

DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL Minutes

May 26, 2022 – electronically via Zoom – 7:00 p.m.

### Present

Rev. Nick Trussell

David Heritage

Sheila MacKay

Rt. Rev. Stephen London

Ven. Travis Enright

Lois MacLean

John de Haan

Lynne Reckhow

Rev. Danielle Key

Rev. John Gee

Rev. Cheryl Boulet

Toby Ramsden

Brian Jolly

Very Rev. Alex Meek

Rev. Colleen Sanderson

### 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Bishop Steve welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

### 2. Regrets

Regrets had been received from Rita Stagman and the Ven. Jordan Ware.

### 3. Consent Resolution

#### a. Adoption of Agenda

Three more sub-items were added under item 6.

#### b. Minutes of March 17, 2022

Moved by: Danielle Key

**Resolution # EC 09-22**

Seconded by: Colleen Sanderson

**To adopt the consent resolution**

That the minutes of March 17, 2022 and the amended agenda for today's meeting be accepted.

Carried.

### 4. Bishop's Report

The Bishop had just returned from the School for Bishops in Virginia. Bishops attended from Canada and other countries as well as the U.S. The topics this year were organizational systems, psychology, dealing with conflict, and using the media. There were also high-level conversations about changes occurring throughout the Communion.

We are moving into a new chapter in the pandemic as re-opening continues. Attendance numbers are slowly coming back.

The highlight of Provincial Synod last month in Prince Albert was reflection on the proposed Covenant produced by the Indigenous Sacred Circle. The Archbishop of Canterbury was present to give an apology and to listen.

Preparations for our Diocesan Synod in October are well underway. The theme is “Together on the Way,” chosen to emphasize that Synod is more than a business meeting; we are primarily a movement not an institution; and none of us can do this alone. The Bishop’s document for discussion has been distributed and feedback is being received. A teaching event will be held in the fall.

The Episcopate team is looking at different ways to connect rural ministries, with the objectives of keeping existing ministries in place and having more full-time clergy. It is slow work in process, but there is urgency because of approaching financial hurdles with the Rural Ministry Initiative and Diocesan Development Fund.

There is joy in our Diocese.

## 5. **Appointment of Lay Recorder**

Dorothy Marshall, who was elected lay recorder at the last synod, will be unable to perform that office.

Moved by: Alex Meek                      **Resolution # EC 10-22**  
 Seconded by: David Heritage            **To appoint the lay recorder for Synod**  
 That Alison Hurlburt be appointed lay recorder for the 68<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of  
 Edmonton.  
 Carried.

## 6. **Administration and Finance Committee Report (Toby Ramsden)**

### a. **St. Luke’s Historical Designation**

This matter was referred to the DDF Subcommittee which is unable to complete the task because of lack of personnel. Therefore it has come back before Executive Council. Lois has spoken to the City about the proposed agreement. They may be prepared to make concessions with respect to the parties to the agreement (naming the parish rather than the Diocese), but not on the remedies which are even more drastic in the latest version.

Moved by: Nick Trussell                      **Resolution # EC 11-22**  
 Seconded by: Lynn Reckhow            **To approve St. Luke’s historic designation**  
 That Executive Council accept the City’s proposal for historic designation of St.  
 Luke’s Anglican Church, Edmonton.  
 Carried.

### b. **2021 Year-End Financial Statements**

Toby presented the reviewed statements. The reviewers did not make any adjustments. The note on fund accounting was expanded for clarification. The note on the Consolidated Trust Fund was expanded to give a breakdown of the individual funds. Contingent liabilities related to pending lawsuits and historical designation of parishes have been disclosed. Lois gave an update on the status of the pending lawsuits.

Moved by: Toby Ramsden                      **Resolution # EC 12-22**  
 Seconded by: Brian Jolly                      **To approve 2021 financial statements**  
 That Executive Council approve the Synod’s financial statements for the year ended  
 December 31, 2021 as presented.  
 Carried.

**c. Current Financials**

John provided an update to April 30. A summary of the CTF's current investments was circulated to show that segregation of trust funds from our own funds has been implemented, as recommended by Lois.

**d. Property & Planning**

St. Luke's repairs are ready to go. St. Faith's basement situation is still being investigated. Serious problems with the building envelope have been discovered at St. Matthias. Construction of St. Margaret's addition is not proceeding because of increased cost. Brian and Lois are working on a standard-form construction contract for the whole Diocese.

**7. Adjournment and Closing Prayer (Bishop Steve)**

**Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.**

**Date of next meeting: June 30, 2022 via Zoom**