DEC meeting of June 25, 2026.

Members: the Rev. Canon Peter Clarke, Gail Shewchuk, Stan Berry, the Rev. Don Thompson, the Rev. Rose Howell, Brian Vance, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Tammy McKeachnie, the Rev. Fr. Leon Cadsap, Jamie McIlvenna, Candace Mahaffey, Pam Berry, the Hon. Judge Bill Paul (Chancellor)

Present: the Rev. Canon Peter Clarke, Gail Shewchuk, Stan Berry, the Rev. Don Thompson, the Rev. Rose Howell, Brian Vance, Cheryl Anderson, Bishop David Greenwood, Tammy McKeachnie, the Rev. Fr. Leon Cadsap, Candace Mahaffey, Pam Berry

Arriving late: Brian Vance

Regrets: Stan Berry, Pam Berry.

Absent: the Chancellor

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:01 pm by Bishop David

MOTION: Gail / Cheryl :
Approve DEC minutes from May 8-9, 2026 as distributed *(see 0.) DEC Minutes from May 8-9 2026)*.
Carried.

MOTION: Peter / Tammy :
approve documentation of DEC email vote regarding motion for Hazardous Material Inspection of the Rectory at Fort Chipewyan *(see 0.) Motion regarding Hazardous Material Inspection Fort Chip Rectory)*
Carried with one abstention

MOTION: Cheryl / Don:
approve documentation of DEC email vote regarding motion for Northern Lights *(see 0.) Vote regarding Management Committee motion for Northern Lights)*
Carried with one abstention

Committees entered their breakout rooms for 40 minutes.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

1. **Feedback from in-person meeting.** Plan to:
    a. Propose funding in 2027 at Diocesan Synod for DEC members to visit parishes in teams of 1-3. Committees can approach parishes via zoom or phone in the mean time, coordinated through the Synod Office.
    b. Post Diocesan Synod, assign a DEC member to intentionally reach out ot youth for perspectives and ongoing communication
    c. Reinforce that all sub-committees are empowered to create their own sub-committees or focus areas as needed.
    d. Do not plan to shorten DEC meetings. However:

i. Focus on one "heavy" topic per meeting
ii. Starting this meeting, committees will report recommendations with opportunity for questions rather than rehashing of their discussions at the subcommittee level. DEC members encouraged to ask questions up front (even before the meeting) based on materials distributed
iii. Sub-committee chairs to create their own sub-committee agendas and share with participants before meeting;
iv. Sub-committees empowered to call additional meetings for their sub-committee at any time

e. Diocesan Education Officer will remain separate from DEC due to current personality dynamics and different contexts
f. Post Diocesan Synod, Property Committee will present list of unused properties for DEC review and decision-making
    i. All Saints' property decision to be worked going forward
g. Want to keep committees focused on strategic direction and tactical setup rather than operational execution.

2. New sections to the Bishop's Handbook, as per in-person meeting feedback:
    a. Diocesan Executive Council
    b. Chancellor
    c. Diocesan Administrative Assistant
    d. Registrar
    e. Archivist

Decided to change the name from *Bishop's Handbook* to *Diocese of Athabasca Handbook*. Question regarding "how to keep current?"

3. Catechism:

MOTION: Leon / Candace:

Catechetical materials as presented at the in-person DEC meeting of May 8-9 A.D. 2026 be endorsed by DEC as an option for use in all parishes across the diocese.

Carried with one abstention.

4. Communicating with Parishes (See item 1.a.). Looking into volunteer / contact lists at the parish level.

5. Ministry Committee is Looking at reviewing more Sunday School resources from Forward Movement (USA). The resource is called "Little Boxes of Good News."

6. Want to integrate indigenous catechism focus, plan to discuss with Abp Chris Harper.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7. Finanical Picture YE 2025 was presented. Financial Picture May YTD was presented (see materials given to DEC). Comment made to strive to reduce diocesan costs of large-

budget items as much as possible, and need for transparency with the parishes, as well as encouraging digital giving for financial consistency throughout the year.

8. Investments Picture – tabled to next meeting.

9. Gift motion(s) from the Parish Financial Assistance Fund. No motion suggested.

10. Proposal for Centralized Payroll – tabled to next meeting.

    (Brian Vance joined the meeting at this point)

11. St. Luke's Request:

MOTION: Gail / Rose: DEC supports waiving the St. Luke's Beaverlodge Rectory Rental submission to the diocese, to be retained by the parish, from now until December 31st, A.D. 2026. – Carried with one abstention.

12. Diocesan Synod Update was given by Gail. Thanks was expressed for the full workload being covered by the Synod Planning Committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1. Lac La Biche Worship Centre Rebuild and Rectory Repairs:
    a. Worship Centre: - tabled
    b. Rectory flood: - tabled

Next meeting: August 27th at 7 pm via zoom

9:14 pm – Closed with prayer