

Diocese of Kootenay Synod
Fifty-eighth Session of Diocesan Synod
“All That Sustains Us”
May 31 – June 2, 2002
St. Michael and All Angels Cathedral, Kelowna, BC

Friday, May 31

Clergy and lay delegates registered at St Michael’s and All Angels, Kelowna starting at 3 p.m. A Synod Orientation presentation for newcomers was conducted in the Church at 4 p.m. The Opening Eucharist was celebrated in the Church at 7 p.m. and included the Archbishop’s Charge and the installation of new Canons, Sue Mackay-Smith and Rendina Hamilton, Regional Deans, Barbara Stewart, Michael Rice, Chris Harwood-Jones, Julia Craig, Daniel Croft, David Irving, and Diocesan Archdeacon, Barbara Liotscos.

Declaration of attendance:

Barbara Liotscos reported that there was a quorum, with all 40 clergy and 84 out of a possible 92 lay delegates in attendance.

Call to Order: The Archbishop called the 58th session of synod to order.

Synod 02-01

Moved by: Barbara Liotscos Seconded by: Sue Mackay -Smith “That Rules of Order #1 and #2 (a) and (b) be suspended.”

CARRIED

Welcome: A welcome was extended to the special guests: Dean Ron Sedo (ELCIC), Bud Phillips (Stewardship Consultant), Esther Wesley (General Synod), Gordon Light and Gloria Moses (Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior), Mavis Gillie (Aboriginal Neighbours, Diocese of B.C.). Regrets were received from Kim MacMillan, U.C. Conference Minister, and Nick Parker, Dean of Cariboo and Dean of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

Privileges of the House:

Synod 02-02

Moved by: Barbara Liotscos Seconded by: David Irving “That privileges of the House be granted to: Ron Sedo, Bud Phillips, Esther Wesley, Gloria Moses, Gordon Light, and Mavis Gillie.
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CARRIED

Greetings:

Art Turnbull read a letter of greeting from Kim MacMillan; Ron Sedo brought greetings from the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Gordon Light brought greetings from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior; Esther Wesley brought greetings from the Primate and General Synod.

Announcement of Approval of the Proceedings of Synod 2000:

The Archbishop explained that the minutes from the last synod had been certified correct by Diocesan Council at their September 2001 meeting, and that some copies were available in the plenary hall, along with a summary of actions of Synod 2000.)

Appointment of Scrutineers:

Judith Pollock (Convenor), Anita Desjardins, Bill Inglis, and Kenneth Marshall were appointed as scrutineers.

Election of Secretaries:

Flo Masson was nominated for the position of Lay Secretary.

Synod 02-03

Moved by: David Griffin Seconded by: Pat Olson "That nominations cease."	CARRIED
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Flo Masson was declared Lay Secretary.

David Irving was nominated for the position of Clerical Secretary.

Synod 02-04

Moved by: Michael Rice Seconded by: Barbara Liotscos "That nominations cease."	CARRIED
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David Irving was declared Clerical Secretary

Reception of Reports:*Synod 02-05*

Moved by: Alex MacRae Seconded by: Judith Karding "That we receive the reports to synod as circulated."	CARRIED
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Resolutions Committee:

The Archbishop introduced the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Chris Harwood-Jones, who then gave notice of three motions.

Nominating Committee:

The Archbishop introduced the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Michael Rice,

Announcements:

The Archbishop announced that the resolutions concerning amendment of canons would be presented Saturday morning. Allan Reed spoke about setting up displays for the Information Fair, Ken Gray spoke about music.

Dismissal by the Archbishop at 9:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m. The Archbishop's Reception in the hall

Saturday, June 1st

9 a.m. Synod reconvened in the hall beginning with worship led by members of the Stewardship Education Training Team, which included table discussion of the readings.

Focus on Stewardship:

Dr. Bud Phillips spoke about stewardship and there was table discussion. Jim Stewart of the Stewardship Education Training Team thanked Dr. Phillips, and asked delegates to identify on the paper provided, what one thing in Bud Phillip's presentation they most wanted their parish to address. These were collected by the Stewardship Education Team.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Michael Rice introduced the members of the Nominating Committee: Pat Olson, Ruth Zenger, Shirley Kwong, Elizabeth Reichenback and Douglas Lewis. Positions still requiring candidates were named. Notice was given that nominations would close at 5:35 p.m.

