MINUTES OF THE SIXTIETH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA
October 15–17, 2026 AD
Peace River, Alberta
“The Church in Action: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Embracing All”

Thursday, October 15, 2026 AD

Opening Eucharist and Bishop's Charge

The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood celebrated the Eucharist during which the Rev. Deacon Danielle McKenzie was installed as an Honorary Canon of St. James’ Cathedral, beginning at 6:30 PM.

The opening of the Sixtieth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca.

The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood officially convened the Sixtieth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca at 8:20 PM with prayer.

Resolution S2026-01 Appointment of Synod Recorders
Moved by Candace Mahaffey, Christ Church, Grande Prairie, seconded by Brenda Singh, All Saints, Ft. McMurray,
Be it resolved that, the Rev. Dr. Maryann Amor be appointed Clerical recorder and Dorothy Malone be appointed as Lay recorder for this session of Synod. **Carried.**

Introduction of Guests, Speakers and Observers

The Most Rev. Shane Parker	Primate, Keynote Speaker
The Rev. Dr. Pilar Gateman	Workshop Leader, Calgary, AB.
The Rev. Dr. Maryann Amor	Workshop Leader, Grande Prairie, AB.
Shane Rebryna	Workshop Leader, Slave Lake, AB.
Robin Abrol	Executive Director, On Eagles Wings
Sharon Krushel	Music/Photographer
Sarah Craigen	Music
Barry Craigen	Music/Sound
Charlie Hand	Sound
Rose Gish	Sound
Philip Kilpatrick	Video, Ft. McMurray
Bruce Laker	Technician

Guests

Archbishop Charles Duval	ArchDiocese of McLennan/Grouard
The Rev. Olav Traa	ELCIC
The Rev. Lesley Hand	Former Director of On Eagles Wings

Sending Regrets

The Rev. Lyn Oldale	All Saints, Athabasca
The Rev. Wayne Putman	Retired, Beaverlodge
The Rev. Richard Waye	Retired, St. John's, Wabasca
The Most Rev. John Clarke	Retired, St. James, Peace River
The Rev. Shannon McCarthy	Executive Minister, United Church of Canada
Robin- Lee Vance	Chair, St. Peter's Ecumenical, Slave Lake
Elizabeth Wood	Youth Rep. Athabasca Deanery
Noreen McAteer	Lay delegate, St. Luke's, Ft. Vermilion
Alicia Gross	Lay delegate, St. Luke's, Ft. Vermilion
Shirley Butler	Lay delegate, St. Andrew's, Lac La Biche

Resolution S2026-02 Rules of Order
Moved by Brian Vance, Seconded by The Rev. Canon Peter Clark
Be it resolved that the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca adopt the Rules of Order as printed in the Convening Circular. **Carried**

Resolution S2026-03 Agenda
Moved by Gail Shewchuk, seconded by Cheryl Anderson
Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

The first report of the **Credentials Committee** was received:
12 of a possible 12 clergy have registered
46 of a possible 51 lay delegates have registered

We have a quorum in both houses.

Introduction of Committees and their members
Planning: Gail Shewchuk (Chair), The Rev. Don Thompson, Benita Greenwood, Brenda Singh, Leslee Tanasiuk, Dorothy Malone
Bishop's Charge: The Rev. Leon Cadsap, Edna Fix, Gwen Drabble
Credentials: The Rev. Rose Howell, Kim Burton
Nominations: Tammy McKeachnie, The Rev. Deacon Bill Creaser, Sherry Watson
Resolutions: Brian Vance, Brenda Singh, Candace Mahaffey, The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke
Scrutineers: Shirley Lof, The Rev. Terry Francis, Gavin Meyers
Thanks and Memorials: The Rev. Canon Deacon Danielle McKenzie, Dorothy Malone

Bishop's Appointments to Synod

Assessor	The Honorable Bill Paul	Peace River.
Clerical Recorder	The Rev. Dr. Maryann Amor	Grande Prairie
Lay Recorder	Dorothy Malone	Grimshaw/Berwyn

