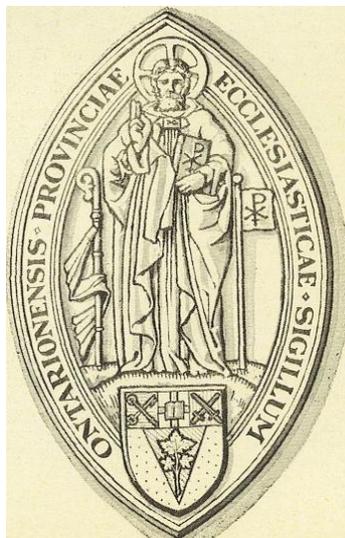


# **The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario**

**The Anglican Church of Canada**



## **The Convening Circular for the Thirty-Seventh Session of the Provincial Synod**

**The Synod session to be held Remotely**

**October 13 and 14, 2021**

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## The Ontario Provincial Synod

To: The Metropolitan and other Officers of the Ontario Provincial Synod  
The Bishops and Chancellors  
The Clerical, Lay and Youth Delegates of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical  
Province of Ontario

### NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution of the Provincial Synod, the Thirty-Seventh Session of the Provincial Synod will convene remotely (by Zoom) at noon on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 and will conclude at 12.30 pm on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

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**The Ontario Provincial Synod**

## **Notice of Elections**

Elections to the offices of Prolocutor, Lay Secretary, and Clerical Secretary will be held for the Provincial Synod session in October 2021.

Because this session is being held '*remotely*' the Notice of Elections and the Nominations Form have been posted on the Provincial Synod website, and the elections will be held prior to the convening of the Synod with the election results being announced at that time.

### **Prolocutor**

The Constitution provides that "there shall be a Prolocutor who shall be elected by the Provincial Synod from the House of Delegates and who shall be the Vice-President of the Provincial Synod. In the absence, or at the request of the Metropolitan, the Prolocutor shall preside at meetings of Provincial Synod."

### **Lay and Clerical Secretaries**

Lay and Clerical Secretaries are elected at each regular session of our Provincial Synod. The most important function of the Secretaries is to examine the draft Journal of the Provincial Synod session to ensure that there are no errors, and then sign the official copy of the Journal which is then preserved in the archives. In former times they took and kept the Minutes of the Synod sessions and of the meetings of the Provincial Council on which they also serve. Today a recording secretary takes the Minutes of these meetings and the official papers of the Synod are kept in the care of the Executive Officers.

## Special Considerations for Participating in an Online Synod

### General Etiquette

- Microphones should generally be muted during the Synod, unless making a presentation, leading worship or speaking to a resolution at the invitation of the chair. Videos should be kept on to help us stay connected to one another and engaged with the matters before Synod.
- The Zoom chat feature may be used for the public sharing of information and comments related to the matters before Synod, as well as for private messages to individual members.

### Credentialing and Registration

- The first and last name of each member must be displayed.
- The Zoom waiting room will be open 20 minutes prior to the start of synod convening and members of synod are asked to join the videoconference at this time to facilitate registration.
- A Synod support team will assist members to change their name, if necessary.

### Voting

- The Zoom polling feature will be primarily used for voting, as determined by the Chair.
- To vote in a poll, each member will need to be logged into Zoom on their own device (if devices are shared, only one vote can be cast).
- The Chair will call the question on all synod resolutions after which the poll will be activated for members to vote. After an appropriate amount of time, voting will end, and the results will be shared. The Chair will declare whether the resolution has been carried or not.
- For matters requiring a vote by house, for instance constitutional changes, the chair will indicate which order is voting on the resolution, and then only those members will vote. Results will be shared. Subsequently the members from the other order will vote on the resolution. Results will be shared. Then, based on the results of both houses, the Chair will declare whether the resolution has been carried or not.
- The Chair may also, at their sole discretion, call for a vote by voice and invite all participants to unmute and indicate their vote when the asked if they are 'in favour' or 'opposed'.

### Speaking to a Motion

- Members of Synod wishing to speak to a resolution shall indicate their desire to do so using Zoom's chat feature, by typing "I wish to speak to the resolution".
- The Chair will call upon members wishing to speak to matters before Synod, after which they will be invited to unmute themselves and if not already doing so, turn their video on, then state their name and diocese, before speaking to the resolution.

## The Ontario Provincial Synod

**Theme: In All Our Relations: Love One Another**

**1 John 4:7-21**

- 11:45 am      Zoom Meeting Open – Please arrive online no later than Noon
- Noon            Welcome from The Most Reverend Germond, Metropolitan
- Opening Worship – The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Primate, to preach
- 1:00 pm        Business necessary to constitute the Synod
- \* Call to Order by The Most Reverend Anne Germond
  - \* Introduction of the head table
  - \* Greetings from invited guests
  - \* Housekeeping arrangements
  - \* Election of the Assessors
  - \* Election of the Honorary Secretaries
  - \* Agenda Check
  - \* Courtesies of the House and Floor
  - \* Omnibus Motion organizing the Synod
- 1:15 pm        Theme and Diocesan Context – Small Group Discussions
- 1:35 pm        Explanation and Report on Prolocutor Election
- 1:45 pm        Missional Moment – The Diocese of Huron
- 1:55 pm        General Synod Update – The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Primate & The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary
- 2:25 pm        Missional Moment – The Diocese of Ottawa
- 2:35 pm        Break
- 3:00 pm        Metropolitan’s Report including a Report from the Ontario House of Bishops
- 3:30 pm        Report from the Diocesan Executive Officers – The Venerable Tanya Phibbs
- 3:50 pm        Missional Moment - The Diocese of Ontario
- 4:00 pm        OPCOTE (Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education) - Theological Conference and Work of the last Triennium – The Right Reverend John Chapman
- 4:20 pm        Missional Moment – The Diocese of Algoma
- 4:30 pm        The Anglican Foundation
- 4:45 pm        Closing comments and Evening Prayer – The Most Reverend Anne Germond

**Thursday October 14, 2021**

- 8:50 am Zoom Meeting Open – Please be no later than 9 am
- 9:00 am Welcome back and Morning Worship – The Most Reverend Mark MacDonald
- 9:45 am Eldercare Working Group – Ms. Laura Walton, ODT
- 10:00 am Chancellor's Time
- 10:30 am Missional Moment – The Diocese of Niagara
- 10:40 am Financial Report & Budget – Mr. Gilles Tessier
- 11:00 am Break
- 11:15 am Missional Moment – The Diocese of Toronto
- 11:25 am PWRDF
- 11:40 am Missional Moment – The Diocese of Moosonee
- 11:50 am Remaining business
- \* Selection of the Provincial Council, by dioceses
  - \* Remaining Motions
- 12:30 pm Closing prayers and Prorogation of the Synod

**The Rules of Order  
for  
the Sessions of the Synod**

It is the duty of the Chair to ensure that the voice of the minority is heard, that the will of the majority prevails, and that the will of the Synod is carried out.

To enable this to happen:

1. The Chair shall preserve order and decorum, and shall rule on all questions of order, subject to an Appeal to the Synod. Such an appeal must be made immediately and shall be put to a vote without debate. When called upon to decide a Point of Order the Chair shall state the rule applicable, and this shall be received without argument or comment from the floor.
2. Committees or other groups may be appointed by the President for the purpose of more effectively carrying out the work of the Synod during its Sessions. These appointments shall be confirmed by the Synod. Any matter coming before the Synod may be referred by the Chair to the proper committee or group for consideration and report.
3. The Chair shall ensure that guests and other observers attending the Synod are made welcome and treated with courtesy. No one other than a Member of the Synod shall be present on the floor during the actual conduct of the Synod's sessions, except with the expressed permission of the Chair. A separate seating area shall be made available for the comfort and convenience of guests and others attending the Synod.
4. The Chair may extend the Courtesy of the House to guests who are invited to speak to the Synod for a specific purpose, and they shall speak only with the permission of the Chair and only for that purpose.
5. The Chair may, in exceptional circumstances, grant the Courtesy of the Floor to a guest. A person holding the Courtesy of the Floor may be seated on the floor among the Members of the Synod.
6. No one except a Member of the Synod shall speak to the Synod, except a person granted the Courtesy of the House or of the Floor by the Chair. No one granted the Courtesy of the Floor shall speak without first asking the permission of the Chair, which shall only be granted if the Chair thinks it wise.
7. Any member who wishes to speak shall rise and address the Chair. The mover of a Motion may not speak for more than five minutes, or any other speaker for more than three minutes, except with the permission of the Synod.
8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chair shall name the member to speak first.
9. A Member called to order while speaking shall sit down and cease speaking, unless permitted to explain by the Chair.

10. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod unless seconded, reduced to writing, and opened for debate by the Chair.
11. No Member except the mover of a Resolution, who as mover, is entitled to reply and thus close the debate, shall speak more than once, except by permission of the Synod.
12. A Member may rise to explain, if permitted by the Chair.
13. No original Motion, except for Motions of Course, shall be received without notice, except by the permission of the Synod.

When a Motion is before the Synod, and a Motion for the Question is called for by a Member, the Chair shall decide if that Motion for the Question shall be put to a vote, subject to an Appeal to the Synod.

15. A Motion, having been read to the Synod by the Chair, cannot be withdrawn, amended or altered without the consent of the Synod.
16. When a question is under consideration no other Motion shall be received by the Chair, except Motions to Adjourn, to Lay on the Table, to Consider Clause by Clause (*Ad Seriatim*), to Postpone to a Certain Time, to Postpone Indefinitely, to Refer to a Committee, to Amend, or to Put the Question, and Motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order named.
17. No more than one Amendment to a proposed Amendment of a question shall be in order.
18. A Motion to Adjourn shall always be in order.
19. A Motion to Adjourn or to Lay on the Table shall be decided without debate.
20. A Motion to Suspend a Rule of Order shall take precedence over all other motions, and shall be decided without debate; and no Rule of Order shall be suspended without two-thirds of the Members present voting in favour of the Motion.
21. When amendments are made to a Motion, the amendments and the original Motion shall be placed before the Synod for consideration and vote in the reverse order to that in which they were brought forward.
22. When the Question is finally put by the Chair, either on an original Motion or on its amendments, no further debate shall be allowed; the Chair first declaring that "The Question is called".
23. In voting, except in the case of a Vote by Ballot, the Chair shall first call for those in favour, and then those against; in case of an equality of votes the question may be decided by the Casting Vote of the Chair if the Chair wishes to vote, failing this the Question is defeated.
24. Any three Members may call on the Chair for a Vote by Orders, before the Question is called by the Chair, in which case the Members of the Synod shall divide into the House of Bishops and the House of Delegates consisting of the lay and clerical members. A majority in both Houses shall be necessary to carry a Question.

25. Any three Members may call on the Chair for a Recorded Vote, before the Question is called by the Chair, in which case the Chair shall call for the reading of the names of the Members. Each Member shall vote by voice at the call of their name, and this vote shall be recorded and entered into the Minutes.
26. A Vote by Ballot may be taken if the Chair thinks it wise.
27. A Question, having been determined by the Chair to have been previously considered in the session, shall not be re-considered except by the unanimous consent of the Synod.
28. The planning for and preparation of the necessary arrangements, documents and appointments to sessional committees, both prior to and during the Session, shall be done under the direction and authority of the President.
29. In all cases where the Synod has passed a motion or decided on a course of action and the wording does not clearly indicate who is to carry out the action, or how it is to be done, or by what time it is to be completed, or whether or not the results shall be reported back to the Synod or the Provincial Council, the President shall be responsible for carrying out the will of the Synod and making these decisions.
30. Resolutions shall come to the Synod from <sup>1</sup> the constituent dioceses of the Province, <sup>2</sup> the Provincial House of Bishops, <sup>3</sup> the Provincial Executive Council, <sup>4</sup> the General Synod, and <sup>5</sup> individual Members of the Synod. Priority for the consideration of Resolutions shall be given in the order named.

