

Diocese of Rupert's Land  
Executive Committee Minutes  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:30pm at St. George, Crescentwood

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

P	Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson	P	Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* Archdeacon)
P	Bellay, Vic (*Chancellor)	P	Luke, The Ven. Dr. Iain (* Exec. Archdeacon)
P	Bowman, The Rev. Matthew	P	Manzongo, The Rev. Naboth
P	Brown, Eva	P	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* Archdeacon)
P	Buxton, Debbie	P	Schoeck, The Ven. Lauren (*Archdeacon)
R	Cotton, Ted (*Diocesan Treasurer)		
P	Domenick, The Ven. Lee (*Archdeacon)		Staff
P	Dorrian, Colin	P	Nixon, Melissa (Office Coordinator)
R	Dugan, The Ven. James	P	Valencerina, Joy (Dir. Of Finance)

1. Call to Order at 1:34 pm.

2. Land Acknowledgment Opening prayer and Acknowledgment of the land by I. Luke

3. Regrets reviewed by I. Luke and M. Nixon

4. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 17 February 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted.*

Moved by E. Brown, Seconded by G. Mawejje

**Carried**

5. Approval of Minutes

- Diocesan Council asked Executive to review the Nov 18, 2025 minutes again as when we had the conversation at Diocesan Council we had the conversation 'in camera' but executive did not.  
- We shall keep 2 copies of the minutes, the legal copy will be unchanged and the published copy will have the second motion of 7. Finance Report and attached notes removed.

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the minutes of the 18 November 2025 meeting of the Executive Committee be approved, but that there be two copies kept, legal and published. The published version shall have the second motion of 7. Finance Report and pertaining notes removed.*

Moved by G. Mawejje, Seconded by K. Laldin

**Carried**

6. Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the minutes of the 20 January 2026 meeting of the Executive Committee be approved with the amendment of the last word in the motion of item 5. Approval of minutes being corrected to "approved"*

Moved by G. Mawejje, Seconded by K. Laldin

**Carried**

7. Fund Request from Kenora - St. Alban Archdeaconry

- L. Domenick presented. This request should have been included in the fall request, but was not ready at that time. In the future, all requests from the Kenora / St. Alban deanery will be presented together.

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the Executive Committee approve the 2026 funding request of St. John the Baptist, Fort Frances for \$1000 to be paid from the Kenora / St. Alban / Former Keewatin diocese fund*

Moved by L. Domenick, Seconded by M. Bowman

**Carried**

8. Draft Budget presented

- J. Valencerina presented the draft budget. Noting the areas where there will be changes.

**Motion:** *Be it resolved that the draft budget for the Diocese of Rupert's Land for 2026 be received.*

Moved by G. Mawejje, Seconded by W. Akinwale

**Carried**

9. Discussion on New Church Development Fund

There is concern that the New Church Development Fund is not being used how it was originally intended and the intention and the terms need to be thoroughly discussed and considered. This would amount to 'Renaming / restructuring / Redefining' the New Church Development Fund to align with the current goals and capacities of the Diocese of Rupert's land. The Bishop and Executive Archdeacon intend to develop a proposal, but are seeking input from Executive Committee, Diocesan Council and elsewhere. As we consider the allocation of proceeds from sale of property, we will need a new policy approach to guide that work.

Archdeacon Luke described this approach as "rebalancing the portfolio" of resources, where the Diocese is currently over-invested in property and needs to be able to reallocate that investment to ministry, and to people, for the sake of sustaining our work and witness. Bishop Naboth further explained the investment approach as enabling a grant-making structure, which would allow for parishes, programs and other bodies in the diocese to request funds for activity which invests in the future of the church. This would also support strategic thinking about investment and what kind of return it creates, not just financially, but in strengthening communities of "disciples making disciples" and enabling the church to be more deeply engaged in the world around us. In addition to future proceeds from property, it was noted that Finance is looking at all our funds and how each can be used within its own terms.

10. Executive Archdeacon Report

- I. Luke presented his report. Most members of council did not receive the late email Friday with the additional Executive Archdeacon report. M. Nixon to resend the report to everyone.
- Later this week there is a Shared Ground Faith Properties Roundtable 2.0, sponsored by Relèven being held that representatives from four parishes are attending along with the Executive Archdeacon.
- There will be a Warden's Workshop online on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details
- A gathering of Deacons for an in-service day with the Bishop is also being planned.

11. Items for Diocesan Council January Agenda

- The draft budget will be a large part of the agenda.
- Land group (Motion C-6) will be discussed, possibly how to implement the liturgical pieces to get diocesan wide consideration and input.
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12. Members Announcements

- Sunday at St. George, Transcona will be having their Black History Month celebration. Everyone welcome
- News from J. Dugan that his knee surgery was successful and he is doing well.
- St. Paul Fort Garry is having their Death by Dessert Event. Tickets are \$20 and well worth it.
- A new teen group has sprouted up at St. Paul, FG and they have asked for help in Bible study.

13. Adjournment – Moved at 2:56 pm by K. Laldin  
Closed with a prayer

**Carried**