

## **Summary of November 21, 2024, Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario Executive Council**

The Executive Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario met on Wednesday, November 21, 2024. The meeting was held online.

As the first meeting of the Executive Council after Provincial Synod 2024 in Sault Ste Marie, the agenda for the meeting was shorter and focused on a few key areas:

- Orientation of the new Council, including Governance overview, meeting flow, technology and how the Council functions.
- The Metropolitan has selected the theme from Provincial Synod “At the Crossroads” as her motto for 2025, based on the verse from Jeremiah 6: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls”.
- Following the actions from Provincial Synod, Council considered a set of Terms of Reference for a Youth Ministry Working Group. After a good discussion, the Terms of Reference were approved. Work is underway to complete the membership of the Group, per the Terms of Reference.
- The Metropolitan has followed up on the motion from Provincial Synod regarding membership on the Primate’s Commission. Bishop Rachael Parker (Diocese of Brandon) has been added for the Council of the North and two Indigenous members have been added (Rev Vincent Solomon and Rev Rod BrantFrancis).
- The Treasurer presented the financial results up to the end of October 2024 (Quarter III). The 2025 Budget was received and approved by Council. In addition to the continuing work of the Synod, funds were allocated to support some key work:
  - The Youth Ministry Working Group
  - The Working Group addressing Cemeteries and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)
  - The Working Group addressing Insurance, the escalating costs, and the possible alternatives to the model we have today in all dioceses.

The next meeting of the Provincial Executive Council will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 in Toronto. This will be an in-person meeting. One of the key items on the agenda will be developing the key Priorities for the Triennium, based on the guidance from Provincial Synod.