## **Section One**

### **Constitutional Documents**

## **Solemn Declaration**

### **Adopted by the first session of the Ontario Provincial Synod in 1912**

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

We, the Bishops, together with the Delegates from the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada, now assembled in the first General Synod, hereby make the following Solemn Declaration:

We declare this Church to be, and desire that it shall continue, in full communion with the Church of England throughout the world, as an integral portion of the one Body of Christ composed of Churches which, united under the One Divine Head and in the fellowship of the one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, hold the one Faith revealed in Holy Writ, and defined in the Creeds as maintained by the undivided primitive Church in the undisputed Ecumenical Councils; receive the same Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as containing all things necessary to salvation; teach the same Word of God; partake of the same Divinely ordained Sacraments, through the ministry of the same Apostolic Orders, and worship one God and Father through the same Lord Jesus Christ by the same Holy and Divine Spirit Who is given to them that believe to guide them into all truth.

And we are determined by the help of God to hold and maintain the Doctrine, Sacraments and Discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded in His Holy Word, and as the Church of England hath received and set forth the same in "The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the Use of the Church of England; together with the Psalter or Psalms of David pointed as they are to be sung or said in churches; and the Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining, and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons"; and in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion; and to transmit the same unimpaired to our posterity.

The original Ecclesiastical Province of Canada was organized in 1860 and included the then existing dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Ontario, Montreal and Quebec. The dioceses of Fredericton and Nova Scotia subsequently chose to join this Province.

In 1912 the old Province of Canada was divided into the present Ecclesiastical Provinces of Ontario (Algoma, Huron, Moosonee, Niagara, Ontario, Ottawa, and Toronto and the Province of Canada (consisting of the dioceses in the secular Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island).

To aid in the division of the old Province of Canada the General Synod enacted the following Canon.

## **Canon XV of the General Synod The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario**

### 1. Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

On the Provincial Synod of Canada consenting hereto, the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Ontario, Niagara, Algoma and Ottawa, at present comprised within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, shall constitute a new ecclesiastical province, to be known as "The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario", and shall cease to be under the jurisdiction of the Province of Canada.

### 2. Provincial Synod

There shall be a Provincial Synod of the said Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, which shall be known as "The Provincial Synod of Ontario", and shall consist of all the bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada having Sees within the said ecclesiastical province, or executing by due authority the episcopate as co-adjutor, suffragan, assistant, or missionary bishop therein, and of delegates chosen from the members of the clergy and laity thereof.

### 3. First Session

As soon as the resolutions of consent shall have been passed by the Provincial Synod of Canada, the bishops and clerical and lay delegates present from the dioceses comprising the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario shall withdraw from the session of the provincial synod, and as soon thereafter as conveniently possible shall assemble in session as the Provincial Synod of Ontario, under the presidency of the Metropolitan of Ontario or there being no Metropolitan of Ontario present, under the presidency of the senior bishop of Ontario present.

### 4. Provincial Synod of Canada

After consent as aforesaid the bishops and clerical and lay delegates from the remaining dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada shall constitute the Provincial Synod of Canada and shall continue to exercise all the powers thereof over all the remaining dioceses.

### 5. Constitution of Synod

The Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order of the Provincial Synod of Canada *mutatis mutandis* shall be the Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order of the Provincial Synod of Ontario until the last-mentioned synod shall have adopted a new Constitution, Order of Proceedings and Rules of Order.

### 6. Canons of Synod

All Canons of the Provincial Synod of Canada, so far as the same shall be applicable to the Province of Ontario, shall be deemed to be Canons of the Provincial Synod of Ontario until or unless the synod shall otherwise enact.

### 7. Transfer of Diocese

With the consent of the dioceses affected, the Provincial Synod of Ontario may enter into agreements with the Provincial Synod of Canada or with the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land

for the transfer to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario of any territory comprised within either of those provinces, and such territory shall upon and after the date agreed upon become and constitute part of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and be subject to the provincial synod thereof.

Note: the Diocese of Moosonee transferred from the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario on October 8, 1935.

**An Act to incorporate the Provincial Synod of Ontario  
of the Church of England in Canada.  
and to make provisions respecting Vestry Meetings**

(11 George V, chapter 133, assented to April 8, 1921)

Preamble:

Whereas the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario is composed of the Archbishop and Bishops of the said Church in the Province of Ontario and of clerical and lay delegates from all the dioceses of the said Church in the said Province; and whereas a petition has been presented praying that the said provincial synod may be incorporated; and whereas by an Act passed by the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada in the third year of the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chaptered 74, and intituled "An Act to make provisions for the management of the Temporalities of the United Church of England and Ireland in this province and for other purposes therein mentioned" and commonly known and hereinafter referred to as The Church Temporalities Act, it was provided that a meeting of the vestry of every church within the meaning of the said Act should be holden on Monday in Easter Week in each and every year for the election of church wardens, and it was further provided that the members of such vestry at the said meeting as aforesaid should have power to make by-laws for the regulation of their proceedings and for the management of the temporalities of the church or parish to which they belong;

And whereas the said Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario has by its petition prayed that the said Act of the late Province of Upper Canada should be amended so as to enable the synods of the several dioceses of the said church within the Province of Ontario from time to time to fix the date at which the vestry meetings should or might be held within each of the said dioceses respectively; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario enacts as follows:

**Incorporation of the Provincial Synod**

1. The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario is hereby declared to be a body corporate under the name and style of "The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario," hereinafter called "The Provincial Synod."

**Power to acquire and hold land, etc.**

2. The said provincial synod may acquire, receive, take and hold by purchase, gift, devise and bequest, land or personal property or any estate or interest therein and may use, enjoy, sell, transfer, dispose of, mortgage or hypothecate the same or any part thereof and may apply the proceeds of such property for the purposes of the said church subject to the terms of any trust on which the same may have been received or held, and any devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting the devises of real estate to religious corporations in force at the time of such devise.

**Power to pass canons re vestry meetings**

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said The Church Temporalities Act or in any Act amending such Act the Synod of any Diocese of the said Church of England in Canada in the

Province of Ontario may from time to time pass a canon or canons and may from time to time repeal or amend the same providing that the meetings of vestries for the election of church wardens whether or pewed or free churches within the diocese, may or shall be held at such time or times as shall be mentioned in the said canon or canons.

By-laws for regulation of proceedings of vestry meetings:

4. It shall be in the power of the members of vestries of either pewed or free churches at such meetings as aforesaid to make by-laws for the regulation of their proceedings and the management of the temporalities of the church or parish to which they belong; provided that the same shall not be repugnant to any law or statute in force in this province or contrary to any Canon of the Church of England in Canada.

In 1955 the General Synod enacted a measure changing the name of the nation Church from *The Church of England in Canada* to *The Anglican Church of Canada*.

In 1957 the Ontario Legislature enacted amended the *Religious Institutions Act* to reflect this change.

***An Act to amend  
The Religious Institutions Act***

(6 Elizabeth II, chapter 108, assented to April 3, 1957)

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 1 of section 19 of *The Religious Institutions Act* is amended by striking out “the Church of England in Ontario, formerly or otherwise called” in the third and fourth lines and inserting in lieu thereof “The Anglican Church of Canada, formerly or otherwise called the Church of England in Canada, or”, so that the subsection shall read as follows:
  - (1) All the rights, powers, and privileges, conferred upon any society or congregation by this Act shall extend and apply to The Anglican Church of Canada, formerly or otherwise called The Church of England in Canada, or the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada, or the United Church of England and Ireland in Upper Canada, or the Church of England in Upper Canada.
2. Where in any general or special Act, the name The Church of England in Canada is referred to, it shall be deemed to be a reference to The Anglican Church of Canada.
3. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.
4. This Act may be cited as *The Religious Institutions Amendment Act, 1957*.

## **Constitution of the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario**

### **The Jurisdiction of the Provincial Synod of Ontario**

1. The Provincial Synod of Ontario (the "Provincial Synod") shall have authority and jurisdiction in all matters affecting the general interests and well-being of the Church within its jurisdiction in the following matters:
  - a) subject to the provision of any Canon enacted by General Synod, the constitution and organization of the Provincial Synod, including the regulation of the time and place of its meetings, the order and conduct of its proceedings, and the appointment, functions and duties of its officers, commissions and committees for the proper conduct of its affairs;
  - b) with the consent of General Synod, and of any diocese affected, the adjustment of the boundaries of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (the "Province"), and the division and re-arrangement of the Province;
  - c) with the consent of General Synod, and the dioceses affected, the division of the Province into dioceses, the establishment of missionary dioceses within the Province, the division of existing dioceses and the adjustment or re-arrangement of diocesan boundaries;
  - d) the confirmation of the election, consecration and resignation of bishops within the Province;
  - e) the election of a metropolitan bishop and the definition of Metropolitan duties, powers and authority;
  - f) the constitution of a Provincial Court of Appeal, with original and appellate jurisdiction, including procedure therein and enforcement of its decrees and judgments;
  - g) provision for the ecclesiastical discipline and trial of bishops in the Province
  - h) the regulation of the ministrations of the clergy and others within the Province, including the oaths and subscriptions of the clergy within the Province;
  - i) the authorization of special forms of prayers, services and ceremonies for use within the Province, for which no provisions have been made under the authority of General Synod or of the House of Bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada;

- j) the relations of the Church to civil authorities and to public education within the Province;
  - k) the administration of any fund or trust established in respect of the Provincial Synod;
  - l) the formation and constitution of provincial branches of organizations and societies established by General Synod for the promotion of the work of the General Synod;
  - m) the consideration, promotion and advancement of any object or matter for the general advantage of the Church in Canada or in the Province, referred to the Provincial Synod by the General Synod.
2. Nothing contained in section one shall limit or affect the powers, jurisdiction and authority inherent in the office of bishop, or exercised collectively by the bishops of the Church sitting as the House of Bishops of the Province or of The Anglican Church of Canada.

### **The Composition, Organization and Procedure of the Provincial Synod**

1. The Provincial Synod shall consist of:
- a) all of the diocesan, co-adjutor, suffragan or full-time assistant bishops of each diocese of the Province, the Chancellor of the Province, the chancellors of each diocese or, in the absence or inability to attend of any such chancellor, the vice-chancellor, if any, of such diocese, the Executive Officer, the Treasurer and four clerical and four lay delegates from each diocese of the Province, such delegates to be selected by each diocese in accordance with its own rules of procedure.
  - b) In addition, each diocese in the Province, in accordance with its own rules of procedure, shall select one youth delegate to be a member of Provincial Synod, who shall be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of the next Provincial Synod, and who shall be under the age of twenty-six years upon the termination of the next Provincial Synod. [Article 1 (b) added by the 2004 Synod]
2. If any delegate from any diocese of the Province should die, resign or transfer from the diocese which selected such delegate or is, for any other reason unable to attend meetings of Provincial Synod, the diocesan synod concerned shall, in accordance with its own rules of procedure, provide a substitute for such delegate, of the same order, which substitute shall continue to act as a member of Provincial Synod and, if elected or appointed thereto, of its committees and commissions until the next meeting of Provincial Synod. Each diocese shall certify its delegates and a committee of Provincial Synod appointed by the Metropolitan shall attest their credentials.
3. The Provincial Synod shall meet every third year at a time and a place to be determined by the Executive Council. Special meetings of the Provincial Synod may be held at the call of the Metropolitan or at the request of the Executive Council. Notice of any meeting of Provincial Synod shall be transmitted to all members thereof at least thirty days prior to the date of such meeting, and shall be accompanied by such information and material as is reasonable concerning the business to be transacted.

