Archbishop opened Eucharist with the following words: “As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish nations, let us pray that Christ’s grace and peace be with us”.

During worship the following people were collated as Archdeacons:

The Venerable Allan Carson, Archdeacon of Lougheed  
The Venerable Stephanie Shepard, Archdeacon of Granville

and the following people were installed as Regional Deans:

The Rev'd Paul Bowie Regional Dean of Yale  
The Rev'd Kelly Duncan, Regional Dean of Golden Ears  
The Rev'd Paul Woerhle Regional Dean of Richmond Delta  
The Rev'd Marion Wong, Regional Dean of Oakridge

10:35 a.m.                                      Constitution of Synod

**Quorum, Regrets, Privileges**

Archbishop Melissa welcomed the members of Synod and introduced those seated at the head table:

Ms. Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Legal Assessor  
Mr. Donald Paul, ODNW, Registrar  
Mr. George Cadman, QC, ODNW, Chancellor  
The Venerable Douglas Fenton, Executive Archdeacon  
The Rev'd Sharon Salomons, Clerical Secretary  
Ms. Lea Starr, Lay Secretary

The Archbishop reminded Synod that Nominations close at 2:00 pm Friday and addressed a few housekeeping items, including pointing out that there are three microphones on the floor and asked when addressing Synod, speakers please introduce themselves and state the name of their parish.

The Clerical Secretary presented the registration numbers to the Chancellor:



Diocesan Office Staff:

Mr Jerry Adams  
Ms Shailene Caparas  
Mr Phil Colvin  
Mr Rob Dickson  
Mr Randy Murray  
Mr Bill Siksay  
Ms Rachel Taylor  
Ms Michèle van Teunenbroek

**Friday:**

Ms Suzanne Rumsey  
The Rev'd Michael Shapcott

## CARRIED

### Appointments & Announcements of Sessional Committees

The members of the Synod Sessional Committees were introduced:

**Resolutions:** The Venerable Kevin Hunt (Chair)

Remarks from The Venerable Kevin Hunt who introduced committee members:

Ms. Jane Hope, The Rev'd Sharon Smith, The Rev'd Stuart Hallam, Ms. Jennifer Dezell, ODNW.

**Nominations:** The Venerable Philippa Segrave-Pride (Chair).

Remarks from The Venerable Philippa Segrave-Pride, who introduced committee members:

Mr. Jeddy James, Ms. Vera Morgan, ODNW, Mr. Kerry Baisley, ODNW.

The committee reminded Synod that nominations close at 2:00pm Friday.

### Memorials

The Rev'd Cameron Gutjahr (Chair) commended to Almighty God the souls of all the faithful departed and especially those former members of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster who died since the 117th Session of Synod and read their names.

Patricia McSherry  
Monte Worthington, ODNW  
Joe Golat, ODNW  
Donald Hooper Lamb, ODNW  
Margaret Edna Wilkin, ODNW  
Peter Nigel William Johnson, ODNW  
Frank Willis, ODNW  
Tampion Arthur London

The Reverend Andrew Wilhelm-Boyles,  
The Reverend Donald McAuley Gordon  
The Reverend Donald Edward Grayston  
The Reverend Russell Arnold Ferrie  
The Reverend Donna Lita Kirkpatrick  
The Reverend Victor Sidney Edward Morse  
The Reverend Joseph Donaldson Parker  
The Venerable Alfred James Hosking  
The Reverend David H Gifford-Cole  
The Reverend Dr William Robert Kirkpatrick Crockett  
The Reverend Charles Reynold Walters  
The Reverend James Allen Penrice

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord  
**And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.**

### Messages from Synod

**MOTION:** Moved: Lindsay Hills  
Seconded: Douglas Fenton

THAT in accordance with our customs, this Synod send greetings to the following:

Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

The Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette  
The Prime Minister of Canada; the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Janet Austin  
The Premier of British Columbia, the Honourable John Horgan  
The Hereditary, Elected and grassroots leadership of :  
Tia A'min First Nation  
shishálh Nation  
Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation  
Tsleil Waututh Nation  
Musqueam Band  
Hwilitsum First Nation  
Katzie First Nation  
Kwikwetlem First Nation  
Matsqui First Nation  
Qayqayt First Nation  
Semiahmoo First Nation  
Tsawwassen First Nation  
Kwantlen First Nation  
Stó:lō Nation  
Stó:lō Tribal Council

- Sumas First Nation
- The Peters Band
- Sts'ailes Nation
- Skwah First Nation

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev'd and Right Honourable Justin Welby  
The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev'd Frederick Hiltz  
The Bishop of the Diocese of Kootenay, the Right Rev'd Lynne McNaughton  
The National Indigenous Bishop, the Right Rev'd Mark MacDonald  
The National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada,  
the Rev'd Susan Johnson

The retired bishops of the diocese:  
The Most Revd Douglas Hambidge  
The Right Revd Michael Ingham

The bishops of the dioceses and ecclesiastical jurisdictions in British Columbia and Yukon:  
Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon, the Right Rev'd Larry Robertson  
Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia, the Right Revd Logan McMenamie  
Bishop Suffragan to the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon for the  
Territory of the People, the Right Revd Barbara Andrews  
Bishop of Caledonia, the Right Revd David Lehman  
Bishop of Kootenay, the Right Revd Lynne McNaughton

The bishop of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Revd Greg  
Mohr  
The bishop of our neighbouring Diocese of Olympia of The Episcopal Church, the Right Revd Gregory  
Rickel  
The bishop of our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, the Right Reverend  
Brent Alawas

Our Ecumenical Partners:  
The President of the Executive Committee for the Canadian Council of Churches, the Revd Stephen Kendall  
The President of the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada, The Revd Jay Olson  
The Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, the Most Revd Michael Miller

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Revd Victor Kim  
**CARRIED**

**Notice Of Regrets From Bishop Sid Black**

Archbishop Melissa informed synod that Bishop Sid Black, who had been invited to be present, had sent his regrets because of the unexpected death of his sister-in-law, Ms. Alva Eli. We will remember them in our prayers.

**Introduction of New Clergy**

The Venerable Douglas Fenton introduced the new clergy since the 117<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod.