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Chris Harwood-Jones introduced the Resolutions Committee: Grace Funk, Ann Wood and Patty Siddall. Notice was given that the deadline for submitting motions would be 6:00 p.m. Notice was given of ten additional motions.

Welcome to additional guests:

Synod 02-06

<p>Moved by: Art Turnbull Seconded by: David Irving "That the privileges of the house be extended to Cory Rundell, James Quirk, Katherine Hough, Jane Davidson and Katherine Mortimer."</p>

CARRIED

Those diocesan clergy coming to Synod for the first time were introduced by the Archbishop.

Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee:

The Chancellor explained the proposed amendments to the canons.

Resolution # 1 Canon 1: Composition of Synod – section 2

Synod 02-07

<p>Moved by: Sandra Stickney Seconded by: Jim Stewart That Resolution # 1 be divided into 4 parts."</p>

CARRIED

Resolution # 1 A:

Synod 02-08

<p>Moved by: Percy Tinker Seconded by: Geord Holland "That Section 2 of Canon 1 (c) be amended by adding the word "and" after the word "Treasurer" so that it will read: "(c) The Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, the Treasurer and the Lay Secretary"</p>

CARRIED

Resolution # 1 B:

Synod 02-09

Moved by: Percy Tinker
Seconded by: Geord Holland
“That Section 2 of Canon 1 be further amended by adding the following subsection (i):
 “(i) Any member or members of the Clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Waterloo Declaration) licensed by the Bishop to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 1 C:

Synod 02-10

Moved by: Percy Tinker
Seconded by: Geord Holland
“That Section 2 of Canon 1 be further amended by adding the following subsection (j):
 “(j) Representative(s) of those non-stipendiary priests who are authorized by the Bishop to work in the Diocese within Mutual Ministry Support Teams, such representative(s) to be elected by such non-stipendiary priests at least 75 days prior to the commencement of Synod or, failing such election, to be appointed by the Bishop, on the following basis:
 If there are 10 or fewer of such non-stipendiary priests, 1 representative delegate;
 If there are 11 to 20 of such non-stipendiary priests, 2 representative delegates; and
 If there are more than 20 of such non-stipendiary priests, 3 representative delegates.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 1 D:

Synod 02-11

Moved by: Percy Tinker
Seconded by: Geord Holland
“That Section 2 of Canon 1 be further amended by adding the following as subsection (k):
 “(k) Representative(s) of all those deacons, other than transitional deacons, who are authorized by the Bishop to function in a definite sphere of work in the Diocese, such representative(s) to be elected by such non-transitional deacons at least 75 days prior to the commencement of Synod or, failing such election, to be appointed by the Bishop, on the following basis:
 If there are 10 or fewer of such deacons, 1 representative delegate;
 If there are 11 to 20 of such deacons, 2 representative delegates; and
 If there are more than 20 of such deacons, 3 representative delegates.”

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report :

Alex Chisholm reported a small surplus again this year. The Archbishop stated that with Alex's guidance we have had surpluses for 11 years. Draft copies of the Audited Financial Statement that will be submitted to Diocesan Council in September are available for delegates to read. Alex indicated that most parishes are in good shape and thanked Bonnie Bailey for her excellent work.

Synod 02-12

<p>Moved by: Alex Chisholm Seconded by: Jim Stewart "That the draft of the audited statements for the Diocese of Kootenay be accepted as presented."</p>
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CARRIED

Synod 02-13

<p>Moved by: Alex Chisholm Seconded by: Art Turnbull "That the firm of Grant Thornton, Kelowna be appointed as auditors."</p>

CARRIED

Alex Chisholm thanked synod for the privilege of serving as Treasurer.

The Archbishop commended parishes for fulfilling their accepted DFB commitments, and two parishes in particular, St. George's Westbank and the Cathedral, which in 2001 when unable to accept the target figure initially, later met that target by the end of the year. Since 1989, there has never been a deficit budget or an overdraft at the bank.

Vancouver School of Theology: Cory Rundell, assisted by James Quirk gave a short report.