4. The Provincial Synod shall be organized into a House of Bishops (consisting of the diocesan, co-adjutor, suffragan and full-time assistant bishops of each diocese) and a House of Delegates (consisting of all other members of Provincial Synod). The houses shall meet in joint session unless either House shall, by a majority vote, otherwise determine.
5. The Metropolitan shall be the President of Provincial Synod and of the House of Bishops, and shall (subject to section six) preside at all meetings of the Provincial Synod.
6. There shall be a Prolocutor who shall be elected by the Provincial Synod from the House of Delegates and who shall be the Vice-President of Provincial Synod. In the absence, or at the request, of the Metropolitan, the Prolocutor shall preside at meetings of Provincial Synod. Should the office of Prolocutor become vacant for any reason between the meetings of Provincial Synod, such office shall be filled from the House of Delegates by the Executive Council until the next meeting of Provincial Synod.
7.
  - a) There shall be a Chancellor of Provincial Synod who shall be a judge of a court of record of the Province of Ontario or a barrister or solicitor of at least ten years' standing at the bar of the Province of Ontario. The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Metropolitan and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Metropolitan.
  - b) The Chancellor shall provide legal advisory services to the Metropolitan and the Executive Council. The Chancellor shall be one of the Assessors of Provincial Synod.
8.
  - a) The Provincial Synod shall elect a Clerical and a Lay Secretary who shall keep regular accounts of all proceedings, attest all acts and proceedings of Provincial Synod, and deliver over all records and documents to their successors. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Clerical Secretary or Lay Secretary between meetings of the Provincial Synod, such vacancy shall be filled by the Metropolitan until the next meeting of the Provincial Synod from among the delegates to the preceding Provincial Synod of the same order as the person formerly holding the vacated office.
  - b) The Provincial Synod shall elect two Assessors, who, together with the Chancellor, shall act as legal advisors to the Chairperson on the Constitution and Rules of Order of Provincial Synod.
  - c) The Metropolitan, with the approval of the Executive Council, shall appoint Executive Officer(s), a Treasurer and such other officers as shall be required, and the Metropolitan, subject to the ratification at the next meeting of the Executive Council, shall fill any vacancy occurring in any such office between the meetings of Provincial Synod.
  - d) The Executive Officer(s), under the direction of the Metropolitan, shall:
    - i) exercise a general oversight of the work of the Provincial Synod, its commissions, committees and Executive Council;
    - ii) make the necessary arrangements for meetings of the Provincial Synod and the Executive Council;
    - iii) preserve all journals, files, papers, reports, memorials and other documents of Provincial Synod and hold them in safe custody; keep an authentic record, with the official deeds of the consecration or translation of bishops in the Province; keep a proper book of

records and to enter therein all Canons, and changes in Canons, or amendments to the Constitution; and report to Provincial Synod at each session. The Executive Officer shall preserve one copy of the Journal of each Provincial Synod and of the minutes of each Executive Council meeting as adopted by the next Provincial Synod or Executive Council (with amendments if any) signed by the Metropolitan and sealed with the Provincial Synod seal as the official copy of the minutes of that Provincial Synod or Executive Council. It shall be the responsibility of the dioceses in the Province to convey to the Executive Officer after the consecration of a bishop certified copies of the original Certificate of Election and Deed of Consecration together with other materials of historical interest related to the consecration. Until such time as appropriate safekeeping arrangements have been made by Provincial Synod the archives of the Province will be stored in safekeeping with the archives of General Synod;

iv) perform such other duties as are defined by the Constitution, Canons and resolutions of the Provincial Synod or the Executive Council, and shall be assistant to the Metropolitan in the Metropolitan's capacity as President of the Provincial Synod.

- e) The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies of Provincial Synod, under the authority of Provincial Synod or the Executive Council, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Canon or resolution of Provincial Synod. The Treasurer shall present the annual financial statements, reported on by the auditors, to each annual meeting of the Executive Council for its approval and to each meeting of Provincial Synod.
  - f) The Provincial Synod shall appoint two auditors who shall not be officers or employees of Provincial Synod or the Executive Council, and who shall either be public accountants licensed under the *Public Accountancy Act*, R. S. O. 1980 Ch. 405 or persons who, by training and experience, are competent for the task. Such auditors shall annually conduct an examination of the financial affairs of Provincial Synod and of the Executive Council and report on the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer.
9. The corporate seal of Provincial Synod shall be kept by the Executive Officer(s) and shall be affixed to all deeds and documents requiring it. All such deeds and documents shall be signed by either of the Metropolitan or the Prolocutor together with the Executive Officer.
  10.
    - a) The Constitution of the Provincial Synod may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting of each House, voting separately, at a session of the Provincial Synod;
    - b) Any Canon of the Provincial Synod may be enacted or amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting of the Houses voting together at a session of the Provincial Synod.
    - c) No Canon, or amendment to the Constitution or to any existing Canon, shall be proposed or enacted unless it has been considered and approved by the Executive Council and notice of the same has been transmitted to the members of Provincial Synod at least thirty (30) days before the meeting of Provincial Synod.
  11. The proceedings of Provincial Synod shall, where practicable, be governed by the Rules of Motion and Debate of the Rules of Order and Procedure of General Synod.
  12. A quorum of Provincial Synod, the Executive Council, and any committee or commission of Provincial Synod shall consist of one-half of the members thereof.

13. The Provincial Executive Council:

- a) The work of the Provincial Synod between sessions shall be carried on by an Executive Council.
- b) The Executive Council shall consist of:
  - a. The Metropolitan
  - b. The Prolocutor
  - c. The Chancellor
  - d. The Executive Officer(s)
  - e. The Clerical Secretary
  - f. The Lay Secretary
  - g. The Treasurer
  - h. One representative of the Provincial House of Bishops from each diocese, including the Metropolitan, and one lay representative, and one clerical representative from the elected members of Provincial Synod from each diocese.
  - i. One youth delegate, to be chosen by the youth delegates from amongst themselves.
- c) The Executive Committee shall meet annually, and may meet more often at the call of the Metropolitan or, in his absence, by the Prolocutor.
- d) The Metropolitan shall be the Chairperson of the Executive Council and, in the absence, or at the request, of the Metropolitan, the Prolocutor shall preside at meetings of the Executive Council.
- e) If a vacancy occurs in the Executive Council because of the death, retirement or transfer from the diocese of a representative from among the elected members of Provincial Synod, such vacancy may be filled between sessions of the Provincial Synod by a nominee of the diocesan bishop of the diocese concerned from the members of the diocese. All other vacancies in the Executive Council may be filled between sessions of Provincial Synod by a nominee of the Metropolitan.

14. Commissions, Committees, and Task Forces of Provincial Synod Provincial Synod, or its Executive Council, shall establish such commissions, committees, or task forces as it shall deem

necessary for its work. It shall make provision for membership, terms of reference, co-opting of members, expenses and duties of each such commission, committee, or task force. Provincial Synod, or its Executive Council, where such commission, committee, or task force has been established by the Executive Council or Provincial Synod, shall determine when a commission, committee, or task force shall be discharged.

**The Canons  
of the  
Ontario Provincial Synod**

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**Canon I - The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario  
and its Dioceses**

1. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario of the Anglican Church of Canada ("the Province") consists of the following dioceses: Toronto, Huron, Ontario, Niagara, Algoma, Ottawa and Moosonee.
2. The Provincial Synod may subdivide any diocese, or alter or rearrange the boundaries between dioceses with the consent of the diocese or dioceses concerned, after seeing that appropriate financial and other arrangements are made.
3. Each diocese may be divided into archdeaconries, regional deaneries, parishes and such other forms of subdivision, and with the use of such other terms, as each diocese may determine. Parishes may be composed of one or more congregations and each diocese may combine or divide such parishes with, or into, other parishes or may alter the boundaries of such parishes, all subject to prior consultation by such diocese with the parish or parishes affected. A diocese may arrange for types of ministry other than the parish ministry in order to meet the needs of the people in particular localities or circumstances.
4. Each diocese within the Province may, at any time and from time to time, cooperate with other dioceses within the Province, or elsewhere in the Anglican Communion, in undertaking special projects or other matters of common interest to them.

## Canon II - The Metropolitan

1. There shall be a Metropolitan who shall be one of the Diocesan Bishops of the Province, shall be the presiding bishop of the Province and, on assuming this office, shall be the senior bishop of the Province, with the title of Archbishop.
2. Only the Diocesan Bishops of the Province shall be eligible for election to the office of Metropolitan. A retiring Metropolitan shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Metropolitan shall be elected by the members of the Provincial Synod, acting as an Electoral College.
4. The election shall be by secret ballot taken by Orders (bishops and clergy voting together), and the voting shall continue by consecutive ballots until one diocesan bishop obtains a clear majority of the valid votes cast by the members of each Order.
5. The Prolocutor shall preside at the election of the Metropolitan.
6. The See of the bishop so elected shall be the Metropolitan See while such office is held by the bishop so elected.
7. The Metropolitan shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial House of Bishops, the Provincial Synod and the Executive Council of Provincial Synod (but may, from time to time, delegate the latter two functions to the Prolocutor), and shall be a member ex-officio of all commissions and committees of Provincial Synod. The Metropolitan shall also preside at the election of all bishops in the Province except where the diocesan canons make other provisions, and shall speak on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Province.
8. The Metropolitan, together with the Provincial House of Bishops, shall confirm the election of bishops and arrange for their consecration.
9. It shall be the duty of the Metropolitan to give pastoral care to the bishops of the Province.
10. A Diocesan Synod, with two-thirds of the valid votes cast by the members of each Order, may request the Metropolitan, after consultation with the Provincial House of Bishops, to assume the powers of the bishop of such Diocese on a temporary basis.
11. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph eleven, the Metropolitan shall hold office for a period of six years following election to such office, or until death, retirement, or resignation prior to the end of such six-year period. In the event of such earlier death, retirement, or resignation, the office of Metropolitan shall be filled, *pro tempore*, by the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office. If such six-year period expires between regular sessions of the Provincial Synod, the Metropolitan's term of office may be extended at the request of the Executive Council of Provincial Synod, and with the concurrence of the Metropolitan, to the next regular session of the Provincial Synod. Following the expiration of such six year period, (as extended, if applicable), and at such Synod, an election for Metropolitan shall be held.
12. The Metropolitan may resign at any time by written notice to the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office, who shall thereupon submit such notice to the members of the Provincial House of Bishops.
13.
  - a) During a vacancy in the office of Metropolitan or during serious illness or other incapacity of the Metropolitan, the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office, able and willing to act, shall have the authority to perform all duties of the Metropolitan and shall be styled "Acting Metropolitan".
  - b) A certificate signed by three other diocesan bishops of dioceses within the Province shall be sufficient evidence of the serious illness or other incapacity of the Metropolitan; and

- c) The Metropolitan may resume authority by notifying the Acting Metropolitan and submitting a certificate signed by three other diocesan bishops of diocese within the Province evidencing his or her capacity to resume such authority.
- d) Upon retiring from the offices of Metropolitan and Diocesan Bishop, the retired Metropolitan may continue to use the honorific title of 'Archbishop' in retirement [previous provision repealed with this new provision being substituted. 2003 Provincial Synod session]

14.

- a) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Metropolitan (other than for serious illness or other incapacity as set out in section 14 of this Canon) less than twelve months before a regular session of Provincial Synod, a meeting of the Electoral College shall be held to elect a Metropolitan, either during or immediately following such regular session;
- b) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Metropolitan (other than for serious illness or other incapacity as set in Section 14 of this Canon) more than 12 months before a regular session of the Provincial Synod, unless the Executive Council otherwise directs, a meeting of the Electoral College shall be held to elect a Metropolitan at a time and place to be fixed by the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office, in consultation with the Executive Council.