Electoral Officer	Stan Berry	Beaverlodge
Worship Co-ordinator	The Rev. Leon Cadsap	Ft. McMurray
Chaplains	The Rev, Deacon Bill Creaser	Northern Lights
	The Rev. Deacon Karen Kovaks	Beaverlodge
	The Rev. Deacon Kevin Pederson	Lac La Biche
	The Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna	Ft. McMurray
	The Rev. Canon Deacon Danielle McKenzie	Grimshaw/Berwyn
Press/ Messenger	The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke	High Prairie

Resolution S2026-04 Courtesies of the House
Moved by Stan Berry, St. Lukes, seconded by, Candace Mahaffey, Christ Church, Grande Prairie,.
Be it resolved that the Diocese of Athabasca extend the courtesies of the House to all conference attendees and guests. **Carried**

Motion S2026-05 Minutes of Synod 2023 AD
Moved by Gail Shewchuk, Christ Church, Grande Prairie, seconded by The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke, St. Mark's, High Prairie.

Be it resolved that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca adopt the Minutes of the fifty-ninth session of the Synod of Athabasca, held in 2023, as circulated **Carried**

Response to Resolutions from Synod 2023 AD
Synod received updates on resolutions passed at the 2023 Synod.

Regarding the Council of the North grant, the Diocese had retained its request for $75,000 and remained eligible for up to $130,000. Up to $9,000 was returned in 2025. Expenses had been minimized while maintaining diocesan functions.

Regarding the 150th anniversary celebrations in 2024, parishes had been encouraged to participate in a year of grateful celebration and worship. Celebrations had taken place in most, if not all, parishes and across the Diocese.

Regarding climate and environmental concerns, steps discussed included holding fewer in-person meetings of the Diocesan Executive Council (DEC), installing solar power at All Saints', Athabasca, and making improvements at Bishop's Lodge. It was noted that implementation was more difficult in remote areas. A fully electric vehicle was not considered feasible for the Bishop given the amount of travel required.

Resolution S2026-06 Deadline for Receipt of Resolutions
Moved by Brian Vance, St. Peter's, Slave Lake, seconded by Brenda Singh, All Saints, Ft. McMurray

Be it resolved that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca set the deadline for the receipt of resolutions to be 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 17, 2026. **Carried**
The deadline for Provincial Synod delegate nominations was announced as Friday October 16 at 10:30 am and for General Synod delegates Saturday October 17 at 3:15 pm.

Synod was adjourned at 8:39 PM

A reception hosted by St. James Cathedral ladies and a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the lower hall.

Friday, October 16, 2026 AD

Synod 2026 resumed at 8:00 AM in the Elk Room of the Chateau Nova, Peace River

Music for the day provided by Sharon Kruschel
Morning Prayer led by Father Leon Cadsap.

Bishop David Greenwood opened the morning session with prayer at 8:36 AM

Reports
Credentials Report
The Rev. Rose Howell corrected the previous report
12 of a possible 17 clergy
56 0f a possible 77 lay delegates
There is a quorum.

Nominations Committee
Nominations are being received for delegates to Provincial and General Synod.

Resolutions Submission
Brian Vance reported that to date the Committee has received 16 resolutions. (as circulated)

Agenda Committee
There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

#1 Business Session
Resolution S2026-15 Council of the North Covenant
Moved by Gail Shewchuk, Christ Church, Grande Prairie, seconded by The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke, St. Mark's, High Prairie.

Be it resolved that we the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca agree to covenant with other Dioceses in the Council of the North for the year 2026 up to and including 2029.

Committed to responding together with other member dioceses to God's call to mission and ministry on the northern regions of Canada, we affirm the values of the Council and agree to:

- Work together to promote ministry in the north;
- Be fully open with finances with the Council;
- Confine clergy salaries and allowances to agree with those agreed to by the Council; share the Council of the North grant of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and other funds administered on behalf of the Council in a way that best promotes ministry in the north;
- Participate fully in meetings of the Council;
- Outline the needs of the Council dioceses, not only our own, when preaching or speaking in non member dioceses. **Carried**

Canon XXII, Discipline

Canon XXII has been developed to be proactive in dealing with any disciplinary action that might come about involving clergy or lay persons under the jurisdiction of the presiding bishop. This Canon is subject to the provisions to the Canons on Discipline of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land and of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and are specifically subject to the principles set out in part V of the General Synod Canon on Discipline. (Revised April 2026)

Resolution S2026-13 Canon XXII Discipline

Moved by Cheryl Anderson, St. James' Cathedral, Peace River, seconded by Gail Shewchuk, Christ Church, Grande Prairie,

Be it resolved that Canon XXII Discipline be approved by the Sixtieth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca. **Carried**

Resolution S2026-14 — Canon XVII: Parish Review

Moved by Stan Berry, St. Luke's, Beaverlodge; seconded by Cheryl Anderson, St. James' Cathedral, Peace River.