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the hall, **Information Fair** in the Cathedral, Synod Office and Cameron Room

1:15 p.m. Synod reconvened in the hall.

Focus on Healing Relationships with our Aboriginal Neighbors:

The Archbishop spoke about Kootenay's history being that of a settler diocese rather than a mission diocese, not having had any mission work among aboriginal peoples but rather working primarily with the railroad, mining and agricultural people. It was the Roman Catholic Oblate Order which made contact with the aboriginal people in this region. The first Anglican service was in Westwold (then Grand Prairie) in 1878. The Archbishop stressed our obligation to work with our aboriginal neighbours to overcome division and conflict.

Delegates viewed the Anglican Video of the 4th Sacred Circle entitled, "Walking a New Vision." Synod divided in half to hear presentations in the hall, "The Blanket exercise" (led by Ken Gray, Dale Farrow, Daniel Croft) followed by Esther Wesley's presentation on the work of General Synod's Healing Fund; and presentations in the Cathedral by Mavis Gillie on the development of the Aboriginal Neighbours programme in the Diocese of British Columbia, and Gloria Moses, a Deacon and Elder of the Central Interior. Delegates then formed seventeen "Listening Circles".

5:35 p.m. Synod reconvened in the cathedral.

Nominations closed with the following standing for election:

General Synod:	Clergy (3) Chris Harwood-Jones Michael Rice Michael Karabelas Ken Gray Julia Craig David Irving Ted Celiz David Dingwall Allan Reed Anita Desjardins	Lay (3) Deanna Johansen Jim Stewart Yvonne Lacquement Mike Cerrone Shirley Kwong Brenda Dingwall Peri Best Lorrie Turpin Percy Tinker Pat Olson Karen Rinehart-Pidcock
Provincial Synod:	Clergy (2) Ted Celiz Art Turnbull Barbara Stewart Brian Smith	Lay (3) Cathy Haig Flo Masson Sue Rebitt Yvonne Lacquement Christopher D'Arcy Peri Best
Diocesan Council:	Clergy and Lay (7) Cathy Haig (L) Judith Karding (C) Jim Stewart (L) Ruth Zenger (L) Ted Celiz (C)	Ana Frias (L) Tami Burgess (L) Katherine Loynd (C) Leslie Lewis (C) Ajit Erasmus (L)
Diocesan Court:	Clergy (3) Bryan Porter Ted Celiz Chris Harwood-Jones David Dingwall Gail Clifton	Lay (3) Brenda Dingwall Pat Olson Judith Karding <i>DECLARED BY ACCLAMATION</i>
Youth Delegate to General Synod: (1)	Alison Bent Sarah Smith Caroline Reichenback Matt Koovisk	Emily Pollock Danielle Rice Lisa Delange

Notice of Motion: Chris Harwood-Jones gave notice of three additional resolutions.

Resolution # 2 **Canon 1: Composition of Synod – Section 3**
Synod 02-14

Moved by: Percy Tinker
Seconded by: Geord Holland
“That Section 3 of Canon 1 be repealed and that it be replaced by the following:
 “3. Members of the Clergy superannuated or retired from work in the Diocese shall be entitled to a seat on the floor of the Synod but, unless they are licensed by the Bishop to a definite sphere work in the Diocese or are otherwise qualified to be delegates pursuant to Section 2 of this Canon, they shall not be entitled to vote.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 3 **Canon 12: Retirement Age of Bishops, Clergy and Lay Workers**
Synod 02-15

Moved by: Percy Tinker
Seconded by: Allan Reed
“That Subparagraph (b) of Canon 12 be amended by replacing the last six words namely “the age of sixty-seven (67) years” with the words “the age of sixty-nine (69) years.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 4 **First Nations Land Claims**
Synod 02-16

Moved by: Daniel Croft
Seconded by: Lorrie Turpin
“That this synod request the Archbishop to write the Prime Minister, Premier and the First Nations Summit, expressing our continuing commitment to the process of negotiating a fair, just and early resolution of the treaty process with the First Nations.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 5: **Standing alongside British Columbia First Nations**

Moved by: Daniel Croft
Seconded by: Lorrie Turpin
“That the synod request the Diocesan Council to create a committee (similar to Aboriginal Neighbours, Diocese of BC) which has a focus of education about and support for First Nation issues within the diocese.”