### Canon III - The Election and Resignation of Bishops

1. A bishop shall be elected to such office by the Synod of a Diocese pursuant to the Canons and Constitution of such diocese then in force, and written notification thereof shall be transmitted to the Metropolitan within seven days of such election. On receipt of such confirmation, the Metropolitan shall transmit a notice thereof to all other bishops of the Province and such other bishops shall, within seven days of receipt of such notification, file with the Metropolitan any written objection which any such bishop shall have. If the Metropolitan receives no such objection within such seven-day period, the election and confirmation of such bishop shall be deemed to be final. If a written objection to such election is received by the Metropolitan within such seven-day period, the Metropolitan shall forthwith call a meeting of the Provincial House of Bishops to consider the objection, and a decision of the House of Bishops with respect to the confirmation or nullification of such election shall be final and binding on all concerned.
2. Objection to the election of a bishop may be taken on any of the following grounds: The person so elected:
  - a) not being thirty years of age or more nor a priest in Holy Orders for at least seven years in the Anglican Communion;
  - b) being deficient in training or learning;
  - c) having used simony, collusion, or improper means of election;
  - d) being guilty of a crime or ecclesiastical offence as set out in Canon XVIII of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;
  - e) teaching or holding at the time, or within the five previous years, anything contrary to the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada.
3. All bishops in the Province shall hold office until their resignation or until reaching the age of seventy years, whichever first occurs. Any bishop may resign prior to attaining the age of seventy years by written notice to the Metropolitan or, if the office of Metropolitan is then vacant, to the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office. The Metropolitan, as bishop of a diocese, may resign as such bishop (and, as a result, must resign as Metropolitan) by written notice to the diocesan bishop of the Province senior by election to that office.
4. If the bishop, synod, or executive committee (or similar body) of any diocese in the Province believes that additional episcopal assistance is necessary and desirable in and for the diocese, whether as coadjutor bishop, or suffragan or assistant bishop or bishops, then, in the absence of a procedure set out in the Canons or Constitution of such diocese, a resolution to this effect shall be passed by the diocesan synod, and the diocesan bishop shall set out to the diocesan synod the duties to be assigned to such bishop or bishops. The description of such duties shall be subject to change as need develops or conditions alter, and all changes shall be reported by the diocesan bishop to the diocesan synod. Prior to the election of any such bishop, the diocese shall satisfy the Metropolitan that sufficient financial provision has been, or will be, made with respect to such additional bishop.

5. Where a diocesan bishop determines that additional episcopal assistance in the diocese is necessary but that a formal election of an additional bishop is not, a diocesan bishop may appoint (with the concurrence of the diocesan executive committee or similar body) a retired bishop from the same or another diocese or a presently active bishop from another diocese to be an assistant bishop or an assistant to the diocesan bishop to perform such duties, for such period of time and at such remuneration as may be agreed to. Any fulltime assistant bishop or assistant to the diocesan bishop so appointed may attend Provincial Synod and meetings of the Provincial House of Bishops and shall be entitled to vote thereat.

#### **Canon IV - The Licensing of Clergy**

1. No ordained person shall undertake a clerical position in a diocese of the Province without a licence or permit issued by a bishop of such diocese. Such licence or permit may be issued by the bishop of the diocese in accordance with the canons of such diocese.
2. If a member of the clergy desires to leave the active ministry of the Church for a temporary period, such member shall request a leave of absence from the bishop of the diocese for a period not exceeding one year. Such leave of absence may, but need not, be renewable by the bishop for successive periods of one year each.
3. Oaths and subscriptions shall be taken at ordination as deacon and priest and consecration as bishop and on such other occasions as shall be required by the diocese in accordance with the forms in use in the diocese concerned.

#### **Canon V - Discipline and The Court of Appeal**

1. Definitions:
  - In this Canon,
  - "Canon XVIII" means Canon XVIII of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada;
  - "Court" means the Court of Appeal for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario;
  - "Member of the clergy" means a priest or deacon licensed in a diocese in the Province;
  - "Member of the laity" means a communicant lay member of the Church residing in the Province.
2. Constitution of the Court:
  - a) There shall be a court called The Court of Appeal for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.
  - b) The Court shall be composed of five members.
  - c) On the trial of a bishop, or on the review of a decision of the Metropolitan or a diocesan bishop convicting a bishop of an offence or imposing a penalty for an offence, three members shall be bishops holding episcopal office in the church, one shall be a member of the clergy, and one shall be a member of the laity.
  - d) On an appeal from the trial of a priest or a deacon, or from the review by a diocesan court of the decision of the diocesan bishop convicting a priest or a deacon of an offence or imposing a penalty for an offence, one member shall

- be a bishop holding episcopal office in the church, three shall be members of the clergy, and one shall be a member of the laity.
- e) On an appeal from the trial of a lay person, or from the review by a diocesan court of the decision of the diocesan bishop convicting a lay person of an offence or imposing a penalty for an offence, one member shall be a bishop holding episcopal office in the church, one shall be a member of the clergy, and three shall be members of the laity.
  - f) On a case stated under section three, subsection (d) one member shall be a bishop holding episcopal office in the church, two shall be members of the clergy and two shall be members of the laity.
  - g) The Executive Council of Provincial Synod shall, at its first regular meeting following each triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod determine the names of two members of the clergy and two members of the laity from each diocese in the Province who shall be eligible for appointment to the Court.
  - h) The persons whose names are determined under subsection (g) shall continue to be eligible for appointment to the Court until the Executive Council determines the names of persons to replace them.
  - i) When a case is to be heard by the Court, the Metropolitan shall appoint the members of the Court from among the bishops holding episcopal office in the Province and the members of the clergy and laity determined under subsection (g).
  - j) If, for any reason, a vacancy occurs among the members of the Court before the hearing commences, the vacancy shall be filled in the same way. If a vacancy occurs after a hearing has commenced the remaining members of the Court may continue the hearing and give judgment or may direct that a new Court be appointed and the hearing be recommenced.
  - k) The Metropolitan may appoint himself or herself to the Court.
  - l) No person who is or has been involved, or has an interest, in the case to come before the Court shall be a member of the Court.
  - m) The Metropolitan, if a member of the Court, and otherwise the bishop among the members of the Court who is senior by election to that office, shall be President of the Court.
3. Jurisdiction:
- a) The Court has the jurisdiction conferred on it by section six of Canon XVIII with respect to the discipline of bishops.
  - b) The Court has jurisdiction conferred on it by section four of Canon XVIII to review a decision of the Metropolitan or of a diocesan bishop convicting a bishop of an offence or imposing a penalty for an offence.
  - c) The Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine an appeal from any judgment or order of a diocesan court or the president thereof.
  - d) The Court has jurisdiction upon a case stated by:
    - i) the Provincial Synod;

ii) the Executive Council of the Province; or

iii) the House of Bishops of the Province.

to determine the validity or interpretation of any provision of the Constitution of the Provincial Synod or of a diocesan synod or of any Canon of the Provincial Synod or of a diocesan synod.

e) A priest or deacon of a diocese shall be tried in the diocesan court of that diocese in accordance with the canons of such diocese and the canons of General Synod, and where a conflict between such canons-arises, the canons of General Synod shall govern.

#### 4. Assessors:

- a) The Court, or the Metropolitan in the exercise of initial jurisdiction, shall be advised by at least two assessors.
- b) The Chancellor of the Provincial Synod shall be one of the assessors unless he or she is or has been involved, or has an interest, in the case.
- c) The other assessors shall be chancellors or vice-chancellors of dioceses in the Province.
- d) The Metropolitan shall appoint the assessors.
- e) If an assessor for any reason is unable to act or to attend a sitting of the court or a trial by the Metropolitan, the President of the Court or the Metropolitan may appoint a substitute assessor.
- f) No one who is or has been involved, or has an interest, in the case shall be appointed as an assessor.
- g) The assessors shall advise the Court or the Metropolitan on matters of law and procedure.

#### 5. Offences:

All persons who are subject to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Provincial Court of Appeal shall be liable to discipline for any of the following offences:

- a) conviction of an indictable offence;
- b) immorality;
- c) disobedience to the bishop to whom such person has sworn canonical obedience;
- d) violation of any lawful Constitution or Canon of the Church, whether of a diocese, province, or of the General Synod by which the person is bound;
- e) willful or habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministry of the person without cause;
- f) willful or habitual neglect of the duties of any office or position of trust to which the person has been appointed or elected;
- g) teaching or advocating doctrines contrary to those accepted by the Anglican Church of Canada;

- h) contemptuous or disrespectful conduct towards the bishop of the diocese in matters pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the diocese or a parish.

6. Charges Against Diocesan Bishops:

- a) A charge alleging that a diocesan bishop has committed an offence as defined in section eight of Canon XVIII may be filed with the Metropolitan by
  - i) three bishops of the Province, or
  - ii) three members of the clergy licensed in, and three lay delegates to the synod, of the bishop's diocese.
- b) A diocesan bishop who has been accused by any person of committing an offence, but against whom no charge has been filed, may, together with two other bishops of the Province, file with the Metropolitan a request that the accusation be investigated, whereupon a charge alleging that the diocesan bishop has committed an offence shall be deemed to have been filed.
- c) If the diocesan bishop against whom a charge is filed or is deemed to have been filed does not waive the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry, the Metropolitan shall appoint three persons (at least one of whom shall be a judge of a court of record of the Province of Ontario or a barrister or solicitor of at least ten years' standing at the bar of the Province of Ontario, and none of whom shall subsequently be assessors or members of the Court which may be convened to deal with such charge) as a Committee of Inquiry to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant a trial of the charge.
- d) If the Committee of Inquiry determines that a trial is not warranted, the Metropolitan shall dismiss the charge.
- e) Subject to subsection (f), if the diocesan bishop waives the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry, or if the Committee of Inquiry determines that a trial is warranted, the Metropolitan may
  - i) exercise the initial jurisdiction conferred upon the Metropolitan by section three of Canon XVIII, or
  - ii) refer to the Court the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offence has been committed or the determination of a penalty.
- f) Where the diocesan bishop against whom a charge is filed or is deemed to have been filed is the Metropolitan, if the Metropolitan waives the appointment of a Committee of Inquiry and determines that a trial is warranted, the diocesan bishop with whom the charge or request was filed shall refer to the Court the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offence has been committed or the determination of a penalty.
- g) When exercising initial jurisdiction, the Metropolitan shall
  - i) be advised by assessors, and
  - ii) follow the same rules and procedure as would be followed by the Court including the principles and general procedures prescribed by Part five of Canon XVIII.
- h) During the period while the Committee of Inquiry or the Court is in session, the accused person may withdraw from the exercise of his or her office or be inhibited therefrom.

7. Review of Initial Jurisdiction:

A bishop who has been convicted of an offence by the Metropolitan or a diocesan bishop in the exercise of initial jurisdiction, or the Executive Council of the diocese in which the convicted

- bishop holds office or resides, may invoke the jurisdiction of the Court to review the conviction or the penalty imposed, by filing with the Metropolitan within thirty days of the conviction or imposition of penalty a written request for such review.
8. Appeals:
- a) Any party to a proceeding before a diocesan court may appeal.
  - b) An appellant shall give written notice of appeal from a judgment or order of a diocesan court or of the president thereof within thirty (3) days from the date such judgment or order is pronounced. The notice shall be given to such persons and in such manner as are prescribed by the rules of the Court.
  - c) The Court may, on motion, dismiss an appeal that is frivolous or vexatious or otherwise an obvious abuse of the process of the Court.
9. Sittings:
- The Court may sit in any diocese in the Province at such time and place as the President of the Court directs.
10. Judgment:
- a) The Court shall hear and dispose of a matter within one year from the date on which the Metropolitan appoints the members of the Court.
  - b) Before delivering judgment on an issue involving a question of doctrine the Court shall refer the question to the Provincial House of Bishops, and shall consider the opinions of the bishops who reply within two months after the question is referred to them.
  - c) Subject to any right of appeal conferred by the Canons of the General Synod, the judgment of the Court is final and conclusive in respect of all matters in question in the proceeding.
11. Rules:
- a) The Executive Council of Provincial Synod may make rules with respect to the appointment and duties of officers of the Court, the practice and procedure of the Court including the procedure for the hearing of interlocutory matters, and all other matters necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Canon.
  - b) Until such rules have been made the Rules of The Supreme Court of Appeal for The Anglican Church of Canada shall be followed to the extent that they are applicable.

