

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2019

The meeting was held at the Diocese of Toronto Synod Office, 135 Adelaide St. E.

PRESENT: RT. Rev. John Chapman, Laura Walton, Prolocutor, Jean Bedard, Chancellor, Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, Chantal Rozon, Rev. Derek Neal, David Embury, Very Rev. Paul Millward, Rev. Larry Armstrong, Marshall Thompson, Rev. Valerie Isaac, Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch, Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Peter Corey, Ven. Nancy McLeod, Michael Perkin, Rev. Katherine Otley, Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Jean Glionna, Rev. Karen Hatch, Lily Frampton, Haroldine Neil-Butchert, Lay Secretary, Ven. Tanya Phibbs, Clerical Secretary, Din Oosterbaan, Rt. Rev. Thomas Corston, Gilles Tessier.

Regrets: Most Rev. Anne Germond, Andrew Clinkard.

Opening prayers were led by Laura Walton.

Moved by: David Embury  
Seconded by: Jean Glionna  
That the Agenda be accepted.

#### MINUTES

Moved by: Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch  
Seconded by: David Embury  
That the minutes of the April 8, 2019 after amending them to correct the name of Lily Frampton and regrets for the meeting of Rt. Rev. Thomas Corston be accepted.

#### CARRIED

#### PRIORITIES

Working groups on the two priorities of Creation Care and Homelessness for the next triennium met.

The Rev. Kathryn Otley reported on Homelessness with response to Provincial level of government. Reviewed the work of the last three years and will carry it forward. There needs to be a theological statement and policy. Will ask Donna Cansfield to speak concerning Homelessness.

Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton reported on Creation Care stating we can use more advocacy. It was decided to narrow the focus on the water situation in Ontario and especially Grassy Narrows with expertise from the Dioceses. A summer job or internship program would be helpful for this situation with a three year priority or more.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Harry Huskins reported on the process for the search and appointment of a new Executive Officer for the Province. It is the Archbishop's appointment subject to ratification by the Provincial Council.

#### OPCOTE GENERAL FUND

Harry Huskins explained the situation of adding Thorneloe University as a beneficiary of the Fund.

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: David Embury

That Thorneloe University be added as one of the beneficiaries of the OPCOTE General Fund.

CARRIED

Dr. Diane Saxe:

Dr. Diane Saxe, former Ontario Environmental Commissioner, gave a talk on the state of our ecology stating that the 20<sup>th</sup> century normal is gone and there is no more normal in sight. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change was created to provide policy makers with assessments on climate change. Canada is heating up faster than global average. We are in for big changes. Canada is a big part of the problem.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Din Oosterbaan presented the Financial Report. Funding for the province will be put on the agenda for the next meeting as well as the status of the Ten Year Plan.

Moved by: Din Oosterbaan

Seconded by: Jean Bedard

That the Financial Report be accepted.

CARRIED

#### APPOINTMENT OF NEW TREASURER

Moved by: David Embury

Seconded by: Rt. Rev. Thomas Corston

That the Provincial Council ratify the Archbishop's appointment of Gilles Tessier as our Provincial Treasurer in succession of Din Oosterbaan.

CARRIED

#### SAFE CHURCH POLICY

Jean Bedard reported that meetings place among the Chancellors who will further develop checklists of policies and diocesan practices.

Bishop Chapman adjourned the meeting.

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Dr. Dianne Saxe, the former Ontario Environmental Commission also provided additional material available at the following sites:

<http://www.coolcongregations.org/take-the-challenge/>

the video of my basic climate presentation, at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dimsj3RxvmM&feature=youtu.be>, and

the article on key steps to a green economy, at <https://saxefacts.com/10-principles-for-the-transition-to-a-green-economy/>.