

Diocese of Rupert's Land
Executive Committee Minutes
February 18th, 2025 at 1:30pm: at St. George, Crescentwood

Present = P Regrets = R Absent = A (*) = *ex officio*

P	Bellay, Vic (* <i>Chancellor</i>)	P	Kawka, Bill (* <i>Diocesan Treasurer</i>)
P	Blaikie, The Ven. Simon (* <i>Exec. Archdeacon</i>)	P	Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* <i>Archdeacon</i>)
P	Bowman, The Rev. Matthew	P	Manzongo, The Rev. Naboth
P	Brown, Eva	P	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* <i>Archdeacon</i>)
P	Buxton, Debbie	P	Schoeck, The Ven. Lauren (* <i>Archdeacon</i>)
P	Domenic, The Ven. Lee (* <i>Archdeacon</i>)		<i>Staff</i>
P	Dorrian, Colin	P	Nixon, Melissa (<i>Office Coordinator</i>)
P	Dugan, The Ven. James	P	Valencerina, Joy (<i>Dir. Of Finance</i>)

1. Call to Order at 1:30 pm.

Acknowledgment of the land and opening prayer by S. Blaikie

2. Regrets reviewed by S. Blaikie.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: *Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 18 February 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted.*

Moved by M. Bowman, Seconded by K. Laldin

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: *Be it resolved that the minutes of the 21 January 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted, with the correction of Russell, Gary being removed from the previous attendance, as he was not a regret instead he resigned his seat.*

Moved by E. Brown, Seconded by N. Manzongo

Carried

5. Initial Discussion on 2024 Synod Resolution C-6

While many of the Synod resolutions require direction from the incoming bishop, the following motion needs some considering and while executive committee is gathered, we will try to resolve this to the spirit of the motion not to the letter,

RESOLVED THAT this Synod ask the Board on Canons and Rules of Order to consider the establishment of a new Indigenous Ministry Fund where we will acknowledge the Land by remitting 50% of the revenue generated through all sales of diocesan and parish properties (i.e. Land), to this Fund before any other claims on the revenue are considered.

Initial discussions revolved around

- The motion should direct Diocesan Council, not the Board on Canons and Rules of Order, to consider a new fund and then the Board on Canons and Rules of Order can assist the Diocesan Council with their expertise.
- What was the initial intention for the New Church / Ministry Fund and how are we using it now?
- Asking if there has been a conversation with the Indigenous nations that make up the land area that we are acknowledging? If not, then we may need to identify people to initiate those conversations.
- The wording of "all sales" is problematic, and "through sales of disestablished parishes" may be more in the spirit. For parishes that sell their buildings, they often are doing so to get their investment in the building out, so they can continue for a few more years and find direction (example St. Mark, Winnipeg)
- "before any other claims on the revenue are considered" may also be problematic, does this include arrears the parish may owe? The funds designated to the archives is not written in Canon, but it is in the guidelines.

- In the past, Diocesan Council has usually agreed with the report of the winding up committee to set aside certain funds for particular ministry (example St. Stephen's and St. Philip's, Winnipeg)
- Recently, Diocesan Council decided on the distribution of the proceeds of two sold, disestablished churches and decided 10% (up to a maximum \$10,000) would go to archives, 10% would go to a new cemetery fund and 10% to be earmarked for the disestablished community to apply for in creating some sort of legacy.
- We may also consider not setting up a new fund but giving it to another indigenous ministry such as sacred circle, the diocese of the arctic or a fund not managed by the diocese at all.

6. Update on Episcopal Election

- J. Dugan presented the update on the Episcopal Election. The search committee will meet again on Monday, February 24, 2025 to discuss the results of the online survey. They will then take the results, as well as the feedback from Diocesan Council, and the archdeacons' meetings and use that to build the outline for the Diocesan profile, which will be submitted to the Administrator by March 25, 2025.

7. Property / Personnel updates

- St. John's College Chaplain, Rev. Helen Holbrook will retire in April 2025
- St. Peter, Winnipeg; St. Luke, Winnipeg; St. Luke, Dryden; St. John, Fort Frances, and Mary Magdalene are all still discerning their way forward.
- Bishop Geoff's chemo is going well and the side effects are minimal at this time. He has updated his email to woodcroftgeoffrey1018@gmail.com and is asking people to contact him there.

8. Members Announcements

- E. Brown thanked the Administrator, S. Blaikie, for sending out the 3 resolutions from Synod as a reminder to parishes to discuss them at their year-end meetings.
- M. Nixon reminded everyone that year-end forms are due March 10th, 2025
- D. Buxton asked if there was going to be a confirmation before the new Bishop is consecrated. S. Blaikie said he would ask his priests if there was any urgent need or desire for a Confirmation.
- J. Valencerina mentioned how her comedian at Yuk Yuk's included an acknowledgement of the land

9. Adjournment – Moved at 2:42 by L. Domenic

Carried