### **Canon VI - Enactments of the General Synod**

This Provincial Synod accepts all the enactments of the General Synod insofar as they have application to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

## Canon VII

### A Canon to Provide for the Administration of the Diocese of Moosonee as a Mission Area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

1. In this Canon,

“Diocese” means the Diocese of Moosonee;

“Metropolitan” means the Metropolitan or Acting Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

“Synod” means the Synod of the Diocese’

“Provincial Synod” means the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

2. The Diocese is a Mission Area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario while this Canon is in force.

3.1 Notwithstanding anything in any Canon of the Synod the Metropolitan shall be the Bishop of the Diocese from the date this Canon comes into force until the date it expires.

3.2 The Metropolitan shall exercise all spiritual, temporal, disciplinary and judicial authority of the Bishop of the Diocese.

3.3 The Metropolitan may authorize other bishops to perform Episcopal liturgical functions in the Diocese including the ordination of deacons and priests, confirmation, the consecration of churches, chapels and church-yards and the blessing of oil.

3.4 The Metropolitan may appoint one or more Administrators for the Diocese or for areas of the Diocese and authorize them to act as deputies for the Metropolitan in temporal matters and to carry out duties and responsibilities in such matters. The Metropolitan may vary from time to time the terms of the powers delegated to the Administrator or Administrators.

3.5 Administrators are responsible to, and shall report to, the Metropolitan. Administrators serve at the pleasure of the Metropolitan.

4.1 The Canon comes into force on the date the Right Reverend Thomas A. Corston ceases to hold the office of Bishop of the Diocese.

4.2 When the Metropolitan and the Executive Council of the Synod jointly determine that the Diocese should cease to be a Mission Area and be restored to its former status the

Metropolitan shall call such meetings of the Executive Council and of the Synod, as are required by Canon 13, to elect a diocesan bishop in accordance with that Canon.

4.3 This Canon expires on the date the person elected by the Synod is installed as Bishop of the Diocese.

## **Section Two**

### **Synod Membership**

## The Ontario Provincial Synod 2021

### Members

Metropolitan: The Most Reverend Anne Germond  
 Provincial Chancellor: Bryan Finlay Q.C.  
 Prolocutor: Laura Walton  
 Executive Officer: Venerable Canon Dr. Harry Huskins  
 Treasurer: Gilles Tessier

**Diocese of Algoma:** (Algoma's Synod will not be meeting to elect delegates until Sept 17 – 18)

Bishop: The Most Reverend Anne Germond

Lay: Alison Weir

Clerical:

The Ven. Kelly Baetz  
 The Ven. Joan Locke  
 The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle

Youth: Anne de Vries

Chancellor: Garth O'Neil

**Diocese of Huron:**

Bishops: The Rt. Reverend Todd Townshend

Lay:

Canon Paul Rathbone  
 Paul Townshend  
 Terri Ellison  
 David Embury

Clerical:

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs  
 The Very Rev. Paul Millward  
 The Rev. Dr. Grayhame Bowcott  
 The Rev. Andra O'Neill

Youth: Elspeth Irwin

Chancellor: Canon James Ferguson

**Diocese of Moosonee:**

Bishop: The Most Reverend Anne Germond

Assistant Bishop: The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz

Lay:

Evadney Coonishish  
Derek Neeposh  
Elizabeth Howe  
Joanne Konopelky

Clerical:

The Rev. George Westgate  
The Rev. George Matoush  
The Rev. Tom Stradwick  
The Rev. Anne-Marie Carriere

Chancellor: Bryan Finlay Q.C.

**Diocese of Niagara:**

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Susan Bell

Lay:

Andrew Clinkard  
Janice Whiteley  
Jodey Porter  
Donna Ellis

Clerical:

The Ven. Dr. David Anderson  
The Ven. Valerie Kerr  
The Rev. Deacon Rod McDowell  
The Rev. Rob Towler

Youth: Paige Keller

Chancellor: Greg Tweney

**Diocese of Ontario:**

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

Lay:

Peter Cory  
Haroldine Neil-Burchert  
Ken Healy  
Joyce Eggelston

Clerical:

The Ven. Nancy MacLeod  
The Ven. Wayne Varley  
The Rev. Canon Michael Read  
The Rev. Patricia Miller

Chancellor: Mr. Garth Allan

**Diocese of Ottawa:**

Bishop: The Rt. Reverend Shane Parker

Lay:

Lily Frampton  
Sharon Lang  
Caroll Carkner  
Catherine Keresztesi

Clerical:

The Rev. Matthew Brown  
The Rev. Dr. Jon Martin  
The Ven. Kathryn Otley  
The Rev. Canon Doug Richards

Chancellor: Henry Schultz

**Diocese of Toronto:**

The Rt. Reverend Andrew Asbil  
The Rt. Reverend Riscylla Shaw  
The Rt. Reverend Kevin Robertson

## Lay:

Sandy Richmond  
Mary Walsh  
Laura Walton  
Marilyn Yeung

## Clerical:

The Rev. Dana Dickson  
The Rev. Canon Christopher Greaves  
The Rev. Claudette Taylor  
The Rev. Patrick McManus

Youth: Bronte Anderson

Chancellor: Canon Clare Burns

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL SYNOD  
OCTOBER 13 – 14, 2021

Call for Formation of the Executive Council

The Executive Council

The Executive Council carries out the work of the Provincial Synod when the Synod itself is not in session.

Composition

The Executive Council is made up as follows:

1. the Metropolitan;
2. the Prolocutor
3. a bishop from each diocese, selected as set out below;
4. one clerical and one lay member from each diocese, selected as set out below;
5. a youth member, selected as set out below;
6. the Lay Secretary
7. the Clerical Secretary
8. the Chancellor of the Provincial Synod;
9. the Executive Officer of the Provincial Synod;
10. the Treasurer of the Provincial Synod

Selection of Certain Members of the Executive Council

Each diocese will select one clerical and one lay delegate of the diocese to become a member of the Executive Council. The manner of selection is to be determined by each diocese. The selection will be made in advance of the actual Synod session, with the dioceses forwarding the names of their lay and clerical Council members to the Provincial Executive Officer, and these names will be announced during the Synod session.

The youth member of Council will be chosen from among the youth delegates subsequent to the close of this Synod session and before the subsequent first meeting of the Provincial Council for the 2021 to 2024 triennium..

## **Section Three**

### **Reports**

## Acts of the Ontario Provincial Executive Council

### 2018 to 2021

The Provincial Executive Council functions between sessions of the Provincial Synod to carry on its work, but without the Synod's legislative power to enact Canons or amend the Constitution. The following list is of substantive actions (not including procedural motions) taken by the Council:

- Established the Priorities for the Provincial Synod's work after reviewing the discussion of this at the 2018 Synod session:

- 1) Homelessness and Housing
- 2) Creation Care

In conformity with Canon V 2 (g) nominees presented by the dioceses were confirmed as the members of the Provincial Court of Appeal

- Adopted the 2017 financial statements
- Adopted the 2018 budget
- Adopted the 2018 financial statements
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- Adopted the 2019 financial statements
- Adopted the 2020 budget
  
- Appointed auditors as required for the triennium.
  
- Received reports from, and oversaw the work or the Province's involvement in the Commission on Theological Education, the Advisory Commission on Postulants for Ordination, and the Secretariat for Government Relations.
  
- Appointed Gilles Tessier as the Provincial Treasurer in succession to Din Oosterbaan.
  
- Added Thorneloe University as one of the beneficiaries of the OPCOTE General Fund.

## Report of the Executive Officer

The Provincial Synod exists to support the work of our dioceses and the parishes and ministries within them, and the Metropolitan, and the Provincial House of Bishops. These are some of the fundamental principles on which we try to base our work:

- the Province should only take the lead in a task when it is best done at this level; that is, when it does not make sense to have each diocese duplicating the work, and it is not a matter best handled at the national level. Examples of this are OPCOTE, the Secretariat for Government Relations, and our new initiative that involves bringing the senior staff of our diocesan offices together to consult with experts about difficult problems they are dealing with being faced by all our dioceses.

- the tasks undertaken at the Provincial level should be limited in number and designated as priorities by the Synod or the Executive Council. These priorities should be clearly thought out as part of the Province's overall strategy for its work. They should only be undertaken when the resources needed to do the task well are available, and when there is a reasonable prospect of success, and the success or failure of these initiatives should be regularly measured and changes made where these will bring more effective results.

- agencies functioning at the Provincial level should not continue to exist just because they have the past, but should have clear mandates and well-thought out tasks. They should be time-limited. These mandates will be reviewed and evaluated on a regular basis, at which time they may be ended, or renewed, in which case the terms of the mandates may be refined to meet changing circumstances or needs.

- a guiding principle is the colloquialism "keep it cheap and keep it effective". Whenever possible we use volunteers for our tasks and keep travel and related expenses to a minimum.

The last two Synod sessions also directed that there be an emphasis on finding ways that our dioceses can find greater efficiencies by cooperating together on some of their work and that the Provincial Synod facilitate these discussions. The Synod members also directed that ways be explored to provide greater support for the staff of our diocesan offices where they find themselves dealing with common problems.

This ongoing study and work have resulted in two major developments.

For many years the Provincial Council and House of Bishops have met on successive days (Monday and Tuesday) each spring and fall. To this has been added time in which the Bishops can meet with the Executive Officers of the dioceses and the Executive Officers then meet with other senior staff from the diocesan offices in a diocesan Senior Staff Consultation.

The COVID situation over the last two years has had the effect of both restricting some of the work that we had intended to undertake and also bringing about changes that may prove permanent as we have adapted to these new conditions. Both the House of Bishops and the diocesan Executive Officers now meet regularly by Zoom. Both have found that it has enhanced their effectiveness and will likely stay in place.

Harry Huskins

## Report on Government Relations

Harry Huskins, Executive Officer

The Church in the Province pursues discussions with government, which is an intrinsic part of our mandate for social advocacy and the betterment of the community, on three levels. The first is through partnerships with other denominations and non-governmental organizations such as ISARC (the InterFaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition); the second is through the Executive Officers and our Provincial Representatives who have been given responsibility for specific areas such as Heritage and Chaplaincy; and the third through our Secretariat for Government Relations. This allows us a flexibility which we would not otherwise have in dealing with issues.

The Secretariat exists to advise the Metropolitan, the House of Bishops, and the Provincial Synod on matters relating to the Ontario provincial government. It also keeps the Church informed of governmental matters and issues of emerging importance, when asked to its members advocate the policy positions taken by the Synod and the House with their political Parties, and the Secretariat members assist Provincial Synod agencies and representatives in their work. The Secretariat members maintain both formal and informal contacts with the three political Parties to enable this to happen.

The Secretariat was originally established under Article Fourteen of our Constitution, but this has since been amended (2001) so that the Secretariat is now numbered among the other Commissions and Committees of our Provincial Synod, though it continues to be directly responsible to the Metropolitan. This original constitutional Mandate provided that:

*There shall be attached directly to the office of the Metropolitan a Secretariat for Government Relations for the following purposes:*

*(I) To make representations on behalf of the Provincial Synod to government*

*(II) To keep the Provincial Synod informed about government action of concern to the Church in the Province*

*(III) To liaise with the Diocese of Keewatin (now the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh) in relation to the above matters*

*(IV) Taxation*

*Membership on the Secretariat shall be determined by the Executive Council in consultation with the Metropolitan.*

The Secretariat has members who act as liaison for each of the three political Parties at Queen's Park. These are its Chair, Donna Cansfield (Liberal Party), Terence Young (Progressive Conservative Party) and David Krause (the New Democratic Party).

The traditional Anglican position in regard to relationships with civil government was set out by William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury:

*This is the function of the Church in relation to public life. Its main work now, as always must be the conversion and sanctification of individuals. On that everything depends; if that goes, all goes. But the Church must also have its direct impact upon the ordered life of the community - its politics, industry, its social life, thought and order, and all the rest.*

*It will not pretend to expert knowledge, or offer to settle technical disputes. But it will constantly affirm the spiritual principles which are involved in any department of public life, and it will try to bring together in mutual good will those who are in variance, that together they may find the solution to their problem.*

*Above all the Church will perpetually insist that no question touching human life is ever merely secular, merely economic, or merely material. All that touches human life is fundamentally spiritual, and can only be rightly settled under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*Essays in Christian Politics, 1927*

A key piece of work for the Secretariat over the last three years has focused on the intention of the provincial government to implement the new *Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*. Overall, this provides improvements for us over the provisions that have previously applied to us under the older *Corporations Act*. This has included a useful conversation with the Minister responsible in which our suggestions for additional amendments to the *Act* before it is Proclaimed and comes into effect were welcomed.