Be it resolved that Canon XVII Parish Review be approved as presented at this Sixtieth Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca. **Carried**

The revised Canon XVII was presented. The revised process allows a parish review at the Bishop's discretion, at the request of an incumbent or vestry, or upon a petition from at least ten parish members or 60% of active members, whichever is less. The regulation sets out the review board and timelines.

Regulation revisions overview

Cheryl Anderson described the extensive review of diocesan regulations undertaken following the insurance review. Seventeen regulations had been updated and two added. Some changes involved wording, while others required substantial revisions.

Regulation 2, concerning clergy interviews and moving costs, was discussed. Assistance may be available through the clergy moving fund to help receiving parishes with moving costs.

Requests must be submitted to the Regional Dean and Bishop for consideration by DEC before any costs are incurred. Parishes must continue contributing to the moving fund.

Under Regulation 5, parishes undertaking repairs or changes exceeding $2,000 must notify the Regional Dean, who will bring the information to DEC.
The treatment of rectory rental income and maintenance funds was outlined. The maintenance fund is capped at $50,000 and may be used only for rectories.

The Parish Financial Assistance Fund, established through an anonymous donor, provides support to parishes experiencing financial difficulty. Applications are considered monthly by DEC on the recommendation of the Management Committee. To be eligible, parishes must submit monthly financial reports to the Diocese.

Introduction of Diocese of Athabasca Best Practices
Bishop David Greenwood encouraged Synod delegates to explore the Best Practices document found on the Diocesan website. The document explains the roles of various entities, diocesan and parish governance, property management and much more.

Introduction of Investment Philosophy
Bishop David Greenwood and the Rev. Don Thompson offered some insight into the investment practices of the Diocese.
Treasurer, the Rev. Don Thompson, explained that the Diocese holds funds in several forms, including Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) and the Episcopal Endowment Fund. Some funds are designated for specific purposes, while others may be available for investment. DEC had discussed the purpose and values guiding investment decisions. The proposed approach is to invest in ways consistent with Christian commitments and the Diocese's mission, avoiding investments in organizations that cause harm and not pursuing profit as an end in itself. Funds must remain sufficiently liquid to meet expenses, while other funds may be considered for short- or longer-term investment according to their purpose and time horizon. DEC would review the approach every six months.
Aldous Walters, All Saints', Fort McMurray, asked whether investment options beyond GICs had been explored, given inflation and typical GIC returns. The Treasurer noted that DEC members were not investment managers and that options, including external management and the Episcopal Endowment Fund, could be explored. The Bishop welcomed further investigation. Peter Clarke described his positive experience with a trust fund and suggested exploring ethical investment management. It was noted that the investment regulation had already been passed by DEC and did not require a further Synod vote.
Rev. Don Thompson emphasised that we are striving to be good stewards of what we have been given. Monies are invested in financially stable institutions where growth might not be optimal, but the investments are safe and reflect Christian values.

Break with Gathering Music

Session 1 with The Most Rev. Shane Parker.
Bishop David Greenwood conducted a question and answer type of interview with our Primate during which Synod delegates learned a bit about his background, his career path and his philosophy regarding Church leadership and management.

Report of Nominations Committee for Provincial Synod delegates
Clergy nominations: The Rev. Rosemarie Howell, The Rev. Deacon Karen Kovaks, The Rev. Leon Cadsap, The Rev. Don Thompson, The Rev. Deacon Kevin Pederson, The Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna.
Lay nominations: Candace Mahaffey, Benita Greenwood, Stan Berry, Brian Vance, Kathryn Pederson, Angela Dupuis .
Youth delegate nomination : Mason McIlvenna

Lunch, Gathering Music

Synod Reports and Business Arising
Reports contained in the Convening Circular were received and discussed which included the Management Report, the Property Committee Report, Athabasca and Peace Deanery Reports, Acts of DEC, ACW Reports, Report from the Messenger, Alongside Hope, General and Provincial Synod Reports, Camp Artaban, Episcopal Endowment Foundation Report, Report from Emmanuel and St. Chad, Diocesan Partnerships, Registrar's Report and the Chancellor's Report.
The reports reflected the work that has gone on, the changes that have happened, and glimpses of growth and optimism that have happened over the past three years.

