

Diocese of Kootenay
Fifty-ninth Session of Diocesan Synod
“Companions on the Way”
September 29 – October 1, 2006
Christ Church, Cranbrook, BC

Friday, September 29

Clergy and lay delegates registered at Christ Church, Cranbrook beginning at 3 p.m. Synod Orientation was presented to delegates while traveling on the busses to Cranbrook and at Christ Church at 4 p.m. Dinner was provided in the church hall by the congregations of Cranbrook and Kimberley.

The Opening Eucharist was celebrated in Christ the Servant Roman Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Bishop’s Charge and opening formalities.

Welcome: St. Mary’s Band, not present at Synod, extended a greeting at a later time. Special guests were welcomed, including: Archdeacon Sydney Black, Diocese of Calgary and Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Mr. Justin Davison, Director of Camp Owaissi; The Rev. Dr. Wendy Fletcher-Marsh, Principal of the Vancouver School of Theology; The Rev. Nolan Gingrich, representing Bishop Gerhard Preibisch and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; Suzanne Lawson, former National Staff Person and private consultant to parishes and dioceses, and who lead Synod in its discussions on Saturday; Kathy Nelson of the Kootenay Anglican Youth Staff; and Liz White and Christine Muir of the Sorrento Center.

Privileges of the House:

Synod 01.06

Moved by: The Rev. Yme Woensdregt

Seconded by: The Rev. Bruce Chamberlayne

“That privileges of the House be extended to Sydney Black, Justin Davison, Wendy Fletcher-Marsh, Nolan Gingrich, Suzanne Lawson, Kathy Nelson, Liz White and Christine Muir.”

CARRIED

Greetings:

Scott Manjet, Councillor of the City of Cranbrook, welcomed Synod members to his city. The Rev. Nolan Gingrich brought greetings from Bishop Preibisch, from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Announcements:

Yme Woensdregt, Incumbent of Christ Church, welcomed delegates to his parish. He provided information regarding the layout of his church and where the various venues would be located.

The Bishop dismissed the delegates at 9:30 pm. Transport of delegates to their hotels was provided by the chartered buses.

Saturday September 3

Synod reconvened in Christ Church hall at 9 am, beginning with worship led by members of the South Okanagan Region, followed by a moving biblical reflection by the Rev. Dr. Wendy Fletcher-Marsh.

Call to Order: The Rt. Rev. John E. Privett called Synod to order at 9:40 am.

Declaration of attendance: Geord Holland, Diocesan Vice-Chancellor and Registrar, stated that 116 out of 125 delegates were present. Of the 116, there were 30 clergy delegates and 86 lay delegates. A quorum was declared.

Report of the Chair of the Credentials Committee: Geord Holland outlined the process.

Election of Secretaries:

Flo Masson was nominated as Lay Secretary.

The Ven. David Irving was nominated as Clerical Secretary.

Synod 02.06

Moved by: The Rev. Yme Woensdregt

Seconded by: The Rev. Bruce Chamberlayne

“That Flo Masson and the Ven. David Irving be acclaimed lay and clerical secretaries.”

CARRIED

Resolutions Committee:

The Bishop introduced the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, Cathy Haig, who gave notice of three motions and outlined the process of resolutions that would be conducted the following day. Geord Holland and the Rev. Katherine Hough assisted in the process.

Nominating Committee:

The Bishop introduced the Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Very Rev. Allan Reed, who subsequently introduced the Rev. Canon Katherine Loynd and Bob Lemon as members of this committee.

Approval of Proceedings of Synod 2002

The Bishop announced that the minutes from the last synod were available in the convening circular that had been distributed to each delegate.

Synod 03.06

Moved by: The Very Rev. Allan Reed

Seconded by: Michael Johnstone

“That we waive the reading of the minutes of the 2002 Diocesan Synod.”