The COVID situation has made this, and the Secretariat's other work difficult has the Cabinet and other Members attention has been focused on managing the problems this has created. This has been made even more difficult by the restrictions on '*in person*' meetings which are our most effective way of working on these matters.

## Working Together

2019-2029

In June of 2013, a Provincial Consultation on Shared Ministry brought together the diocesan Bishops and the senior diocesan office staff from our seven dioceses to discuss areas for shared ministry. Several areas were flagged for further study to determine if we could work more efficiently and effectively together than apart. Since that meeting, diocesan senior staff from throughout the Province have met together twice yearly. These consultations have covered a wide range of topics including insurance, cemeteries, human resources matters, legal concerns, clergy training and reviews and more. For some discussions, experts in the field have been brought in to share their knowledge; other discussion focused on best practices among the gathered staff. All the participants agree that these meetings are a valuable use of our time and are deeply appreciative of the Ecclesiastical Province for providing the resources which make this possible. We are also aware that it is time to move past discussion into concrete ways in which we can work together in areas where doing so would be more efficient and effective than working separately. The Provincial House of Bishops has held similar discussions at their semi-annual meetings and have requested that the senior staff develop a 10 year plan whose goal is a much higher level of diocesan collaboration and inter-dependence than currently exists.

In March 2018, the House of Bishops and the Executive Archdeacons/Officers of the dioceses met to discuss next steps. Each diocesan bishop committed his or her diocese to being part of a plan to work more closely together as a province. They also agreed to that each, in their own diocese, would consider how to commit the necessary resources to study, plan and implement new organizational structures which may emerge. The meeting in June 2013 yielded several ideas, most of which have not been followed up on, most likely due to lack of time and resources rather than opposition to the ideas.

A motion will be brought before the delegates at Provincial Synod 2019 to recommend that the dioceses agree to collaborate more fully than we do currently. While an individual diocese may be able to make a case for acting alone in certain areas this would hopefully become the exception rather than the norm. The list of areas where collaboration could be helpful includes but is not limited to: Safe Church, Clergy Continuing Education, Financial Management, areas governed by Ontario Governmental laws and regulations (such as AODA, cemeteries, Employment Standards; Health and Safety and Harassment Policies), Volunteer Training and Management, Payroll and Benefits, Human Resources, Property Development and Archives. If the motion is passed by the Provincial Synod, over the next triennium an overall plan would be developed laying out areas of collaboration, defining goals in each area and setting benchmarks for working toward the goals. Two to three areas would be chosen to examine in this triennium in consultation with the House of Bishops. Regular progress reports would be made to Provincial Synod Council as well as to individual Diocesan Councils during the triennium and to Provincial Synod in 2022.

The senior staff consultations over the past 6 years have shown both the depth of talents and abilities available in our dioceses as well as a shared deep love for the Church. Working more closely together will allow for improved stewardship of our talents, abilities and resources allowing us to better meet the organizational needs of the church in our ecclesiastical province. This in turn will allow each diocese to concentrate more fully on living out our call to be a Hopeful Church in Changing Times.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Venerable Tanya Phibbs  
The Venerable David Selzer

## **The Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education ( OPCOTE )**

The Commission was created in 1995 and generally meets twice a year, spring and fall, with the meetings alternating between Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges in Toronto. The Commission is made up of members representing the four Colleges (programmes) in the Province involved in Anglican theological education and representatives of each of the seven dioceses who are knowledgeable about the theological needs and postulancy processes in their diocese .

The Colleges represented on the Commission are Huron, Canterbury, Renison, the Anglican Studies Program at St. Paul University, Thorneloe, Trinity, and Wycliffe. In addition, to aid in theological education in the Province, our dioceses contribute about \$140,000 a year to the OPCOTE General Fund. This money is then distributed among the Colleges according to a formula agreed on by the Commission members.

The Commission's Mandate:

- a) promote Anglican theological education, including post graduate studies;
- b) foster cooperation and mutual accountability among and between dioceses and theological institutions;
- c) encourage identification and sharing of resources in the theological institutions and the dioceses to meet specific and on-going needs for theological education;
- d) identify and coordinate research resources, available through the theological institutions and dioceses, required to investigate and address issues of common concern;
- e) assess the financial needs of the colleges and seek the financial support of the Church in the Province for them;
- f) assess the financial needs of students and seek the financial support of the Church in the Province for them;
- g) monitor individual and total diocesan funding of theological education;
- h) provide continuing annual financial support to the colleges, distinct from direct student assistance, through the General Fund;
- i) encourage provincial bishops to direct students preparing for ordination to provincial Anglican institutions of theological education;
- j) seek out opportunities to recognize theological education and the role of the theological institutions;
- k) monitor, encourage and report on discussions regarding the state of theological education in the Province, including curriculum and spiritual formation;
- l) monitor theological education initiatives and modes of delivery, including theological education by extension, distance education, diocesan, provincial or national programmes and aboriginal and multi-ethnic initiatives;
- m) encourage periodic meetings of heads of colleges in Ontario, directors of field education, faculty, bishops, along with other diocesan personnel involved in theological training and ordination preparation;

- n) work for ecumenical cooperation between Anglican theological colleges and other theological education institutions; and
- o) engage in ecumenical discussion with respect to provincial government funding of theological education.

#### The Next Triennium (2021 - 2024)

Not unlike every organisation in our country and in our church, COVID-19 has taken its toll. The mission and ministry of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and its constituent dioceses has been profoundly impacted. Much that we wished to accomplish has yet to unfold. A key example is the attention given to the Moosonee School for Ministry. Provincial Synod instructed OPCOTE to examine and do all that it possibly could to provide support, both financial and otherwise toward the school's work in the discernment and formation of appropriate individuals for ordained ministry in the diocese of Moosonee. While some work has been done, it is not complete. It is imperative that in this next Triennium, this matter receive appropriate attention.

As well, OPCOTE was instructed to encourage all formation, training, and education centres within our province to examine and evaluate our collective response to the TRC's Call to Action #59 and 60. While some work was done, it is my recommendation that more must be done in order for us to report to Provincial Synod that this work is now complete.

Other work which did not require travel or in-person contact was, I am pleased to say, able to unfold. Most significant is the planning for the Theological Education and Formation Conference. While the dates have changed, at least twice, it seems likely that our final date selection of June 21 - 23 2022 will work. This conference will include Diocesan Bishops, Heads of Colleges or Training Centres and Diocesan representatives.

The conference is timely!

In the context of our "times" and post COVID, our churches have gone through significant crisis and change. Our Church will need, more than ever before, transformational, courageous, Spirit-filled and hopeful leaders to help us move forward as pilgrims of Jesus and communities of faith. The OPCOTE conference planning group is expecting this conference to be transformational. What once worked, what once prepared leaders for our "times" may no longer be de rigueur. Our culture has changed. Our Church has changed. Our sensibilities have changed, yet the call of Jesus has not changed; we continue to be called to faithful discipleship. OPCOTE is expecting from the conference new conversations and profound hope built upon a deepened faith, clear thinking, heartfelt prayer and a capacity to entertain thoughtful change in order to further develop appropriate leadership amongst our ordained clergy.

I have the privilege of co-chairing the planning group and the conference itself with Bishop Susan Bell, Diocesan Bishop of Niagara. As co-chairs we are delighted to welcome into our work Susan Graham Walker as a consultant and leader. At time of writing, Susan has already made a significant contribution toward our expected result.

I am grateful, on behalf of OPCOTE, to the Dioceses of Toronto, Niagara and Huron for their extraordinary contribution of funds in support of the conference.

Also, at time of writing, it is important to note that the church is only just beginning to "open up" after our very long pandemic isolation from one another. My guess is that very soon much will

happen and it will happen quickly thereby missing this written report. I fully expect and look forward to making a more fulsome verbal report at Synod when we gather.

May I thank you for allowing me the honour of serving you, the Synod of the Province of Ontario, as Chair of OPCOTE. It has been a pleasure and an honour. May God continue to bless our work, our witness and our ministries, I remain,

Yours in the faith of Christ

†John

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John Chapman  
9th Bishop of Ottawa (Retired)  
Chair: Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education (OPCOTE)

## **Section Four**

### **Resolutions**

## Motions Organizing Synod

**Notice is given that it is the intention  
that the following Motions be moved at  
the opening of the Synod session**

(with the names of the movers and seconders, and of those  
being proposed for election being presented in full at that time)

### **Motion one: assessors**

Moved by:  
Seconded by:

Moved that:

Pursuant to Article 8 (b) of the Constitution, the following be elected as assessors:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Motion two: honorary secretaries**

Moved by:  
Seconded by:  
Moved that:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be elected as Honorary Lay Secretary, and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected as  
Honorary Clerical Secretary.

### **Motion three: omnibus motion**

Moved by:  
Seconded by:

Moved that:

1. The appointment of committees be confirmed.
2. The regrets of absences, greetings, and Courtesies of Synod and of the Floor be extended or received, as the case may be.
3. The Report on Credentials in regard to the number of Episcopal, Clerical, and Lay delegates be regarded as received, and that the Chair, as soon as may be practicable, shall announce the result of such scrutiny.
4. The agenda be adopted.
5. The minutes of the Thirty-fourth Session of Synod, having taken place in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2018, be adopted.

6. The Reports and Motions printed or posted on the web as part of the Convening Circular, additional Reports, and additional non-canonical motions be received.

7. The actions of the Provincial Executive Council be approved.

**Notice is given that it is the intention  
that the following Motions in relation of the Synod Finances  
be moved during the Synod session**

**(with the names of the movers and seconders  
presented in full at that time)**

**In regard to the 2022 Budget**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the Preliminary Budget for 2022 be approved.

**In regard to the Financial Review Statements**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the financial review statements be accepted.

**The carrying out of the Financial Review**

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the firm of Joe Ruscio Professional Corporation be appointed to conduct the Financial Review.

## **Section Five**

### **Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report**

## **The Ontario Provincial Synod**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Statements for December 31st, 2020 are included in this report as they provide full disclosure of the Synod's finances since our last Synod in October 2018.

The executive council members were provided at the Spring meetings, with full copies of the last three annual reports and they have been formally adopted by the council on your behalf.

A copy of the preliminary budget for the year 2022 is also with this report and will require the approval of the Synod. It should be noted that for the past seven years there has been no increase in the Provincial Assessments to the Dioceses.

However, during the latter part of 2019 there has been a very substantial increase in hotel accommodation rates as well as an imposition of municipal levies on room rates. As a result, this Provincial Synod will be faced with a very substantial increase in the cost of accommodations.