Resolution S2026- 07 Reports
Moved by The Rev. Leon Cadsap, All Saints, Ft. McMurray, seconded by Candace Mahaffey, Christ Church, Grande Prairie
Be it resolved that this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca receive the reports distributed in person at Synod 2026 or contained in the Convening Circular in September 2026.
Carried

Results of the ballot for Delegates to Provincial Synod
Clergy: The Rev. Don Thompson, The Rev. Leon Cadsap, The Rev. Rosemarie Howell.
Alternates - The Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna,The Rev.Deacon Karen Kovaks,
The Rev. Deacon Kevin Pederson
Lay: Benita Greenwood, Candace Mahaffey
Alternates - Brian Vance, Stan Berry, Angela Dupuis, Kathryn Pederson
Youth: Mason McIlvenna (by acclamation)

Resolution S2026-08 Disposal of Provincial Synod Ballots
Moved by The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke, St. Mark's, High Prairie, seconded by Brian Vance, St. Peter's Ecumenical, Slave Lake
Be it resolved that all ballots to elect Provincial Synod delegates be destroyed. **Carried**

Treasurers' Report

The Treasurer reviewed the Diocese's financial position for 2023–2025 and the current year. The Diocese had moved from a shortfall of more than $39,000 in 2018 to a small surplus in 2022, and continued to record small surpluses in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Revenue and expenses were lower than in 2018, reflecting reduced diocesan expenditures and the absence of an Executive Archdeacon.

Fair-share contributions remained the largest source of revenue, although they were below 2018 levels. National Church grant income had remained relatively stable, while directed donations and rectory rental income had increased. Investment income had also improved through better management of short-term cash.

The Treasurer explained that expenditure reductions had been intentional, including reductions in staffing, office, meeting, travel and property costs. Parish support was provided through the operating account and the Parish Financial Assistance Fund. Transfers to reserves helped spread the costs of Synod, General Synod and the Lambeth Conference. Other funds had supported On Eagle's Wings, parish assistance, property work and the Alongside Hope conference.

For the current year, the budget anticipated a shortfall exceeding $73,000. At the end of September, the cash-basis shortfall was approximately $9,000, and the Treasurer estimated an eventual shortfall of about $18,000. Directed donations and other funds were not included in the budget. The Treasurer noted that the Diocese had assets to draw on but could not continue to spend more than it received indefinitely.

The Treasurer discussed property maintenance, including work to improve the efficiency of Bishop's Lodge and the Synod Office and reduce utility costs. A $25,000 New England Company grant for On Eagle's Wings was noted, as was support from the Parish Financial Assistance Fund and reserves for other diocesan purposes.

In discussion, Leon Cadsap corrected the report's reference to the rectory rented out: it was St. Thomas' rectory, not All Saints'. Aldous Walters asked about the use of an accounting firm. The Treasurer's background as a public accountant for thirty years was noted.

The Treasurer outlined preliminary assumptions for the 2027 budget, including possible half-time appointments for a Dean and a Cathedral rector, salary and insurance changes, increased parish support and travel, property expenses, and beginning to set aside funds for the next Synod. The Diocese would continue to monitor its financial position and seek to maintain its current level of service. The Bishop thanked Don Thompson for his work as Treasurer.

Resolution S2026-16 — Acceptance of Financial Report

Moved by the Rev. Don Thompson; seconded by Stan Berry, St. Luke's, Beaverlodge.

That the financial report provided by the Treasurer for the period 2023–2025 be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Deanery Caucus

Deanery caucuses met.