CARRIED

Synod 04.06

Moved by: Matt Koovisk
 Seconded by: Randall Fairey
 "That we receive the minutes of the 2002 Diocesan Synod."

CARRIED

Reception of Reports:

Synod 05.06

Moved by: Keith Will
 Seconded by: Canon Sue Mackay Smith
 "That we receive the reports to Synod as circulated."

CARRIED

Announcements:

The Ven. Bill Inglis invited delegates to participate as choir members in the Sunday morning service held at the Key City Theatre in Cranbrook. The Very Rev. Allan Reed discussed the process of nominations. It was brought to the attention of the delegates that those nominated to Diocesan Court and the youth representative to General Synod did not need to be delegates of this Synod. Photographs of the nominees were displayed in the hall at Christ Church so that delegates could more readily identify candidates.

Discussion Groups at 9:55 am

Facilitated by Suzanne Lawson

Appointment of Scrutineers:

The Rev. Yme Woensdregt provided names from his parish of those willing to be scrutineers.

Discussion Groups (*Building on a Strong Foundation*) Facilitated by Suzanne Lawson**Resolution # 1**

Synod 06.06

Moved by: Donald Vroom
 Seconded by: Tom Burton
 "That candidates for election to General Synod provide their own opinions on important issues within the church on their nomination form for the benefit of the electors."

NOT CARRIED

Resolution #2

Synod 07.06

Moved by: Tom Burton
 Seconded by: Sharon Janson
 “That whereas information from the *Anglican Journal* indicates that the next National Synod appears to be creating financial problems for some dioceses and whereas a Synod without full representation is not a “Journey Together”,
 Therefore, be it resolved that this Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay, make representations to the National Church to give this problem their heartfelt consideration and make positive moves to correct any imbalance in representation that might occur.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 3

Synod 08.06

Moved by: The Very Rev. Allan Reed
 Seconded by: Bob Lemon
 “That in the interest of providing resources for the understanding and articulation of Anglican Identity, this Synod of Kootenay memorialize General Synod to add to the Calendar for the Anglican Church of Canada:

- Florence Li Tim-Oi - first woman priest ordained in the Holy Catholic Anglican Church of Japan (*Correction received post General Synod: Church of China*)
- William Temple – Archbishop of Canterbury and major visionary prophet – theological and spiritual giant of the 20th Century.
- Janani Luwam – Archbishop of Uganda, martyred during the oppressive rule of Edi Amin
- Clive Staples (C.S.) Lewis – writer, theologian and pietist of the last century and widely read today, and that the Worship and Ministry Committee actively pursue the counsel of the church to identify further heroes of the church to inspire our quest of Anglican Identity.”
- Ted Scott

Note: The Mover and Seconder are prepared to add names to the list of Anglican Heroes that other members of Synod may identify.

CARRIED

Resolution # 4

Synod 09.06

Moved by: The Rev. Sue Mayoss-Hurd
 Seconded by: Flo Masson
 “That a small group of 4-5 people be appointed by the Diocesan Council to work with the Bishop, mostly by email and conference call, to refine the work of this Synod on the best ways to further the vision of Growing Churches, Proclaiming Christ, Living Faith, Empowering Mission. This group would value the input received during this Synod, seek additional ways of eliciting input, and make recommendations on initiatives and funding to the Diocesan Council by December of this year.”

CARRIED

Resolution # 5

Synod 10.06

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Michael Karabelas

Seconded by: Cathy Haig

“That the Administration Committee recommend the appointment of the firm of Grant Thornton Chartered Accountants as the auditor for the Diocese of Kootenay as per Canon 3.5b of the Canons of the Diocese of Kootenay.”

CARRIED

12:05 Lunch Break with opportunities to view displays in the entrance to the hall.