Several matters of concern were dealt with by your Executive Council since the last Synod and are reported by the Executive Officer in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilles Tessier  
Provincial Treasurer

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA  
THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(unaudited)**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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To the Board of Anglican Church of Canada, The Provincial Synod of Ontario

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Anglican Church of Canada, The Provincial Synod of Ontario that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### Conclusion

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Anglican Church of Canada, The Provincial Synod of Ontario as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Emphasis of Matter

I draw attention to note 5 to the financial statements, which describes the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the Synod. My conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Chartered Professional Accountant, Chartered Accountant  
Professional Corporation  
Authorized to practice public accounting by The Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
March 22, 2021

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
(unaudited)

<b>AS AT DECEMBER 31,</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 251,083	\$ 170,851
Accounts receivable	6,532	14,755
Prepaid expenses	13,799	-
	<b>\$ 271,414</b>	<b>\$ 185,606</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 145,936	\$ 127,281
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>125,478</b>	<b>58,325</b>
	<b>\$ 271,414</b>	<b>\$ 185,606</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCE**  
(unaudited)

<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Operations:		
Assessments		
Toronto	\$ 54,550	\$ 52,200
Huron	31,250	29,900
Niagara	25,000	23,900
Ottawa	22,600	21,600
Ontario	19,275	-
Algoma	10,200	9,800
Moosonee	2,400	2,300
	165,275	139,700
Interest	502	1,627
Donations	78	150
Harmonized sales tax and other	3,274	8,103
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>169,129</b>	<b>149,580</b>
Theological Education Grants:		
Contributions		
Toronto	62,200	62,200
Niagara	17,500	17,500
Ottawa	15,958	18,150
Ontario	30,275	-
Algoma	16,300	16,300
Moosonee	3,700	3,700
<b>Total Theological Education Grants</b>	<b>145,933</b>	<b>117,850</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>315,062</b>	<b>267,430</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Operations:		
Administration	77,918	105,687
Executive Council	9,834	24,167
Program	6,000	8,000
House of Bishops	4,255	13,196
Insurance	3,968	3,594
Other expenses	-	15,794
	101,975	170,438
Theological Education Grants:		
Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education	145,934	117,850
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>247,909</b>	<b>288,288</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>67,153</b>	<b>(20,858)</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>58,325</b>	<b>79,183</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 125,478</b>	<b>\$ 58,325</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
(unaudited)

<b>YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 67,153	\$ (20,858)
Increase from accounts receivable	8,223	63,746
Increase (decrease) from prepaids	(13,799)	560
Increase (decrease) from accounts payable	18,655	(5,920)
	80,232	37,528
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	170,851	133,323
<b>CASH, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 251,083</b>	<b>\$ 170,851</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(unaudited)**

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**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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The Provincial Synod of Ontario (the "Synod") is incorporated under a special Act of the Provincial Legislature as "The Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada for the Province of Ontario". The members of the Provincial Synod are seven Anglican Dioceses located in the Province of Ontario with two Dioceses also operating in the Province of Quebec. The Synod meets every three years to elect an Executive to oversee the work of the Synod during each three-year period.

The Synod conducts transactions with its members dioceses. The Synod's revenue includes assessments for operations and contributions towards Theological Education Grants.

The Synod is a registered charity and is exempt from income taxes.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO") and include the following significant accounting policies:

**Financial instruments**

The Synod's financial instruments comprise of cash, receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Financial assets or liabilities obtained in arm's length transactions are initially measured at their fair value and financial assets or liabilities obtained in related party transactions are measured at their exchange amount. The Synod subsequently measures all of its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

**Revenue recognition and fund accounting**

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenues from assessments and for Theological Education Grants are recognized in the fiscal year to which they apply. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year the related expense is incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collections is reasonably assured.

**Capital assets**

The Synod expenses capital assets in the year the expenditure was incurred. Capital assets of \$2,733 (2019 - \$nil) were expensed in the year.

**Contributed services**

Volunteers contributed many hours during the year to assist the Synod in carrying out its service delivery. As a result of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Synod's financial instruments consists of cash, receivables, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Synod is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of the financial instruments approximates their carrying value, unless otherwise noted.

**3. CAPITAL DISCLOSURES**

The Synod defines its capital as its fund balances. The Synod is not subject to external restrictions on its fund balances. The Synod's objective when managing its capital is to hold sufficient net assets to provide liquidity for the Synod's ongoing operations.

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**ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA, THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF ONTARIO**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(unaudited)

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

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**4. FINANCIAL RISKS AND CONCENTRATION OF RISK**

(a) Credit risk:

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty may default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss. The Synod deals with creditworthy counterparties to mitigate the risk of financial loss from defaults. The Synod performs continuous evaluation of its accounts receivable and records an allowance for impairment. No individual account is significant to the Synod.

(b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Synod will be unable to fulfill its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The Synod manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. The Synod prepares budget and cash forecasts to ensure it has sufficient funds to fulfill its obligations. There has been no change to the risk exposures from 2019.

**Concentration of risk**

The Synod relies on a significant amount of its funding from various sources. A decline in economic conditions or other adverse conditions could lead to reduced revenue and ability to continue with ongoing operations.

**5. EFFECTS OF COVID-19**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus COVID-19 (COVID-19) outbreak as a pandemic. This has resulted in significant financial, market and societal impacts in Canada and around the world. The ultimate duration and magnitude of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the Synod's operations and financial position is not known at this time. During the 2020 fiscal year these impacts included a significant decrease in ordinary meeting expenses as a result of imposed travel restrictions. An estimate of the full financial effect of the pandemic on the Synod is not predictable at this time.

The Ontario Provincial Synod

**Preliminary Budget 2022**

<b>Expenditures - Administration</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Metropolitan/Expense/Travel	3000	660	3000
Metropolitan Honorarium	8400	5663	8400
Treasurer stipend and E.I	5700	4414	5700
Executive Officer -Stipend	37100	25381	28300
General Office Expenses/Resources	5000	5460	5000
Travel Expenses	10000	531	8000
Auditors	2600	2582	3000
Misc. Administration office Expenses	8000	16000	16000
<b>Agencies and Operations</b>			
House of Bishops - Meetings	14850	200	10000
AnglicansRC Bishops Meeting	3300	0	2000
Provincial Executive Council-Meetings	23000	0	15000
Commission on Theological Education	11000	2573	5000
ACPO + Travel subsidy	6000	0	6000
Diocesan Senior Consultation	10000	1190	6000
Miscellaneous Expenses	2400	226	500
Provincial Synod Reserve	30000	0	22000
Chancellors _meeting	1000	0	1000
Insurance - General/D&O Liability	3800	4166	4000
Program Meeting Reserve	12000	0	5000
<b>Total Operations Expenses</b>	<b>197150</b>	<b>69046</b>	<b>153900</b>

<b>Assessment - Revenue</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Toronto	54550	42825	54550
Huron	31250	31250	31250
Niagara	25000	6250	25000
Ottawa	22600	18711	22600
Ontario	11300	2825	11300
Algoma	10200	10200	10200
Moosonee	2400	2400	2400
<b>Total</b>	<b>157300</b>	<b>114461</b>	<b>157300</b>

<b>Revenue Other</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Miscellaneous Paid Expenses		13799	100
Interest Earned	502	369	1200
HST Rebate/Fed Gasoline Excise Tax	7000	0	7000
Surplus/ (deficit)	-31550	45415	3400
Donations	300	0	300
<b>Total Revenue - Other</b>	<b>8600</b>		<b>8600</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15148</b>	<b>59583</b>	<b>20600</b>

**THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL SYNOD**  
**Theological Education Contributions**  
**The Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education (OPCOTE)**

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Expected 2021 Actual</b>	<b>YTD July 30/21 Actual</b>	<b>Suggested 2022</b>
Toronto	62200	44738	62200
Huron (1)	0	0	0
Niagara	17500	4375	17500
Ottawa (2)	16500	14658	16500
Ontario	17300	4325	17300
Algoma	16300	16300	16300
Moosonee	3700	3700	3700
<b>Total</b>	<b>133500</b>	<b>88096</b>	<b>133500</b>

**Notes:**

- 1. Diocese of Huron pays Grant-in-Aid directly to Huron University College.**
- 2. Diocese of Ottawa also pays Grant-In-Aid directly to Anglican Studies Program, St. Paul University.**

**Also please note that these will be divided in 4.  
 Thorneloe University, Wycliffe College, Trinity College and St. Paul University**

## **Section Six**

### **Provincial Policy Statements**



## Policy on Homelessness and Housing

***And the Lord said,  
is not this the Fast that I choose for you;  
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke.***

***Is it not to share you break with the hungry,  
And bring the homeless poor into your house.***

***Isaiah 58<sup>6-8</sup>***

The Anglican Church has identified the plight of the homeless and the difficulties being encountered by the poor seeking reasonable housing at an affordable cost as one of the major social problems facing the Province.

Anglicans across Ontario wish to work in partnership with the provincial government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing.

Housing people makes sound economic sense as homelessness and precarious housing have significant fiscal impacts in the increased costs imposed on health care, social services and the justice system. Equally important are the human costs of homelessness such as the loss of dignity, isolation and death. Certain populations experience disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, large families, seniors, youth, and people living with physical disabilities and mental illness or addictions, and displaced workers.

Anglicans throughout Ontario have been working for many years to address the Housing Crisis in a variety of ways. Many are on the front line of developing innovative affordable housing solutions, either through direct financial support or through the provision of surplus property for development. They do this work in partnership with all levels of government, the private sector, developers, local citizens and grass roots coalitions.

Working with our people of all faith, with private and business partners, Anglicans in Ontario regularly mobilize to respond to immediate needs through invaluable support services for those experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness or precarious housing, by hosting Out of the Cold programs, managing emergency shelters and drop-in programs, and providing community spaces for housing support workers to meet with clients. Local clergy provide pastoral and spiritual support.

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario of the Anglican Church wants to partner with the provincial government and continue to build upon, enhance, and adjust what is already well-articulated and working at a provincial level including the Investment in Affordable Housing program, the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, a municipal level such as the 10-year Plans to End Homelessness and now at the Federal level with the new National Housing Strategy.

In addition we urge the provincial government to:

Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of suitable affordable housing in Ontario through adequate, predictable, sustainable and long-term funding.

Ensure that those in need can access supports best suited to their circumstances. This should include both on and off site supports for individuals, as well as a strong network of community-based supports that can help break isolation, develop skills, and provide a basis for civic engagement, healing, and recovery.

Provide portable housing benefits to low-income households, allowing them to avoid falling into homelessness while simultaneously relieving pressure on social housing infrastructure. Collaborate with federal and municipal programs to create opportunities for the private sector to be involved in the development of affordable housing, including through tax exemptions, inclusionary zoning, and development fee waivers.

Work to ensure that emergency shelters are funded adequately and equipped appropriately for the people served in their communities.

*Members of the Church are bound to take an active part, by public action and by personal service, in removing those abuses which depress and impoverish human life. In company with other citizens and organization they should work for reform, and particularly for such measures as will secure the better care of children, including real opportunity for an adequate education; protection of the workers against unemployment, and the provision of healthy homes.*

Lambeth Resolution 77, 1920

*The Conference stresses the urgency of providing that every family should have a home of its own which provides for fellowship and privacy.*

Lambeth Resolution 45, 1948

*The Conference, recognizing that there is a world-wide need for decent and suitable housing, records its belief that every married couple should have adequate privacy and shelter, for the better bringing up of the family as well as for the benefit of its own married life; and that national and local governments share fully with private enterprise the community's obligations to meet this end.*

Lambeth Resolution 123, 1958

*The Conference recommends that the Church increasingly work for social goals which really benefit human beings, e.g. in housing.*

*Lambeth Resolution 19, 1968*



## **The Church's Policy on Religious Education in the Public School System**

The Anglican Church in Ontario has identified as one of its major concerns the enhancement of the religious education component within the public school system.

The Church's concern focuses on two points:

\* The rise of conflict between Faith groups and within Faith groups around the world is troubling. There has been only minor reflection of this in Canadian society to date, but this is unlikely to continue to be the case as we increasingly find that the forces of Globalization flow in two directions and not only in one.

Our current curriculum often assumes that conflicts arise only out of a desire for material gain or by aberrant acts on the part of individuals. This leaves our students and our communities ill-equipped to deal with these problems when they arise, or to understand the powerful social forces which have been produced by religious beliefs in the past, and the powerful role these beliefs play in most parts of the world today.

- Our educational curriculum should make it clear that the major Faiths hold in common the virtues of compassion, commitment to the good of the community, and tolerance. We believe that bringing about a wider understanding of this can only strengthen our social fabric at a time when it is under increasing stress.

\* The opportunity which is being lost to enable students to understand the social and moral values and virtues on which our and other societies have been built. Without an understanding of these building blocks of a good individual and community life, it is very difficult for students to build their own personal systems of social values and personal virtues because all they have to fall back on is their own limited experience of life.