Amendment*Synod 02-17*

Moved by: Ken Gray
 Seconded by: Patricia Horrobin
 “To add the words ‘with specific reference to the document known as “A New Agape”’ and replace the words “Diocesan Council” with “Archbishop.”

CARRIED

Synod 02-18

Moved by: Daniel Croft
 Seconded by: Lorrie Turpin
 “That the synod request the Archbishop to create a committee (similar to Aboriginal Neighbours, Diocese of BC) which has a focus of education about and support for First Nation issues within the diocese with specific reference to the document known as ‘A New Agape’.”

CARRIED

Ballots distributed**Final Notice of Motion****Voting****Notice of Ballot Boxes closure**

- 6:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer led by Joan Bubbs and Flo Masson
 6:30 p.m. Banquet
 8:30 p.m. Compline led by St. Stephen’s Summerland Compline Choir

Sunday, June 1, 2002**8:30 Called to order.**

Worship was led by ‘Devotion in Motion’.

Partner Reflection: Ron Sedo from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada gave his reflections on the synod and commended synod for their good work.

Election Results:**General Synod :**

Clergy: Chris Harwood-Jones, Ken Gray, Allan Reed
 Alternates: Michael Rice, Julia Craig, David Dingwall
 Lay: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock, Percy Tinker, Jim Stewart
 Alternates: Brenda Dingwall, Shirley Kwong, Lorrie Turpin
 Youth: Danielle Rice
 Alternate: Emily Pollock

Provincial Synod:

Clergy: Barbara Stewart, Art Turnbull
Alternates: Ted Celiz, Brian Smith

Lay: Flo Masson, Cathy Haig, Christopher D’Arcy
Alternate: Peri Best, Sue Rebitt, Yvonne Lacquement

Diocesan Council

Ted Celiz, Jim Stewart, Ana Frias, Leslie Lewis, Katherine Loynd,
Aijt Erasmus, Cathy Haig.

Diocesan Court:

Clergy: Chris Harwood-Jones, David Dingwall, Gail Clifton
Lay: Brenda Dingwall, Judith Karding, Pat Olson (by acclamation)

Sorrento Centre: The Rev’d. Barbara Andrews, new Executive Director, gave a short report.

General Synod Canon XXI The Marriage Canon:

Dorothy Barker gave some background information to the proposed revisions (*contained in the circular*) which received first reading at General Synod 2001.

A letter will be sent to the General Secretary stating that Kootenay Synod considered the proposed revisions.

Notice of Motions # 14, 15, and 16 (submitted before the deadline) was given by Chris Harwood-Jones

Reports: The Archbishop gave synod opportunity to ask questions concerning the circulated written reports.

Resolution # 6: Diocesan Mental Health Consultant

Moved by: Peri Best
Seconded by: Cathy Straume
“That this synod request the Archbishop to appoint a professionally accredited Mental Health Consultant to be available, at the request of any warden or incumbent, to help the requester’s parish discern and respond to situations of mental disorder as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; and that the said consultant’s fees be paid by the diocese.”

Synod 02-19

Moved by: Ken Gray
Seconded by: Derrick Smith
“That synod refer this motion to the Diocesan Council.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 7: Task Force on New Liturgical Forms

Moved by: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock
Seconded by: Ken Gray
“That this synod request the Archbishop to establish a task force with representation from each region to make recommendations to the Archbishop concerning the authorization of new liturgical forms for use in the diocese.”