**Deacons:**

Jeffrey Preiss  
Ron Berezan  
Juanita Clark  
Peggy Trendell-Jensen

**Priests:**

Helen Dunn  
Mark Munn  
Vivian Seegers  
Laurel Dahill  
Sharon Smith  
Lindsay Hills  
Miranda Sutherland  
Stuart Hallam  
Stuart Mennigke  
Greg Jenkins  
Marion Wong  
Tellison Glover  
James Duckett  
Philip Cochrane  
Hyok Kim  
Lucy Price  
Tasha Carrothers  
Cameron Gutjahr

**Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:** **Moved: The Chancellor**  
**Seconded: The Registrar**

THAT the circulated agenda be adopted as amended.

Amendment to consider resolution #2 prior to Friday noon adjournment in order to enable election on Saturday.

**CARRIED**

**Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> and 118<sup>th</sup> Synods**

**MOTION** **Moved: The Clerical Secretary**  
**Seconded: The Lay Secretary**

**Amendments:**

On page 74, line 3 "As a result *two* properties..." Change "two" to "four".

On page 94 revise 3<sup>rd</sup> line above 2:40 pm "Mr. Hardy also mentioned that there are *two* properties..." Change "two" to "four"

The Rev'd Michael Batten should also be included in the list of Regrets.

THAT the Minutes of the 117<sup>th</sup> and 118<sup>th</sup> Sessions of Synod be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Receipt of Written Reports**

**MOTION**                    **Moved: The Rev'd Justin Cheng**  
**Seconded: The Rev'd Emilie Smith**

THAT the reports be received as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**11:00 a.m.    Love One Another, Christ's Body: The Church**

Archbishop Melissa gave instructions for table discussion bible study on John 13. 33-35 and John 15.12-17 with the theme of Love One Another and synod delegates engaged in table discussions.

**12:00 p.m.    PWRDF Report**

Suzanne Rumsey, Public Engagement Program Coordinator for PWRDF gave a report on the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund which is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. They have identified five goals in their strategic plan, each goal addressing several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

1. plan a sustainable future
2. strong partnerships
3. meaningful results
4. collaborative approach and
5. mutual reconciliation

Suzanne extended thanks to all who contribute to the Fund and, in particular, thanks to Archbishop Melissa for her invitation to the diocese earlier this year. Suzanne gave thanks to our longstanding diocesan PWRDF representative Mr. Peter Goodwin and to those involved in the PWRDF Youth council, especially Jessica Steele and Clare Urquhart. Finally Suzanne asked all parish representatives former and present to stand and recognized.

**12:10 p.m.    General Synod Local Arrangements**

Charlotte French, ODNW, updated synod on the local arrangements planning for General Synod including airport arrangements, registration and information, delegate bags, opening reception, meals and dietary support, parish visits, volunteer coordination, and closing banquet.

If anyone would like to volunteer please speak to Charlotte French or Sharon Grove, Volunteer Coordinator.

**12:20 p.m.    Resolution #2**

**MOTION**                    **Moved:            117th Session of Synod**  
**(See Resolution 3 of the Minutes of the 117th Session reproduced at pages 97 and 98 of the convening circular of the 119th Session.)**

**Seconded:        Not required.**

Remarks:            This resolution requires a 2/3 majority at 2 Regular Synods to pass. It received a 2/3 majority at the 117<sup>th</sup> Session. This Synod is the next regular Synod following the 117<sup>th</sup> Session.

ANGLICAN INITIATIVES FUND  
INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ELECTED ADMINISTRATORS 2

RESOLVED AS A 2/3 MAJORITY RESOLUTION OF SYNOD:

1.            THAT the number of Administrators for the Anglican Initiatives Fund be increased by amending paragraph 2.6 [Administrators] of Regulation 21 [Anglican Initiatives Fund] as follows:

**(note that only clauses (a) and (c) are changing; the other clauses are provided for context only)**

**DELETE:**

2.6 Administrators

- (a) The Fund shall have five (5) Administrators.
- (b) The Bishop, Treasurer and Chancellor shall be Administrators by virtue of their office.
- (c) Two (2) Administrators (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “Elected Administrators”) shall be elected by Synod and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election. One of the Elected Administrators shall be a cleric and the other shall be a lay person. Elected Administrators, at the time of their taking office shall be communicants of at least one year’s standing and at least 21 years of age. Elected Administrators need not be members of Synod. No elected Administrator shall serve in office for more than three consecutive terms. Except as aforesaid, all Elected Administrators are eligible for re-election.
- (d) Any vacancy in the office of Elected Administrator may be filled by appointment or election by Diocesan Council.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the first Elected Administrators shall be elected by Diocesan Council and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election.

**REPLACE WITH:**

2.6 Administrators

- (a) The Fund shall have seven (7) Administrators.
- (b) The Bishop, Treasurer and Chancellor shall be Administrators by virtue of their office.
- (c) Four (4) Administrators (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “Elected Administrators”) shall be elected by Synod and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election. Two of the Elected Administrators shall be clergy and the other two shall be lay persons. Elected Administrators, at the time of their taking office shall be communicants of at least one year’s standing and at least 21 years of age. Elected Administrators need not be members of Synod. No elected Administrator shall serve in office for more than three consecutive terms. Except as aforesaid, all Elected Administrators are eligible for re-election.
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**CARRIED By Requisite Majority**

Archbishop Melissa Skelton gave her assent. This allows the current and subsequent synods to elect 4 persons rather than 2 as previously.

**12:20 p.m. Noon Prayer followed by Lunch**

The Rev'd Miranda Sutherland led Synod in Noon Prayer followed by lunch.

**1:30 p.m. Constitutions and Canons Revision**

Procedure to be followed for discussion was introduced by The Chancellor.

**MOTION**                      **Moved: The Executive Archdeacon**  
                                         **Seconded: The Chancellor**

THAT Synod move into the committee of the whole.

**CARRIED**

The Venerable Douglas Fenton outlined the process for the discussion on the resolution on the revision of the constitution, canons and rules of order. The Venerable Richard Leggett, Mr. Kevin Smith and the Venerable Alan Perry (Diocese of Edmonton) provided an overview of the rationale to revise the canons,

the methodology used, and the consultation process conducted regarding the revisions. The Venerable Richard Leggett gave an overview of the four regional consultation processes and the outcome of those meetings. Various members of Synod raised questions that were captured by the Committee members to be responded to on Saturday prior to the vote on the Resolution No 1.