We believe that the lack of such an education exposure has contributed to many of the social problems we face today, and will continue to face.

Given this, the Anglican Church in Ontario urges the Provincial government:

1. To establish a mandatory program in education about the major world Faith Groups with courses at both the primary and secondary levels;
2. To provide academic preparation for teachers with recognized certification in the same way that teachers are prepared in any other subject.

## Section Seven

### ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ONTARIO Journal of Proceedings Thirty-Sixth Session of the Synod

The Thirty-Sixth Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario was held at the Delta Hotel, Lyon Street, Ottawa, Ontario, October 9-12, 2018

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

Opening Eucharist was held at 7.30 pm in the hotel and the Rt. Rev. William Cliff gave his first address to the Synod.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

Opening prayers were led by the Rt. Rev. William Cliff.

The Metropolitan, The Most Reverend Colin Johnson, called the Synod to order.

Most Reverend Colin Johnson announced that regrets were received from the Rt. Rev. Terry Dance and Din Oosterbaan. The head table were introduced.

#### ASSESSORS

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Jean Bedard

That Pursuant to Article 8 (b) of the Constitution, that diocesan Chancellors Canon James Ferguson and Greg Tweney be elected as assessors.

CARRIED

#### HONORARY SECRETARIES

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Jean Bedard

That Haroldine Neil-Burchert be elected as Honorary Lay Secretary and the Ven. Tanya Phibbs be elected as Honorary Clerical Secretary.

CARRIED

#### COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE

Courtesies of the House were extended to:

Donna Cansfield

The Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz

Chancellor David Jones, QC

Rt. Rev. William Cliff

Ven. Paul Feheley

Heidi Danson

Rev. Dr. Mary-Catherine Garden

Peter Seltzer  
Zaida Bastos  
David Krause

#### OMNIBUS MOTION

Moved by: Harry Huskins

Seconded by: Jean Bedard

1. The appointment of committees be confirmed.
2. The regrets of absences, greetings, and Courtesies of Synod and of the Floor be extended or received, as the case may be.
3. The Report on Credentials in regard to the number of Episcopal, Clerical, and Lay delegates be regarded as received, and that the Chair, as soon as may be practicable, shall announce the result of such scrutiny.
4. The agenda be adopted.
5. The minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Session of Synod have taken place in Toronto, Ontario, 2015, be adopted.
6. The reports and Motions printed or posted on the web as part of the Convening Circular and additional non- canonical motions be received.
7. The actions of the Provincial Executive Council be approved.

CARRIED

The next Provincial Synod in 2021 will be held in the Diocese of Algoma.

#### PROLOCUTOR

Nominations from the floor were invited for the position of Prolocutor.

Moved by: Rev. Canon Michael Read

Seconded by: Ven. Wayne Varley

The nomination of Laura Walton as Prolocutor.

There being no other nominations, Laura Walton was acclaimed for a second term as Prolocutor.

#### ELECTION OF METROPOLITAN

Prayers were held before the beginning of the election of the Metropolitan.

Ballots were cast and the Rt. Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma, was elected on the first ballot.

Moved by: Jean Bedard

Seconded by: Harry Huskins

That the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

### MOOSONEE MISSIONAL MOMENT

Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, Assisting Bishop reported that because of the Moosonee School of Ministry they now have 11 brand new deacons, 8 have been ordained and 2 transitional deacons. He stated that it is an exciting time for the Diocese. The Venerable Larry Armstrong has been named Diocesan Administrator and Patricia Dorland is the Chief Financial Officer.

### OPCOTE (ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION) – TRC

Rt. Rev. John Chapman reported on the work of the last triennium. The Moosonee School for Ministry has been an outstanding success and a number of new ordinands have been called. A group of individuals primarily First Peoples are asked to come together to design and facilitate a program to address the concerns in The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 59 and 60.

Moved by: Rt. Rev. John Chapman

Seconded by: Ven. David Seltzer

1. That the Ecclesiastical Province commend, endorse and encourage the Theological Colleges of Ontario in their development and enhancements of courses and/or course content that would address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action 59 and 60.

2. That the Provincial Synod ask the Metropolitan

a) to call together a group of individuals, primarily First Peoples, to be responsible for the design and facilitation of a thoughtful and experiential (potentially residential) short program of study to address the concerns in Call to Action 60, and

b) to request that the member dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario mandate the participation of their postulants and/or newly ordained clergy in this program, and commit to increasing diocesan financial contributions to OPCOTE in support of it.

CARRIED

Harry Huskins reported that the Moosonee School of Ministry had been a great success and funding was needed from the Ontario Provincial Council. It was agreed that the necessary funding for the Moosonee School for Ministry would be provided from the OPCOTE General Fund.

### GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Donna Cansfield and David Krause reported on the advocacy work over the last triennium focused primarily with Homelessness and Housing policy. Relations with the previous Liberal Government had been good and now are working at building new ones with the new Progressive Conservative Government. New priorities will be set at the Council's first meeting in the spring of 2019 and the Secretariat will then pursue the implementation of these priorities at Queen's Park and within our own Church.

#### NIAGARA MISSIONAL MOMENT

Rt. Rev. Susan Bell reported that the Diocese of Niagara had three priorities for the next term.

1. Refugees – They have had 301 since 2015
2. Regional Ministry in St. Catharines
3. Oakville Chinese Mission

Rt. Rev. William Cliff gave his 2nd address to the Council.

CANON XXI (Proposed amendment to the Marriage Canon referred by the General Synod to our Ontario Provincial Synod for consideration).

David Jones, Chancellor of the Anglican Church of Canada, reviewed the background to the amendment to the Marriage Canon that will come before the 2019 General Synod session.

#### HURON MISSIONAL MOMENT

Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls reported that the Diocese is working on mission and rebuilding. They are a companion diocese to the Diocese of Amazonia, Brazil. They have Mission and Ministry Plans including Jubilee grants and Reconciliation.

#### TORONTO MISSIONAL MOMENT

Discerning what we are doing and where we are going.

#### ONTARIO MISSIONAL MOMENT

The Gospel, mission imperatives, fiscal, and a hopeful church in changing times.

#### GENERAL SYNOD UPDATE

The Primate, Most Rev. Fred Hiltz gave an update on General Synod. Indigenous self-determination, Marriage Canon, Election of the Primate, Call to Action-TRC, Finance are some of the issues that will be dealt with. It is also the 60th Anniversary of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

A reception was held in Honour of Archbishop Colin Johnson who is retiring.

#### THURSDAY, OCT. 11

The Rt. Rev. William Cliff gave his third address to Synod.

#### A HOPEFUL CHURCH IN CHANGING TIMES: POLICY PANEL

The Rev. Canon Laurette Glasgow introduced the panel:

- Colin Robertson – Vice President and Fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute
- Senator Peter Harder, P.C. Government Representative in the Senate
- Archbishop Colin Johnson

Some of the issues members would like addressed were Climate, Trade, Migration, Erosion of Institutions, the Diplomatic Regime and a Sense of hopefulness.

#### OTTAWA MISSIONAL MOMENT

Rev. Kathryn Otley reported that they are dealing with Homelessness and affordable housing. They are involved in Centre 454, Affordable Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, St. Luke's Table and the Well.

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN

The Ven. David Seltzer reported that work is being done on the enhancement of work, retraining, and doubling the current employer contributions to the Plan.

#### ELDERCARE

Donna Cansfield and David Embury reported that housing, isolation, finance, health, mental and end of life issues abound in the elder community as a whole. The Ecclesiastical Province is gathering opinions and issues that can be used to influence the political agenda and advocate for better elder care.

#### HOMELESSNESS

The Rev. Kathryn Otley reported that communities across the Province are experiencing significant crisis in homelessness and affordable housing. This crisis affects all communities in the Ecclesiastical Province. Anglicans across the Province have been hosting Out of the Cold programs, managing emergency shelters and drop-in programs, and providing community spaces for housing support staff workers to meet with clients. Local clergy provide pastoral and spiritual support. The Ecclesiastical Province wants to Partner with the provincial government and continue to build upon, enhance and adjust what is already well-articulated and working at the provincial level.

#### ALGOMA MISSIONAL MOMENT

The Ven. Marie Loewen reported that the diocese is involved in Truth and Reconciliation which is alive in the Diocese of Algoma.

#### THE WAY FORWARD

Senior Diocesan staff have met twice yearly to discuss shared areas for shared ministry. Each diocesan bishop committed their diocese to being part of a plan to work more closely together as a province. They also agreed that each would consider how to commit the necessary resources to study, plan and implement new organizational structures. Areas of collaboration could be Safe Church, areas governed by Ontario Government Laws, and finance.

MOVED BY: David Selzer

SECONDED BY: Tanya Phibbs

That this Provincial Synod affirms the principle that the Dioceses of our Province should engage in greater collaboration and common action towards the integration of their diocesan office operations;

Reserving always the right not to participate in such collaboration and common action because of the particular circumstances of that Diocese that time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

Zaida Bastos presented a report on the work of the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. The Fund's main work is in engaging Canadians, Humanitarian Response and International Development. Financial and human resources are made to partners around the world.

#### INSTALLATION OF METROPOLITAN AND PROLOCUTOR

A Eucharist was held with the Installation of the Metropolitan and Prolocutor at Christ Church Cathedral followed by a reception.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Morning Prayer and Bible Study with the theme of Salt and Light was by led by the Most Rev. Colin Johnson.

#### NEW ENGLAND COMPANY

William Rathbone reported on the history of the New England Company and which today remains to further the work of the Church in the West Indies and amongst the Native peoples of Canada with emphasis on the training for the ministry. Dioceses in Canada with populations of native peoples are invited to apply each year for grants to fund specific projects. A member of the Court of the New England Company visit every two years to encourage applications, learn of the progress of the previously funded work and to deepen understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the communities in the area.

#### BUDGET

Harry Huskins presented the budget and responded to questions.

MOVED BY: Harry Huskins

SECONDED BY: Jean Bedard

That the Preliminary Budget for 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

MOVED BY; Harry Huskins

SECONDED BY; Jean Bedard

That the financial review statements be accepted.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Harry Huskins

SECONDED BY: Jean Bedard

That the firm of Joe Ruscio Professional Corporation be appointed to conduct the Financial Review.

CARRIED

#### MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The diocesan delegations caucused to choose the members of the new Provincial Executive Council.

Diocese of Algoma

Bishop Most Rev. Anne Germond

Lay Chantal Rozon  
 Clerical Rev. Dr. Derek Neal  
 Diocese of Huron  
 Bishop Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls  
 Lay David Embury  
 Clerical Very Rev. Paul Millward

Diocese of Moosonee  
 Bishop Most Rev. Anne Germond  
 Lay Marshall Thompson  
 Clerical Valerie Isaac

Diocese of Niagara  
 Bishop Rt. Rev. Susan Bell  
 Lay Andrew Clinkard  
 Clerical Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Mondloch

Diocese of Ontario  
 Bishop Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton  
 Lay Peter Cory  
 Clerical Ven. Nancy McLeod

Diocese of Ottawa  
 Bishop Rt. Rev. John Chapman  
 Lay Michael Perkin  
 Clerical Rev. Kathryn Otley

Diocese of Toronto  
 Bishop Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil  
 Lay Jean Glionna  
 Clerical Rev. Karen Hatch

Youth Lily Frampton

Moved by: Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton  
 Seconded by: Peter Cory

That thanks be extended to Susan De Gruchy for all her work over years as Executive Officer of the Provincial Synod of Ontario.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Archbishop Johnson will extend sympathies on behalf of the Provincial Synod to Din Oosterbaan on the passing of his wife.

Archbishop Johnson thanked the Primate, Fred Hiltz, for his presence at Synod and also for his report on General Synod.

Thanks were extended to Heidi Danson and Stephanie Boyd for all their help in making this a very successful synod.

Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil thanked Bishop John Chapman and the Diocese of Ottawa for hosting the Provincial Synod.

Closing prayers were said and the Synod was Prorogued.