1:15 Resolutions Closed

Midday Prayer

1:30 Nominations Closed As Chair of the Nomination Committee, the Very Rev. Allan Reed submitted the following nominees for election:

General Synod:

Clergy (3)

Barbara Andrews
Chris Harwood-Jones
Bill Inglis
David Irving
Katherine Loynd
Sue Mayoss-Hurd
Allan Reed
Ken Watts
Yme Woensdregt

Lay (3)

Joyce Aasland
Florence Barton
Randall Fairey
Elizabeth Forsyth
Deanna Johansen
Glenn Lawson
Bob Lemon
Flo Masson

Youth Delegate to General Synod: (1)

Matt Koovisk
Gillian Lippert
Sabrina McLean

Provincial Synod:

Clergy (2)

Barbara Andrews
Ted Celiz
Rita Harrison
Cory Rundell
Brian Smith
Yme Woensdregt

Lay (3)

Cathy Haig
Flo Masson
Keith Will

Diocesan Council: Clergy and Lay (7)

Kit Carson (L)
 Ted Celiz (C)
 Ian Corner (C)
 Randall Fairey (L)
 Cathy Haig (L)
 Deanna Johansen (L)
 Michael Johnstone (L)

Heather Karabelas (C)
 Bob Lemon (L)
 Katherine Loynd (C)
 Sue Mayoss-Hurd (C)
 Cory Rundell (C)
 Keith Will (L)
 Yme Woensdregt (C)

Diocesan Court:

Clergy (3)
 Ted Celiz
 Rita Harrison
 Chris Harwood-Jones
 Bill Inglis

Lay (3)
 Kit Carson
 Geord Holland
 Pat Olson

DECLARED BY ACCLAMATION

Announcements: Several additions were added to the agenda. The Rev. Dr Wendy-Fletcher spoke at 4:00 pm followed by the Rev. Nolan Gingrich.

Budget Presentation:

Doug Cole, Diocesan Treasurer, explained his mandate and presented the preliminary budget. The Rev. Canon Chris Harwood-Jones spoke about the future of the Kootenay Forward Fund. In September, the Diocesan Family Budget will be distributed to the parishes at which point the budget will be finalized.

Synod 11.06

<p>Moved by: Flo Masson Seconded by: Florence Barton "That we receive the preliminary budget for 2007."</p>

CARRIED

Table Discussion facilitated by Suzanne Lawson: Highlights of the morning discussions were outreach and service to community – which included youth and young families, plus newly retired families to this diocese. Strengths were the core of lay people with a strong sense of commitment.

Presentations:

Vancouver School of Theology: presented by the Rev. Dr. Wendy Fletcher-Marsh

ACIP: presented by the Ven. Sydney Black

Sorrento Center: presented by the Rev. Barbara Andrews, Director

Camp Owaissi: presented Justin Davison, Director

Provincial Synod: presented by the Rev. Canon Ted Celiz and Cathy Haig (delegates)

Final Report of the Resolutions Committee

Geord Holland announced that there were new hand-written motions.

No Debate List

Notice of Future Motion

Subject: Marriage

WHEREAS:

- A. Jesus directed us to love one another (John 15:12) and not to judge one another (Luke 6:37),
- B. the Diocese of Kootenay does not afford the same privileges of marriage ceremonies to all persons;
- C. General Synod 2007 is charged with the task of examining the St. Michael's Report.
- D. Currently there is a moratorium within the Anglican Church of Canada on the blessing of same-gender unions;
- E. Same-gender couples are restricted from being married within the Anglican Church of Canada.

Notice of Motion of a resolution to be presented to the 60th Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay:

Moved by: Deanna Johansen

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Derrick Smith

“Be it resolved that the Diocese of Kootenay afford the same privileges of marriage ceremonies to all persons regardless of sexual orientation, and that these privileges be extended to the blessing of civil marriages.”

Resolution # 7 : Licensing of Communion Assistants

Synod 12.06

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Chris Harwood-Jones

Seconded by: George Phillipson

“That this Synod request the Bishop to abolish the practice of licensing Communion Assistants.”

