



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

1 October 2021

Zoom Meeting

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- Agenda with Notice of Motion

Members

Attending: David Barrett, David Bell, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Heather Harris-Jones, Cathy Laskey, Coralie Losier, David Peer, and Paul Ranson

Opening Prayer

1. The Archbishop opened the meeting with prayer at 11:31 am.

Approval of the Agenda

2. David Edwards introduced the agenda and the Notice of Motion. The Executive is being called together for an emergency decision to postpone the 138th session of Synod from 2021 to 2022.

Decision on the 138th session of Synod

3. The fourth wave of COVID-19 has caused the government to reinstate the Mandatory Order and significantly affected our ability to hold Greater Chapter meetings and the synod session. There was still hope at the Diocesan Council meeting in September that an in-person meeting would be possible. That hope is receding as we realize COVID-19 infections are still rising and the Mandatory Order and the restrictions it brings may still be in effect throughout October and into November. There was general agreement at the meeting that the session should not be held in 2021. The Chancellor identified that the Diocesan Council could hold a session in 2022.

MOTION 1: David Peer/Heather Harris-Jones/

Moved that the 138th Session of the Diocesan Synod not be held in 2021 on Saturday November 6th, as scheduled and that Synod staff prepare for the possibility of a virtual Synod Session if an in-person Session cannot be held in 2022. (David Peer/Heather Harris-Jones).

MOTION 1: Carried.

Adjournment

MOTION 2: Geoff Hall

Moved that this meeting of the Diocesan Council Executive be adjourned.

4. The Bishop ended the meeting at 11:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The Most Rev'd David Edwards
Archbishop and Chair

The Rev'd David Peer
Secretary of Synod