



The Ontario Provincial Commission On Theological Education

The Anglican Church of Canada

Chair: The Right Reverend John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa

Friday, October 18, 2019, at 10 am at Wycliffe College, Toronto, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order by the Chair. Opening prayers
2. Acceptance of the Agenda. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting.

Business Arising:

3. The 2020 Formation and Vocations Conference involving the Ontario House of Bishops and OPCOTE. Bishop Susan Bell will be leading the Planning Team.

[from the April Commission minutes] *The Archbishop and Bishop Chapman will take the lead in bringing together a small group to development this further. Bishop Mark MacDonald and Indigenous Ministries at Church House will be consulted about this.*6. *Planning for a Provincial Conference that will bring OPCOTE and the Provincial House of Bishops together to consider vocational formation in the Province as a whole.*

When? Where: Thorneloe has volunteered to host the Conference.

Who does OPCOTE recommend as members of the planning team?

4. [Prov Synod Motion enacted last October] *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.*

[from the April Commission minutes] *The Commission members discussed their Initial thoughts about how best to implement this Synod Resolution. The Archbishop and Bishop Chapman will take the lead in bringing together a small group to development this further. Bishop Mark MacDonald and Indigenous Ministries at Church House will be consulted about this.*

5. Further updates on Truth and Reconciliation – The Provincial Synod session in Ottawa adopted the following Resolution in regard to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action number 59 and 60.

Moved by: Rt. Rev. John Chapman

Seconded by: Ven. David Selzer

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.

6. The inclusion of Thorneloe University as one of the participating Colleges in the annual distribution of the OPCOTE General Fund.

9. Other matters

10. Adjournment

Regrets from: Mark Harris, Kevin Flynn

Next meeting