**MOTION**                      **Moved: The Venerable Douglas Fenton**  
                                         **Seconded: The Venerable Richard Leggett**

that Synod move out of the committee of the whole.  
**Carried**

**MOTION**                      **Moved: The Venerable Douglas Fenton**  
                                         **Seconded: Mr. Kevin Smith**

that resolution #1 is tabled to tomorrow's agenda  
**Carried**

**2:00 p.m.      Nominations closed**

**2:45 p.m.      Sorrento Centre Report**  
Mr. Michael Shapcott, Executive Director gave a report on the activities and programs at Sorrento Centre.

**3:00p.m.      Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements – 2018**

Mr. Bob Hardy, ODNW, Diocesan Treasurer, spoke to the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2018 included in the Synod circular, which were audited by Rolfe Benson. Mr. Hardy pointed out the state of the various funds of the diocese as well as the income received from the sale of properties. He highlighted the fact that the Anglican Initiative Fund administrators also approve expenditures of other funds.

**MOTION**  
**Moved: The Treasurer**  
**Seconded: Ms. Meg Stevens**

RESOLVED that the Financial Statements audited by Rolfe Benson - Dec. 31, 2018 be received as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Hardy presented on the reconfiguration of the Diocesan Funds – Mission and Ministry Funds into the:

- 1) Diocesan Ministry Support Fund
  - The purpose is to support the operating budget of the Diocese
- 2) Diocesan Mission Endowment Fund
  - use 50% of the income to support the
    - a) Anglican Initiatives Funds
    - b) Parish Loan Fund (PLF)
      - As if Jan 1, 2019, PLF has \$6M to which half is already committed
    - c)Parish Capital Grant Fund (PCGF)
      - The purpose is to support parish capital grants.
      - Has \$1.4M initial funds as of Jan 1, 2019.
      - No single grant shall exceed \$40,000

Mr. Hardy spoke to the reconfiguration of some of the diocesan funds. The Mission and Ministry fund consists of two separate funds: the Diocesan Ministry Support Fund and the Diocesan Mission Endowment

Fund. There is also a Parish Loan Fund and a Parish Capital Grant Fund. Mr. Hardy offered thanks to diocesan staff Mr. Robert Dickson and Ms Shailene Caparas for their work. The Rev'd Alex Wilson requested that at future synods, information relating to the Financial Statements and the budget be presented on the digital screens.

### **3:30 p.m. Mission to Seafarers Report**

The Rev'd Peter Smyth, senior port chaplain gave a report on the ministry of the Mission to Seafarers, highlighting the experience of isolation that affects many of the seafarers through a short video. Mr. Dennis McMahon spoke of his experience both as a seaman 11 times on a ship, and as a volunteer with the Mission to Seafarers.

### **3:50 p.m. Report of the Nominations Committee**

The Venerable Philippa Segrave-Pride reported for the Nominations Committee that nominations had been received for every position that was offered for election at this Synod which include:

- Diocesan Treasurer
- Clerical - Secretary of Synod
- Lay - Secretary of Synod
- Clerical - Burrard Archdeaconry
- Lay - Burrard Archdeaconry
- Clerical - Capilano Archdeaconry
- Lay - Capilano Archdeaconry
- Clerical - Fraser Archdeaconry
- Lay - Fraser Archdeaconry
- Clerical - Granville Archdeaconry
- Lay - Granville Archdeaconry
- Clerical - Lougheed Archdeaconry
- Lay - Lougheed Archdeaconry
- Clerical - Westminster Archdeaconry
- Lay - Westminster Archdeaconry
- Diocesan Council Youth Representatives (two to be elected)
- Clerical - Board of Discipline (three priests to be elected)
- Lay - Board of Discipline (three to be elected)
- Clerical - Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments (three to be elected)
- Lay - Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments (three to be elected)
- Clerical - Anglican Initiatives Fund
- Lay - Anglican Initiatives Fund

Balloting is scheduled from 8:00am to 8:55am on Saturday.

### **4:00 p.m. Resolutions**

#### **Resolution #3**

**MOTION Moved: 117th Session of Synod**

(See Resolution 3 of the Minutes of the 117th Session reproduced at pages 99 and 100 of the convening circular of the 119th Session.)

**Seconded: Not required.**

Remarks: This resolution requires a 2/3 majority at 2 Regular Synods to pass. It received a 2/3 majority at the 117th Session. This Synod is the next regular Synod following the 117th Session.

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and replacing exclusion (2) with the following

...

- (2) Any diocesan grant or allocation made:
- (a) under the Parish Development Grant programme,
  - (b) in respect of curacy support,
  - (c) as a 'care+share' grant or
  - (d) from the Diocesan Fair Share Fund;
  - (e) *outside grants for the mission and ministry of parishes*
- (3) ...

#### **Resolution 4A: Amendment to Resolution 4**

**Motion**                      **Moved: The Reverend Lindsay Hills**  
                                         **Seconded: Ms. Kathy Stublely**

That the following item is added: "e) outside grants for the mission and ministry of parishes"

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution 4B: Amendment to Resolution 4**

**Motion**                      **Moved: Mr. Don Paul**  
                                         **Seconded: Ms. Jennifer Dezell**

That the words "in Regulation 24" be inserted after "Parish Operating Receipts".

**CARRIED**

**Vote on Resolution 4 as amended.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution No. 5**

**MOTION**                      **Moved: The Reverend Allan Carson**  
                                         **Second: The Reverend Vivian Seegers**

THAT in a gesture of restitution and reconciliation guided by our baptismal covenant, the Five Marks of Mission, the biblical jubilee, and our diocesan commitments to Indigenous justice; Synod request Diocesan Council, the Management, Finance and Property Committee and the Mission and Ministry Development Committee to create mechanisms and expedient reporting for the direction of funds from the sale of/future sale of any properties and buildings since January 1, 2018 such that:

- In consultation with appropriate local First Nations, Metis and Inuit leadership including matriarchs, 5% of funds be returned to the Indigenous, Metis and Inuit Nations, and communities who are the ancestral caretakers of that land for use as they see fit.
- 2.5% of funds are set aside to fund and endow Indigenous justice, reconciliation, and Indigenous-led ministries in our diocese.
- 2.5% of funds are forwarded to the Anglican Church of Canada Indigenous Ministries to provide tangible financial support for the self-determining Indigenous Anglican Church within the Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution 5A: Amendment to Resolution 5**

**Moved: The Rev'd Stephen Muir**  
**Seconded: The Rev'd Janice Lowell**

That the dated January 1, 2018 be changed to January 1, 2020.