Coffee Break, Gathering music

Report of Nominations Committee for General Synod
Delegates
Require two clergy, two lay and one youth delegate
Clergy nominations: The Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna, the Rev Canon Peter Clarke, the Rev. Father Leon Cadsap, the Rev. Rose Howell
Lay nominations: Candace Mahaffey, Benita Greenwood, Stan Berry, Brian Vance, Linda Wattie, Aldous Walters, Angela Dupuis
Youth nominations: Mason McIlvenna, Celeste Mahaffey

Session 2 with The Most Rev. Shane Parker
Archbishop Shane Parker spoke to changes at Church house that have resulted in reduced spending and thus a reduction in the Fair Share from the Dioceses. We were reminded that we are all a part of the Council of General Synod and that we all need to work together to lead the way forward with hope and faith.

Resolution S2026-09 Appointment of Regional Deans and members of DEC
Moved by The Rev. Don Thompson, St. Lukes, Beaverlodge, seconded by Cheryl Anderson, St. James' Cathedral, Peace River.
Be it resolved that this Synod accepts the following nominations for the Deaneries and DEC.
Deanery of Athabasca

Regional Dean, The Rev. Father Leon Cadsap
Clergy Rep., The Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna
Lay Reps. Aldous Walters, Angela Dupuis, Brian Vance

Peace Deanery

Regional Dean, The Rev. Don Thompson
Clergy Rep. The Rev. Canon Peter Clarke
Lay Reps.Candace Mahaffey, Stan Berry, Lorene Rose

Carried

Bishop David Greenwood gave his assent .

#2 Business Session
Introduction of Legacy Giving
The Bishop spoke about legacy giving and the opportunity for people to continue supporting the Diocese or another cause through gifts made as part of their estate planning. Delegates were directed to the diocesan website to access a brochure and video.

Education Approach - TEA with ADAM

The Bishop introduced “Tea with ADAM” as an aspirational exploration of structured diocesan education and formation. TEA stands for Teaching, Education and Assess; ADAM stands for Athabasca Diocese Apprenticeship Model. The proposal would formalize learning that has often happened informally, incorporating experiential and reflective elements and responding to the limited number of stipendiary clergy available for training. The model was presented as an area for further exploration.

Parish Snapshots
The parishes of Northern Lights, St. James’ Cathedral, St. Peter’s, Ecumenical, St. Anne’s, All Saints, Athabasca and Berwyn/Grimshaw, All Saints, Ft. McMurray, St. Luke’s , Beaverlodge, St. Helen’s, Fairview and Christ Church, Grande Prairie presented their Parish Snapshots

Results of the balloting for General Synod Delegates
Clergy: The Rev. Don Thompson, The Rev. Father Leon Cadsap
Alternates - the Rev. Rose Howell, the Rev. Deacon Jamie McIlvenna, the Rev.Canon Peter Clarke
Lay: Benita Greenwood, Brian Vance
Alternates - Aldous Walters, Angela Dupuis, Stan Berry, Linda Wattie, Candace Mahaffey
Youth: Celeste Mahaffey (needed a second ballot) Alternate Mason McIlvenna

Resolution S2026-10 Disposal of General Synod ballots
Moved by Tamara McKeachnie, St. Helen’s, Fairview, seconded by Brenda Singh, All Saints, Ft. Mcmurray
Be it resolved that all ballots to elect General Synod delegates be destroyed. **Carried**

Supper
Alongside Hope
The Rev. Terry Francis spoke to the fact that Alongside Hope now partners with the Canadian Food Grains bank that expands their scope of providing aid. He expressed his hope that each parish would select someone to represent Alongside Hope and that each parish would sponsor a project, however small, from the options in The World of Gifts.
Anglican Foundation
Provided a video presentation on Transformative Ministry
On Eagles Wings
Robin Abrol explained a new ministry initiative to serve our northern brothers and sisters, Caring for the Wounded Heart. The theme of the 2027 children’s ministry is FLOW. Follow, Listen, Obey, Word.

Evening Prayer, led by Father Leon Cadsap.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 AD

Synod reconvened following Morning Prayer.

Music for the day provided by Sarah and Barry Craigen.

The Bishop conveyed greetings from Bishop Kamani of IBBA in Western Equatorial South Sudan and expressed thanks for his message.

Nominations Committee

Tammy McKeachnie, Chair of the Nominations Committee, thanked those who had allowed their names to stand for election and acknowledged their willingness to serve in leadership. She also thanked the members of the Nominations Committee for their work.

Electoral Officer's Report

Stan Berry, Electoral Officer, thanked the Bishop for appointing him and expressed appreciation to the team that assisted with the elections.

