

Minutes – Diocesan Council
Saturday, January 31, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. at St. John’s College (92 Dysart Dr.)

Present = P; Regrets = R; Absent = A

Ex-Officio = (*); Appointed = (a)

P	Abra, Dr. Allison (* Warden, St. John’s College)	P	Laldin, The Ven. Karen (* Archdeacon)
R	Aitken, Mary	P	Lampman, The Rev. Paul
P	Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson	P	Luke, The Ven. Dr. Iain (*Exec. Arch)
P	Bellay, Vic (* Chancellor)	P	Manzongo, The Rev. Naboth
R	Bonnett, Elizabeth	P	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey (* Archdeacon)
P	Bowman, The Rev. Matthew	P	Mawejje, June Rachel
P	Brown, Eva	P	McIntosh, The Rev. Wayne
P	Buxton, Deb	A	Richens, The Rev. Liz
P	Caouette, Jena	P	Russell, Canon Gary
P	Cotton, Ted (* Diocesan Treasurer)	P	Schoeck, The Ven. Lauren (* Archdeacon)
P	Dolloff, The Rev. John	R	Whitmore, Chris
R	Dorrian, Colin		
P	Domenick, The Rev. Lee		<i>Staff and non-voting (N.V.) members</i>
R	Dugan, The Ven. James	P	Valencerina, Joy (Finance Director; N.V.)
A	Giroux, The Rev. John	P	Wedlake, Bob (*Secretary of Synod; N.V.)
P	Gomez, The Rev. James	P	Nixon, Melissa (Meeting Secretary; N.V.)

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Regrets, Opening Prayer

I. Luke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. I. Luke said a prayer and land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the 31 January 2026 meeting of Diocesan Council be approved

E. Brown / W. Akinwale

Carried

3. Approval of Diocesan council Minutes November 29, 2025

Motion: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 29 November 2025 meeting of Diocesan Council be approved

G. Mawejje / L. Schoeck

Carried

4. Receipt of November 18th Executive Committee minutes

Motion: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 18 November 2025 meeting of Executive Committee be received

V. Bellay / E. Brown

Carried

5. Receipt of December 16th Executive Committee minutes

Motion: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the 16 December 2025 meeting of Executive Committee be received

V. Bellay / P. Lampman

Defeated

Diocesan Council asked why the topic that was discussed “in camera” at Diocesan Council, was not done the same at Executive Committee. Both minutes get posted to the website. Send the minutes back to Executive Committee to see if they want to amend or alter the minutes.

6. Request for budget amount for Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Committee

- W. Akinwale presented the budget request and what it encompasses.

- J. Valencerina explained that while the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Committee has a budget line in the Diocesan Budget, it will have a zero value unless Diocesan Council votes on an amount.

Motion: Be it resolved that the budget request of the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Committee for \$4,860, which was recommended by Executive Committee, be approved

M. Bowman / W. Akinwale

Carried

7. Acts of 2024 Synod Review

a. A-1 – A-4

- The resolutions arising from the Bishops’ Charge in 2024 asked for ideas and feedback from the parishes. By January 20, 2026 we had received input from thirteen parishes. That input was gathered, collated and summarized in a document that was shared with Council, on our website and emailed via “4 your parish”.

b. Investment Committee response to 8.4

- In preparation for the discussion on C-8, the investment committee reached out to our Investment Portfolio managers and asked for a review of whether any of our investments are profiting from the war in Gaza and the Palestinian People.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council receive the response from the Investment Committee, and the Investment Portfolio Managers.

M. Bowman / L. Domenick

Carried

c. C-6 Land Committee to present report

Motion: Be it resolved that Ms. Kirsten Pinto- Gfroerer be given privileges of the floor.

G. Russell / P. Lampman

Carried

- Ms. Kirsten Pinto- Gfroerer presented the report and the work the Committee did in creating a framework to move forward with the spirit of the original motion.

Motion: Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council receive the initial report from the C-6 Land Committee.

M. Bowman / L. Domenick

Carried

Motion: Be it resolved that a formal thanks be given to the C-6 Land Committee Working group including The Rev. Canon Simon Blaikie, The Ven. Lee Domenick, The Rev. Matthew Bowman and Ms. Kirsten Pinto-Gfroerer.

N. Manzongo / P. Lampman

Carried

8. General Synod “Pathways”

While there is no update on this, it will continue to be an item on Diocesan Council Agenda

9. Discussion on 2026 Synod

-The Synod Agenda Committee has met and decided that the 121st Session of synod would be held October 15, 16 and 17, 2026, the weekend after Thanksgiving

- We will be returning to the Masonic Memorial Lodge as it is the most cost effective option, with enough parking.

10. Executive Archdeacon Update

- I. Luke reviewed his written report with the Diocesan Council.

10.5 Bishop Update

-Bishop Naboth thanked and welcomed Iain Luke to the Diocesan Council.

-As per the suggestion from the Diocesan Council, Bishop Naboth wrote 3 separate letters for CM+M and sent them to all parishes. The letters were for (1) parishes below 12.5%, (2) parishes at 12.5% and (3) parishes above 12.5%. These letters seem to have been well received.

- On January 28, 2026, Sarah Mullally was formally confirmed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, making her the first woman to lead the Church of England in its 1,400-year history. A former nurse and Bishop of London, she legally assumed the role, which also makes her the spiritual leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

- Bishop Naboth has been in contact with the Bishop in Minneapolis, to see if there is anything our Diocese can do to for them. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Bishop Naboth is to review and respond to the Diocesan Profile with a pastoral letter. Keep your eyes open for it.

11. Members Updates

- March 28, 2026 we will be having a Renewal of Vows & Blessings of Oils, with the collation of Ven. Dr. Iain Luke.

- March 19, 2026 there will be a Marjorie Ward lecture with Sheila Rogers speaking

- Diocesan Book Club, studying Zilla Jones book, *The World so Wide*. See more information online.

- St. Michael & All Angles will be holding a Candlemas on February 2nd, please join and bring your candles to be blessed.

12. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned

L. Schoeck **Carried**

I. Luke declared the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.