**DefeatED**

A friendly amendment to change “Indigenous” to become “First Nations, Metis and Inuit” was accepted.

**5:15 p.m. Evening Prayer**  
The Rev'd Vivian Lam led Evening Prayer.

**5:30 p.m. Announcements**

Frances Fagan reminded delegates that voting begins at 8:00 am Saturday and closes at 8:55 am. She also announced that \$3684.55 was received in the offering during the morning Eucharist that will go towards funding to support theological students.

**5:30 p.m. Evening Reception**

**7:00 p.m. Adjournment for the day**

Saturday, May 25th, 2019 – Italian Cultural Centre

**8:00 a.m. Balloting and Late Registration**

**8:45 a.m. Late Registration Closes**

**8:55 a.m. Balloting Closed**

**9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer was led by the Reverend Robin Celiz and the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz was the preacher.

**9:30 a.m. Welcome and introduction to the next session**  
**Morning Prayer**

Archbishop Melissa welcomed our Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz as well as all delegates to synod today.

**MOTION: Moved: The Executive Archdeacon**  
**Seconded: The Clerical Secretary**

THAT privileges of Synod be given to the following people:

Archbishop Fred Hiltz  
The Revd Bryan Rivers  
Mr Thomas Rowe  
Mr Terry Aleck  
Ms Bette Geddes  
Ms Susan Tufts  
The Revd Dr Richard Topping

**Carried**

**MOTION: Moved: The Revd Lindsay Hills**  
**Seconded: The Executive Archdeacon**

THAT in accordance with our customs, this Synod also sends greetings to:  
Ecumenical Partners

The President of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada, The Rev'd Jay Olson

The Hereditary, Elected and grassroots leadership of Yale First Nation  
And that our condolences be sent to Bishop Sidney Black, Diocese of Calgary, on the news of the death of his sister-in-law Alva Eli.  
And that the greetings from this and subsequent Synod's include the territorial acknowledgment that these greetings come from the "Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, which is located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations."

**CARRIED**

**9:40 a.m. Self Determining Indigenous Church**

Mr. Jerry Adams and the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz engaged in a dialogue regarding the Indigenous Church within the Anglican Church of Canada and their desire to be in partnership with the wider church. Since 1994, when the Anglican Church made a formal apology to Indigenous peoples and a covenant of self-determination was entered into, the Anglican Council of Indigenous People has been working towards clarifying what a self-determining Indigenous church will mean. Self-determination is a major principle in the honouring of the articles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as a natural outflow of the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation process.

The Primate outlined some of the changes that will be proposed at General Synod in July:

- there will be a motion on self-determination
- that National Indigenous Bishop will be styled Archbishop
- the sacred circle will have the ability to create their own 'constitution' or document that will outline how it will organize itself.

Archbishop Fred reminded synod members that those of us who are non-Indigenous need to open to learning from our Indigenous partners.

The Synod acknowledged their thanks to the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz and Mr. Jerry Adams through a standing ovation.

**10:25 a.m. Message from Bishop Sid Black**

Archbishop Melissa relayed the following message from Bishop Sid Black.

Grace and Peace to you and the Synod of New Westminster as you gather to convene your Synod on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish First Nations.

The theme of your Synod "Love one another: Christ's Body, the Church" is a commandment of Jesus that I cherish, hold close to my heart, and humbly try to live out in my daily life. My deepest gratitude for extending the invitation to come to your Synod and speak in an interview format about a self-determining Indigenous Church. However, I am not able to be with you because of a dire family emergency. Thank you for your understanding at not being able to be present at your Synod. We are now preparing for a funeral.

You have been in my thoughts and prayers throughout your gathering as a Synod. May the banner of "Love one another" John 15.32, be lifted high, may all go well with synod, and as you are blessed may you be a blessing to others in the love of Christ.

Grace be with you...

Your fellow servant in Christ.

+Sidney, Indigenous Bishop of Treaty 7 & Territory

**10:30 a.m. care+share**

**Resolution No. 6**

**MOTION Moved: The Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development.  
Second: Not required.**

THAT the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development recommends to Synod that the Urban Aboriginal Ministry be the care+share recipient from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**11:00 a.m. A Word to the church Time With The Primate**

Archbishop Fred Hiltz spoke about upcoming resolutions to the General Synod including the Marriage

Canon and the various possible outcomes. The “*Word to the Church*” from Council of General Synod (COGs) has been presented to Dioceses and Provincial Synods. Some have acted on the affirmations include in this and others have not.

After the 41<sup>st</sup> General Synod in 2016, the Council of General Synod considered whether there was a need to add information around the proposed resolution regarding the Marriage Canon. There has been a desire to recapture the energy from the General Synod held in Halifax, 2010. COGs worked hard to prepare the statement- “*The Word to the Church*”. It captures the spirit of 2010 and also recognizes the work of the various dioceses in this space. The Primate then recounted the historical path that has been taken towards this resolution on the Marriage Canon. He noted that The COGs reflects that diversity in the church’s membership and there was resolve across the deep seated differences to learn and work together.

We have learned that not all Indigenous people are of the same mind. There is as much diversity there as within the rest of the church at large. The Indigenous people in our community must have their conversation in their own way and their own time.

The Primate noted that Diocesan Bishops retain rights relating to exercising rights and practices within their own dioceses and that there are diverse teachings on nature of marriage. There are pastoral realities and he lament for those occasions when their has been a lack of charity. The Primate presented the five affirmations.

This “Word to the Church” reflects the growing the middle in the church. He observed that many are yearning to move beyond heated debate. The challenge is how to move forward knowing that we may never be of one mind. He asked how can we live together in good disagreement, challenging and engaging in ways that are respectful and honest. We must create space and ensure there is room for everybody in our church. The Primate said that across our theological differences we hold one another dear and we want to walk together, both with each other and with our ecumenical partners. There is some latitude to do this provided we have respect for one another across the differences.

General Synod will consider this “Word to the Church” prior to dealing with the Resolution. COGs have some suggested changes to that Resolution in light of recent work particularly, the Resolution of relating to the Right of the Indigenous Church to Self Determination.