Agenda Committee

There were no changes to the agenda.

Presentation of Parish Snapshots

The remaining parishes presented their Parish Snapshots; St. Mark's, High Prairie, St. Paul's, Faust, St. Paul's, McLennan, St. Thomas, Ft. McMurray, St. Paul's, Ft. Chipewyan, St. Andrew's, Lac La Biche, St. John's, Manning, St. Luke's, Ft. Vermilion.

Coffee break/gathering music

Workshop Presentations

The Rev. Dr. Pilar Gateman presented; Reimaging Church
The Rev. Dr. Maryann Amor presented; A Small Church is not a Failed Big Church
Shane Rebryna presented; Contemplative Prayer.

Lunch/Gathering Music

New Resolutions

There were no new resolutions put forward.

Session 3 with The Most Rev. Shane Parker

The Most Rev. Shane Parker gave his third presentation, reflecting on the Diocese. He identified demographic and financial factors as significant challenges and noted that people professing no religious belief now constitute the largest group in the religious landscape. The presentation considered stewardship through giving by people, property revenue, and dividends or investment income. Fundraising was identified as an unsustainable source of revenue on which to rely as a long-term strategy.

Coffee Break/Gathering Music

#2 Workshops - repeat of the morning presentations

#3 Business Session

Introduction to Tent Making Approach to Future Staffing

Bishop David Greenwood expressed the need for more clergy, most immediately, the need for a Dean of the Cathedral. He suggested three models of meeting the stipendiary needs of any parish priest. One, pool monetary resources; two, using the Fair Share resources as we do now and three; use a Tent Making approach, in which the incumbent would have an independent means of support, ie, a pension or employment income aside from the Church. It refers to the New Testament example of St. Paul who did not ask for support from the churches that he served.

Review Diocesan Stats

Bishop David Greenwood expressed the importance of completing the Annual Parochial Reports that provides the statistics that General Synod requires and aids DEC in their administration of the Diocese. Recent stats show a slow but steady increase in membership and giving.

Tammy McKeachnie reminded delegates that, beginning the following year, the CRA T3010 annual information return would need to be filed online. Failure to file could result in a fine or loss of charitable status. Parishes were encouraged to ensure that two or three people had access to the CRA account so that responsibility and access would not rest with only one person.

Resolutions Committee

Brian Vance reported that the Resolutions Committee had received no additional resolutions.

Bishop's Charge Committee

The Rev.Leon Cadsap presented the response of the Bishop's Charge Committee, which included Leon Cadsap, Gwen Drabble and Edna Fix. Fr. Leon responded to the Bishop's Charge with the hope that we would all live out our ministry by being agents of Shalome, by trusting God and moving forward in faith. The Bishop thanked the committee for its work.

Resolution #S2026 – 11 Bishop's Charge

Moved by Stan Berry and seconded by Leon Cadsap.
This Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca receive the report of the Bishop's Charge Committee.
Carried.

Youth Reflections: Caden Thyssen, Celeste Mahaffey and Mason McIlvenna shared their reflections on Synod.

Thanks and Memorials Report

The Rev. Deacon Danielle McKenzie and Dorothy Malone presented the report of the Thanks and Memorials Committee, expressing gratitude to those who had contributed to Synod. A prayer was offered in memory of those former Synod delegates named, who have passed since Synod 2023.

Resolution S2026-012 — Thanks and Memorials
Moved by Cheryl Anderson, St. James' Cathedral, Peace River; seconded by Tammy McKeachnie, St. Helen's, Fairview.
That this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca receive the report of the Thanks and Memorials Committee. **Carried**

Acts of Synod
Dorothy Malone presented the Acts of Synod. The Bishop assented to the Acts of Synod 2026 AD.

The Bishop prorogued Synod at 4:18 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Final Session with Theme Speaker, The Most Rev.Shane Parker followed.

Closing Evening prayer led by Father Leon Cadsap

Delegates enjoyed the evening meal, fellowship and sharing from guests Archbishop Charles Duval and The Rev. Olav Traa.

Sunday, October 18,2026 AD

St. James' Cathedral hosted 10:30 AM Eucharist at which The Most Rev. Shane Parker gave the sermon and following the service, the ladies of the Cathedral provided a lunch for all to enjoy.