DEFEATED

Resolution # 8: Call to Account

Synod 02-20

Moved by: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock
Seconded by: Cathy Haig
“That this synod commend and support KAIROS, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives’ ‘Call to Account’ campaign.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 9: National Youth Conference

Synod 02-21

Moved by: Alex MacRae
Seconded by: Ana Frias
“That this synod memorialize General Synod to convene a national youth conference, to take place within 24 months of the next General Synod, in the hope that such a conference would occur again every three years thereafter.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 10: Ecumenical Greetings

Synod 02-22

Moved by: Art Turnbull
Seconded by: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock
“That this synod send greetings and encouragement to the members of the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 11: Greetings*Synod 02-23*

Moved by: Art Turnbull

Seconded by: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock

“That this synod send greetings to the Roman Catholic Bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Nelson and Kamloops; the Primate, the General Secretary and Church House staff; the Central Interior’s Constitutive Assembly; the United Church of Canada, BC Conference, Kootenay and Kamloops presbyteries, the E.L.C.I.C. the newly elected bishop and upcoming ordination. Also to the First Nations, Garhart, Privchet, Privish, Adams lake, Little Shuswap, Neskonlith (Chase),- Shuswap Nation, Spallumcheen (Enderby), Lower Okanagan (Vernon), Westbank (Kelowna), Penticton (Penticton), Osoyoos (Oliver), Similkameen, Upper Similkameen, Upper Similkameen (Keremeos) Okanagan Nation, Lower Kootenay (Creston), St. Mary’s (Cranbrook), Shuswap (Invermere), Columbia Lake (Windemere), Tobacco Plains (Grasmere) – Ktunaxa Kinbasket Nation.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 12: Greetings to the Queen*Synod 02-24*

Moved by: Art Turnbull

Seconded by: Karen Rinehart-Pidcock

“That this synod send greetings to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, at this time of her Golden Jubilee.”

SYNOD STOOD TO SING “GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”.

Resolution # 13: Proceeds of Property Sales

David Irving gave some background to this motion which originated with the Diocesan Administration Committee and revises an action of Synod 2000 [00-15] which stipulated that all proceeds from the sale of real property owned by the Diocese of Kootenay and not held in trust for any parish be paid to the Rollison Church sites fund.

Synod 02-25

Moved by: David Irving

Seconded by: Ted Celiz

“That this synod authorize the Administration Committee to be responsible for the disposition of all proceeds from the sale of real property owned by the Diocese of Kootenay.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 14: Youth Coordinator Positions*Synod 02-26*

Moved by: Lorrie Turpin

Seconded by: Leslie Ricci

“That increasing the hours of each of the two youth coordinator positions to a target of 40 hours per month be a budget priority of the diocese.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 15: National Youth Ministry Office

Synod 02-27

Moved by: Ana Frias
 Seconded by: Alex MacRae
 “That this synod memorialize General Synod to create a national youth ministry office.”
 CARRIED

Referral of Remaining Motions: Resolutions # 16, 17, & 18 were referred to Diocesan Council.

Resolution #16: Distribution of Proceedings of Synod

Moved by: Tom Burton
 Seconded by: Ken Forsyth
 “That the proceedings of each synod be sent out with the subsequent synod registration.”

Resolution #17: Treaty Commission Process

Moved by: Cathy Haig
 Seconded by: Julia Craig
 “That the secretary write a letter on behalf of this synod to urge the Government of British Columbia to use the existing treaty commission process to resolve issues of Aboriginal title.”

Resolution #18: Effects of Government Funding Cutbacks

Moved by: Cathy Haig
 Seconded by: Julia Craig
 “That this synod request the Eco-Justice Committee to coordinate a letter-writing campaign in the Diocese of Kootenay, in order to express to the Government of BC concerns regarding the effects of funding cutbacks to forestry, mining, health care, and education and the possible privatization of BC Hydro.”

Partner Reflections: Esther Wesley and Gloria Moore shared their reflections on synod.

Motion of Thanks:

Synod 02-28

Moved by: Dirk Rinehart
 “That this Synod 2002 of the Diocese of Kootenay, “All That Sustains Us” acknowledge and thank the following groups and people:
 The Dean, wardens, and people of St Michael and All Angels’ Cathedral, and all those who volunteered their time and energy - particularly Maureen Tinker and the team who prepared and served the meals, Penny Venables and all those who assisted in the decorations; Dale Farrow for his work on the grounds; the volunteers from St. George’s Westbank and St. Andrew’s Okanagan Mission; those who provided billets; the partners and guest speakers, the musicians; those who served on synod committees; the Cathedral and Synod office staff; and our Archbishop.
 SYNOD APPLAUDED

10:40 a.m. The Archbishop concurred with actions of synod and declared synod closed.