Archbishop Melissa thanked the Primate.

The Synod moved into Table discussions of the two questions based on the Affirmations from the “A Word to the Church”. At the end of the discussion period, Synod members were invited to indicate by a show of hands the level of support on a range from 1(low) to 5 (high) for Question 2. “What is the level of support you have for the affirmation as a whole?”

The Archbishop thanked the Synod members for their participation.

#### **12:00 p.m. Noon Prayers and Investiture of ODNW Followed by Lunch**

The Rev’d Clarence Li led the noon day prayers.

Mr. Terry Coyote Aleck and Ms. Bette Geddes were inducted into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster as Honorary Members by Archbishop Melissa Skelton during the Noon Prayers.

The citation for Terry Coyote Aleck was presented by The Ven Stephen Muir. A message from Melanie Delva, Anglican Church’s Reconciliation Animator, was also read.

The citation for Bette Geddes was presented by The Ven Stephen Muir.

Standing ovations were offered to both ODNW inductees.

#### **12:15 p.m. ELECTIONS**

The Returning Officer, Susan Tufts of Rolfe, Benson, LLP announced a Second vote to resolve a tie for the Deanery of Burrard – Lay Delegate to Diocesan Council

Youth were invited to have lunch with the Archbishop and Primate.

**1:10 p.m.** The Chancellor auctioned off the five orchid plants which brought the funds raised for support of Anglican theological students in the Ordination Track at the Vancouver School of Theology to a total of \$5203.55.

**1:20 p.m. Hospital Chaplain**

The Reverend Bryan Rivers presented the report on Hospital Chaplaincy at Vancouver General Hospital. Brian counted the Top 15 Reasons why the ministry should be supported.

1. VGH receives patients from all across BC.
2. Receive patients from across Canada because BC is a major tourist destination.
3. Receive patients around the World due to tourism and those seeking work experiences.
4. Opportunity to meet Inuit and Aboriginal patients.
5. Minister to homeless and street people.
6. Minister to patients with psychiatric issues.
7. Largest portion of people taking CPE courses at VGH are Anglican.
8. Support the hospital staff and their families.
9. Spiritual support outside the hospital: UBC, BC Cancer,
10. Support for nominal Anglicans to declare their faith.
11. Liaison with parishioners and their home churches and clergy
12. Provides terminally ill with last opportunity to hear the Gospel.
13. Opportunities for spontaneous ministry.
14. Visible, tangible and credible witness for the diocese to the community
15. Any one present could be hospitalized at VGH at any moment.

Funding is secured for the current year but funds are needed for the ministry ongoing. The Rev's John Stephens is heading a small working group considered this.

**1:35 p.m. Report Of The Returning Officer**

Ms. Susan Tufts of Rolfe, Benson, LLP presented the Report of the Returning Officer.

Anglican Initiatives Fund

Clerical: The Rev'd Christine Rowe, The Rev'd Sharon Smith

Lay: Ms. Anne Kessler. Mr. Andrew Stephens-Rennie

Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments

Clerical: The Venerable Kevin Hunt, The Venerable Richard Leggett, The Rev'd Sharon Salomons

Lay: Ms. Charlotte French, Ms. Brenda Stenson, Ms. Rachel Taylor

Board of Discipline

Clerical: The Rev'd Heidi Brear, The Rev'd David Price, The Rev'd Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

Lay: Ms. Margaret Briscall, Mr. Phil Colvin,

Diocesan Council

Burrard Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd Philip Cochrane Lay: Ms. Jane Hope

Capilano Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd Robin Celiz Lay: Ms. Robert Dickson

Fraser Archdeaconsy Clerical: The Rev'd Craig Tanksley Lay: Mr. Len Reimer

Granville Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd Alex Wilson Lay: Ms. Sharon Grove

Loughheed Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd Eileen Nurse Lay: Mr. Peter Bailey

Vancouver Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd Richard Leggett Lay: Ms. Sharon Grove

Westminster Archdeaconsy: Clerical: The Rev'd James Duckett Lay: Mr. Gregory Kennelly

Youth Representatives : Mr. Devon Groves, Ms. Jade Martin Seedhouse

Treasurer Mr. Robert Hardy

Secretaries of Synod: Clerical: The Rev'd Justin Cheng Lay: Ms. Lea Starr

**MOTION: Moved: The Chancellor**

**Seconded: The Executive Archdeacon**

THAT the Report of Returning Officer be received with thanks and that the ballots be destroyed.

## **CARRIED**

The Very Reverend Peter Elliot reported that among the Dean and Archdeacons they have elected The Venerable Douglas Fenton and The Venerable Richard Leggett to be representatives on Diocesan Council.

### **1:45 p.m.. Property Development**

Mr. Thomas Rowe, The Rev'd Paul Woerhle and the Rev'd Tellison Glover reported on the work of the Property Development Committee. They outlined the work of the committee and the ways in which the committee can assist parishes who are considering or undertaking property development.

### **2:05 p.m. Vancouver School of Theology Report**

Dr. Richard Topping reported on some of the current activities at the Vancouver School of Theology. He introduced the new logo and noted that the school has improved in rankings, now 39<sup>th</sup> in theological schools and 10<sup>th</sup> most improved. There have been 11 books published by 6 faculty members in the past year. In 2019 there were 29 graduates with 8 receiving and accelerated certificates of achievement from the Sauder School of Business. Three honorary degrees were awarded.

Graduating Anglican students were named: Hubert Baron, Rob Crosby-Shearer, Alecia Greenwood, Sandra Sherwood and Stephanie Wood,

Recently, VST has developed partnerships with Sauder School of Business, Durham University and St. Marks College. The funding support comes from the Diocese of Westminster, the Anglican Foundation and the Luce Foundation The last being focused on providing Indigenous theological education in to students in their home community.

In the current year they have received the highest number of applications and acceptance in 18 years. There are 29 Anglicans currently registered in programs at VST. The 50th Anniversary of VST will be in 2021.

### **2:15 p.m. 2019 Budget and Vision Budgets for 2020 & 2021**

Mr. Bob Hardy drew Synod's attention to the handout contained in the Synod package containing the 2019 Budget and 2020 & 2021 Vision Budgets.