CARRIED

Ballots distributed

Lutheran Partner Reflection

Rev. Nolan Gingrich spoke on our partnership with the Lutheran Church.

Balloting closed

The chartered buses were used to transport delegates to and from their accommodation sites, and also used to transported delegates to and from the banquet which was held at the Heritage Inn.

A banquet was held at the Heritage Inn, followed by Night Prayer, which was led by North Okanagan Region

Sunday October 1st

Announcements

Gathering Music

Election Results:

General Synod:

Clergy: David Irving, Chris Harwood Jones, Yme Woensdregt

Alternates: Allan Reed, Sue Mayoss-Hurd

Lay: Randall Fairey, Bob Lemon, Flo Masson,

Alternates: Elizabeth Forsyth, Joyce Aasland

Youth: Matt Koovisk

Alternate: Gillian Lippert

Provincial Synod:

Clergy: Rita Harrison, Yme Woensdregt

Alternates: Barbara Andrews, Cory Rundell

Lay: Cathy Haig, Flo Masson, Keith Will

Alternate: Peri Best, Sue Rebitt, Yvonne Lacquement

Diocesan Council

Randall Fairey, Cathy Haig, The Rev. Heather Karabelas, Bob Lemon, The Rev. Canon Katherine Loynd, The Rev. Canon Sue Mayoss-Hurd

Diocesan Court:

Clergy: Chris Harwood-Jones, Rita Harrison, Bill Inglis

Lay: Kit Carson, Geord Holland, Pat Olson

Synod 13.06

Moved By	The Rev. Bruce Chamberlayne
Seconded by	The Rev. Canon Derrick Smith
"To destroy the ballots."	

CARRIED

Resolution # 8

Synod 14.06

WHEREAS we the people of the Diocese of Kootenay have a responsibility to be good stewards of the land of the Diocese of Kootenay and all creation.

Moved by:	The Rev. Simon Shenstone
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Seconded by:	William Schneider
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"That the Diocese communicate to the Province of British Columbia support for a moratorium on uranium mining within the province of British Columbia."
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CARRIED

Resolution #10

Synod 15.06

WHEREAS we are stewards of the environment that God created for us,

Moved by: The Rev. Ken Watts

Seconded: Canon Sue Mackay-Smith

“That all parishes in the diocese be commended to set, meet, and record a minimum target of 2% reduction in energy consumption within all the facilities of the parish, for each of the years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and report their success to the Eco-Justice Committee prior to the next Synod.”

CARRIED

A welcome was extended to the Rev. Sandy Ferguson from Windermere Valley.

Barry Coulter was introduced as the new editor of the Highway.

The Bishop thanked Suzanne Lawson for her leadership.

Motion of Thanks:

Synod 16.06

Moved by: The Rev. Ken Watts

Seconded by: Cindy Corrigan

“That this Synod 2006 of the Diocese of Kootenay, “Companions on the Way” acknowledge and thank the following groups and people:

- The Incumbent, wardens, and people of Christ Church Cranbrook, and all those who volunteered their time and energy and for the warmth of their welcome and the graciousness of their hospitality – particularly those who provided for our meals and coffee breaks, and the young people of the parish as they contributed by their presence and their efforts.
- Fr. Comado Beloso and the people of Christ the Servant Roman Catholic Church.
- Our special guests:
 - Archdeacon Sydney Black
 - Dr. Wendy Fletcher-Marsh
 - Rev. Nolan Gingrich
 - Ms. Susanne Lawson
 - Liz White and Christine Muise as companions of the wider church and for all to our work and reflections.
 - Jill Bell, Bonnie Bailey, Doug Cole, Percy Tinker, and Geord Holland for all their work and dedication.
- Those who served on our synod committees, worship leaders and musicians, the synod planning committee, and Bishop John for his leadership and inspiration.”

Applause

10:45 a.m. The Bishop concurred with actions of Synod and declared Synod closed.