The Anglican Initiatives Fund currently holds \$2.1 million. The Archbishop outlined some of the programs that AIF has funded in the past year. The General Funds of the Diocese, which currently holds \$32 million includes the Mission and Ministry Fund. (It is this fund that the proceeds from the sale of properties has been contributed.) The Archbishop reminded us of the Mission statement of the Diocese as well as the current priorities.

Mr. Hardy then outlined the budget process:

- Purpose of the annual Diocesan budget is to fund the vision and priorities of the Diocese.
- At each Synod we review a current year budget and pass Vision Budgets for the upcoming two years.
- These Vision Budgets may be adjusted by Diocesan Council in their current years.

Mr. Hardy commended the Synod office staff for their work on accurately predicting costs. He then asked Synod to refer to the handout of the narrative budget for 2019, showing income and expenses.

He then highlighted the Vision Budgets for 2020 and 2021

- noting the costs of a potential synod in 2020 and of an episcopal transition in 2021.
- there has been a decrease in parish assessments and a further decrease is anticipated in 2021.

## **MOTION**

**Moved: The Treasurer**

**Seconded: The Venerable Richard Leggett**

RESOLVED that the 2019 Budget and 2020 & 2021 Vision budgets be approved as circulated.

### **Discussion on the Motion:**

A question arose regarding the impact of the passing of Resolution #5 on the future vision

budgets. The treasurer indicated that the Resolution is likely to have an impact and there are potential measures that could be taken to address the projected decrease of funds coming directly into the Diocesan budget as a result of the Resolutions #5. Steps were outlined that would need to be taken by the Diocese in response to the Resolution #5.

**CARRIED**

**3:00 p.m. Resolutions**

**MOTION: Moved: The Chancellor  
Seconded: The Registrar**

THAT Resolution No.1 be lifted from the table.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION Moved: The Chancellor  
Seconded: The Registrar**

THAT Synod move into the committee of the whole.

**CARRIED**

Discussion on Resolution No. 1.

The Committee members responded to the various questions and comments that had been brought forward on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. One further non-substantive revision will be made to the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order based on yesterday's discussion include:

- adding in a comment about proxy votes, that they will not be permitted.

The deliberations of the Committee around other suggested changes will be taken to the Diocesan Council for consideration of revisions to the Constitutions and Canons being presented.

A last call for further questions regarding the Canons and Constitutions resulted in no further questions.

**MOTION Moved: The Chancellor  
Seconded: The Legal Assessor**

that Synod move out of the committee of the whole.

**Carried**

**MOTION Moved: The Chancellor  
Seconded: The Legal Assessor**

that Rules of Order 28 through 30 of the "Act, Constitutions, Canons, Rules of Order and Regulations of the Diocese of New Westminster" be suspended.

**Carried by Requisite Majority**

**Resolution No. 1**

**MOTION: Moved: Constitution and Canons Committee**

**RESOLVED:**

(1) THAT the proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in the form circulated to this Synod be received.

(2) THAT the proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in the form so received be amended to include all changes, if any, that were proposed and passed by this Synod while meeting in the committee

of the whole (the said proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order as amended herein called the "Draft Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order").

(3) THAT the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Diocese be repealed and replaced with Draft Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order effective at 12:01 a.m. on (i) the day following the date they are assented to by the Bishop or (ii) such later date as the Bishop shall prescribe when granting her assent (the "Effective Date").

(4) THAT the following provisions shall apply in respect of the transition from the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in effect before the Effective Date (the "Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order") to the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in effect as of the Effective Date (the "New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order"):

a. All diocesan and parish regulations and policies in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date are hereby continued and shall remain in effect as if passed or created under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

b. All persons appointed or elected to diocesan or parish positions in accordance with the Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order shall be deemed to have been elected or appointed under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order as of the date of their election or appointment under the Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order and shall continue in office for the balance of their term then remaining or until removed or replaced in accordance with the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

c. Each parish Church Committee (whether previously called the Church Committee, Parish Council or other similar name) in existence immediately prior to the Effective Date shall each be deemed to be a Parish Council under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

**Carried**

The Archbishop gave her consent to this motion. The Revised Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order will take effect at 12:01 am, May 26, 2019.

**MOTION**                      **Moved: The Chancellor**  
                                         **Seconded: The Legal Assessor**

THAT Rules of Order 28 through 30 of the "Act, Constitutions, Canons, Rules of Order and Regulations of the Diocese of New Westminster" be restored.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 7**

**MOTION**                      **Moved:            The Reverend Stephen Rowe**  
                                         **Second:           Ms. Helen Brown**

THAT the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster receives "A Word to the Church: Considering the proposed amendment of Marriage Canon XXI" (passed by consensus by the Council of General Synod on March 16, 2019) with gratitude and affirms its five affirmations:

**Affirmation #1**

**Indigenous Spiritual Self-determination**

Whatever the action of the church at this General Synod, we affirm the right of Indigenous persons and communities to spiritual self-determination in their discernment and decisions regarding same-sex marriage.

**Affirmation #2**

**Diverse Understandings of the Existing Canon**

We affirm that, while there are different understandings of the existing Marriage Canon, those bishops and synods who have authorized liturgies for the celebration and blessing of a marriage between two people of

the same sex understand that the existing Canon does not prohibit same-sex marriage.

**Affirmation #3**

**Diverse Understandings and Teachings**

We acknowledge the ongoing reality that there is a diversity of understandings and teachings about marriage in the Anglican Church of Canada, and we affirm the prayerful integrity with which those understandings and teachings are held.

**Affirmation #4**

**Our Commitment to Presume Good Faith**

We affirm our commitment to presume good faith among those who hold diverse understandings and teachings, and hold dear their continued presence in this church.

**Affirmation #5**

**Our Commitment to Stand Together**

We affirm our commitment to walk together and to preserve communion, one with another, in Christ, within this church, within our Anglican Communion, and with our ecumenical partners.

**CARRIED**

Amendment:

**Moved: The Rev'd Karl Przywala**

**Seconded: Mr. Ian Falconer**

That the the words "as amended" be inserted after the words 'the following affirmations' in the first sentence and that the word 'affirm' be replaced with 'understand' in Affirmation #2.

**DefeatED**

The Archbishop clarified that she appreciates the support of this body for this motion. After General Synod meets in July, she will make clear her own position and her direction for the diocese on the blessing of same sex marriage.

**Resolution No. 8**

**Moved: Levi Saunders**

**Seconded: The Rev'd Laurel Dykstra**

THAT,

- a) This Synod declares a climate emergency;
- b) All investment and financial decisions in the diocese be made in keeping with our moral obligation to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and transition towards renewable energy;
- c) The Diocese of New Westminster supports all parishes in efforts to reduce their emissions and that such efforts be documented in annual vestry reports made by parishes;
- d) The diocese and parishes of New Westminster seek out opportunities within our communities and in partnership with others to respond to the growing crisis that lies before us;
- e) A report on the progress of the diocese in reducing our collective carbon footprint and our efforts to support a just transition to renewable energies be provided at each Synod beginning in 2021.

**Resolution 8A: Amendment to Resolution 8**

**Moved: The Rev'd David Price**

**Seconded: The Venerable Allan Carson**

THAT "including the installation of electric car charging stations at the Diocesan offices at 1410 Nanton

Avenue, Vancouver, BC.” be added to item e.

**CARRIED**

Friendly amendment to replace the word “declare” with “recognize” to item a. ACCEPTED

**Resolution 8B: Amendment to Resolution 8**

**Moved: Mr. Kevin Smith**  
**Seconded: The Rev'd Jeffrey Preiss**

THAT the the words “pastorally and politically” in item d be deleted.

**CARRIED**

Motion **Moved: The Rev'd Stephen Rowe**  
**Seconded: Ms. Jane Hope**

THAT this motion be referred to Diocesan Council.

**DEFEATED**

Motion **Moved: The Rev'd John Stephens**  
**Seconded: The Rev'd Stephen Rowe**

THAT the question on Resolution No. 8 is called.

**CARRIED**

**Vote on Resolution 8 as amended.**

**Carried**

Motion **Moved: The Rev'd Stephen Rowe**  
**Seconded: The Rev'd John Stephens**

THAT the remainder of Resolutions are referred to Diocesan Council.

**CARRIED**

**4:30pm Vote of Thanks**

The Rev'd Philip Cochrane offered thanks to those who offered leadership at Synod including Chief Bob Baker, our Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz and Archbishop Melissa, Executive Archdeacon Douglas Fenton and Mr. Jerry Adams. He gave thanks to all the Officers of Synod, including the Legal Officers, the Synod Planning Team and their chair Ms. Fran Fagan, the Synod Office Staff, the Synod Committees, the clerical and lay secretaries, Mr. Randy Murray and all the tech team and registration volunteers as well as those who provided child care. He thanked the staff of the Italian Cultural Centre for their hospitality. He offered thanks to those who prepared our worship services especially MC's The Rev'd Liz Ruder-Celiz and The Rev'd Robin Ruder-Celiz, and the parishes of Christ Church Cathedral, St Matthias & St Luke (Baptismal Font), and St. James (Paschal Candle) for providing the Communion vessels, linens and other items for worship. He thanked the members of the Constitution and Canons Committee, including the Venerable Allan Parry from the Diocese of Edmonton, Ms Susan Tufts, the Returning Officer and her volunteers, all of the presenters and everyone who shared their stories, the Treasurer, all program presenters, those who oversaw the election process and all the members of synod for attending.

He offered special thanks to Archbishop Melissa for guiding us and providing a good way to start our proceedings on Friday morning. As a newcomer to the diocese, he also offered thanks to the diocese for being a bright light, and for offering hope to others throughout the Anglican Communion.



# Minutes of the 120th (Electoral) Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver B.C.

**8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Arrival of Onsite Participants to the Synod**  
Initiation of Live Stream from Cathedral for remote Synod Delegates.

**9:00 a.m. Synod Eucharist**

Archbishop Melissa Skelton as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon opened the Eucharist with an acknowledgement that we are gathering on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Nations.

The Archbishop's homily focussed on electing a Co-adjutor Bishop considering the life and witness of St Francis of Assisi.

**10: 30 a.m. Constitution of Synod**

The Credentials Committee convened to review any changes to the list Delegates.

**11 a.m. ELECTORAL SYNOD COMMENCES**

**The Metropolitan's Opening Remarks**

++Melissa acknowledged that the Synod meets on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Chancellor George Cadman, QC, ODNW, spoke of the impact of the election of the Co- adjutor Bishop. According to Canon 3, Coadjutor Bishop will serve until retirement of the current Diocesan Bishop. When the Diocesan Bishop retires, the Co-adjutor Bishop will assume the role. After the election today, there will be both the current Diocesan Bishop (Archbishop Melissa) and the Bishop Co-adjutor-elect (Bishop co-adjutor will be consecrated in January 2021). On February 28th, 2021, Archbishop Melissa Skelton will retire, and effective on March 1st, 2020, the co-adjutor Bishop elected today will become Diocesan Bishop.

++Melissa welcomed the delegates to the Synod and members of the public who were viewing the Synod via livestream. She invited those who are not Synod Delegates to pray for the candidates and for Synod.

++Melissa welcomed the candidates for bishop.

She informed the Synod that any points of order should be forwarded to Archdeacon Richard Leggett who would communicate it to her and the Chancellor.

Synod delegates will be using the Simply Voting system managed by the company Data On the Spot.  
Synod delegates were then asked to log in to Simply Voting and answer the Quorum Question to establish quorum.

**Regrets received prior to the Synod**

**Licensed Clergy:**

The Rev. David Koe

**Retired Clergy:**

The Rev. Charles Lenz

**Chancellor George Cadman, QC, ODNW report:**

The Chancellor acknowledged the work of the following:

Ms. Susanne Stockdill *Returning Officer*

Mr. Ken Storozuk *Deputy Returning Officer*

The Ven. Richard Leggett *Chair of the Elections Committee*

Ms. Lea Starr *Lay Secretary*

The Rev. Justin Cheng *Clerical Secretary*

Ms Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, *Legal Assessor and Chair of the Credentials Committee*  
The Ven Douglas Fenton *Executive Archdeacon*  
Mr. Kevin Smith *Vice Chancellor*

### Results of the Quorum Vote

Clergy Eligible to Vote at Synod	136
Clergy who voted "Present" to the Quorum Question	135
Laity Eligible to Vote at Synod	177
Laity who voted "Present" to the Quorum Question	159

The Chancellor declared that Quorum had been reached in Synod.  
++Melissa invited Archdeacon Richard Leggett to give the Report of the Episcopal Elections Committee.

### Report from Archdeacon Richard Leggett, Chair of the Episcopal Elections Committee

Richard+ reported that before today, the Committee:

- Updated the Profile of the Diocese to inform potential candidates
- Vetted candidates according to canonical qualifications
- Hired the firm Data on the Spot to arrange the voting system
- Prepared the questions and received the answers from the nominees
- Posted Candidate information on the Election Website
- Prepared and coordinated the virtual townhall with the candidates
- Posted videos prepared by candidates for Synod delegates' information

Richard+ expressed thanks to the following:

- The members of the Elections Committee
  - The Ven Richard Leggett (Chair)
  - Nii K'an Kwsadins (Mr. Jerry Adams)
  - Ms. Alison Brookfield
  - Ms. Elizabeth Stoute
  - Mr. Brian Walks
  - Mr. Casper Zuzek
  - The Rev. Peggy Trendell-Jensen
  - The Rev. Andrew Halladay
  - The Rev. Lindsey Hills
  - The Rev. Vivian Lam
  - The Rev. Tim Morgan
- The Ven. Douglas Fenton (Executive Archdeacon)
- Mr. Bill Siksay (Administrative Assistant to the Archbishop)
- Ms. Lauren Odile Pinkney (Administrative Assistant/Reception)
- Mr. George Cadman, QC, ODNW, (Chancellor of the Diocese)
- Mr. Kevin Smith (Vice Chancellor of the Diocese)
- The Very Rev. Christopher Pappas, (Dean of New Westminster) and the Staff of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver.

Richard+ noted that one result of the process was a closer collegial relationship with the Diocese of British Columbia as both dioceses worked together to prepare episcopal elections in the context of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

### Formal Presentation of the Candidates

Richard+ presented the following candidates for Synod's consideration:

- The Ven. Allan Carson
- The Rev. Philip Cochrane
- The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride
- The Rt. Rev. Ryscilla Shaw

- The Rev. John Stephens

Canon 2 for the Election of the Diocesan Bishop states that nominations from the floor of Synod will not be entertained.

**Outline of the Process:**

++Melissa informed Synod that for each ballot, the following process will occur:

- 1) A Hymn will be Sung
- 2) ++Melissa will lead a Call/Response invoking the Holy Spirit
- 3) A moment of silence will occur
- 4) ++Melissa will lead a prayer
- 5) Synod delegates will cast their vote. There will be at least 10 minutes for this part, and it may be extended as needed
- 6) There will be an interval before the results of the ballot will be announced.

**11:35 Ballot 1:** *Data on the Spot* Helpline info was posted.

The Voting closed at 11:51 am.  
Results shared with Nominees.  
Results shared with the Members of Synod via Live Stream.

*Results of First Vote:*

Number of clergy to elect is 70, number of laity is 85

Total Votes: 308	Clergy 139	Lay 169
Allan Carson	22	21
Philip Cochrane	14	28
Philippa Segrave-Pride	19	22
Ryscilla Shaw	30	31
John Stephens	54	67

Due to the threshold of aggregate votes required and as stated in Canon 2, the Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride was not carried to the Second Ballot. ++Melissa expressed thanks to Philippa+ for her willingness to let her name stand for bishop.

**12:42 pm Ballot 2:**

The Voting closed at 12:54 pm.  
Results shared with Nominees.  
Results shared with the Members of Synod via Live Stream.

*Results of Second Vote:*

Number of clergy to elect is 67, number of laity is 81.

Total Votes: 292	Clergy 132	Lay 160
Allan Carson	13	17
Philip Cochrane	11	25
Ryscilla Shaw	37	38
John Stephens	71	80

Due to the threshold of aggregate votes required and as stated in Canon 2, the Rev. Allan Carson will not be carried to the third ballot.

The Rev. Philip Cochrane withdrew from the 3rd and subsequent ballots. ++Melissa expressed thanks to Allan+ and Philip+ for their willingness to let their names stand for bishop.

### **1:30 pm Ballot 3:**

The Voting closed at 1:45 pm.

Results of the ballot were shared with the Nominees.

Results shared with the Members of Synod via Live Stream.

#### *Results of Third Vote:*

Number of clergy to elect is 69, number of Laity to elect is 82.

Total Votes 299	Clergy 136	Lay 163
Ryscilla Shaw	39	51
John Stephens	97	112

#### **Declaration of Election of Co-adjutor Bishop Elect**

++Melissa declared an election. The Rev. John Stephens was elected Co-adjutor Bishop-Elect.

+Melissa expressed thanks to +Ryscilla for her willingness to let her name stand for Bishop.

+Melissa obtained the concurrence of the Provincial House of Bishops and informed the Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nichols.

#### **Address of the Co-adjutor Bishop-Elect**

John+ addressed the Synod via video link and expressed thanks for the following:

- The other four candidates in the election
- ++Melissa for her leadership in the election process
- Richard+ and the Episcopal Elections Committee
- His family, mentors, and supporters for their support

John+ asked the Diocese for support and prayers for him. He also invited prayers for his current parish, St. John's Shaughnessy as they adjust to this change.

#### **Final Business of the Synod**

++Melissa announced that the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon consented to the election of John+ as Co-adjutor Bishop-elect. She then directed that the ballots be destroyed. ++Melissa expressed thanks to the following:

- The Very Rev. Christopher Pappas (Dean) and the Staff at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver
- The Ven. Richard Leggett and the Episcopal Elections Committee
- The Synod Office Staff
- The Officers of Synod
- Data on the Spot and Simply Voting System
- Mr. Randy Murray, Communications Officer of the Diocese.

++Melissa gave a blessing and adjourned the Synod at 2:30 pm.

# Additional Reports

# Memorials

## Lay

Jill Hanney  
Gwen Lamacraft, ODNW  
John Milroy, ODNW  
Dennis Yonge  
Margaret Ramsay  
Margaret Kelly, ODNW

## clergy

The Reverend David Geoffrey Hawkins, Priest  
The Reverend James Allen Penrice, Priest  
The Reverend John Frederick Sovereign, Priest  
The Reverend Muthiah David Appavoo, Priest (National House of Bishops List)  
The Reverend Gordon William Dominey, Priest

**We commend to Almighty God the souls of all the faithful departed  
and especially those former members of the synod of the Diocese  
of New Westminster.**

**Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

