

Minutes of the

68th Session of Synod Diocese of Saskatoon

Held on April 4 -6, 2008

At The Willows Golf and Country Club
Saskatoon, SK

The 68th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Saskatoon was convened at The Willows Golf and Country Club for the opening service and business sessions on April 4 -6, 2008. Registration took place at The Willows under the direction of the Credentials and Local Arrangements Committee.

Friday, April 4th, 2008

An Orientation Session was led by the Rev. Gary Sinclair and the Rev. Debbie Ramage to help Synod delegates familiarize themselves with the Practices and Procedures of Synod.

Resolutions and Procedures

The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford explained the procedures for placing a motion before Synod. Dr. Comerford used the summary provided in the Convening Circular. Synod was informed that 6 pm Saturday, April 5, 2008 was the deadline for resolutions. This could be waved if 80% of Synod delegates support a resolution coming to the floor.

Bishop Andrews convened the Synod at approximately 2 pm with welcome, opening prayer, singing, and a memorial moment for deceased former members of Synod.

The following individuals were introduced:

Dr. Beth Bilson, Chancellor

Mrs. Lorea Eufemia, Secretary Treasurer

Ms. Shauna Milner, Administrative Assistant

Partners for Synod:

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The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Mrs. Zandra Hafeez, guests from the Diocese of Guyana
Pastor Hugh Farmer, Synod chaplain and representative of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in Canada

The Credentials Committee reported that of a possible 68 Laity, 56 were present. Of a possible 21 Clergy, 20 Clergy delegates were present. Of the Order of Bishops 2 of 2 were present. Of a possible 25 Visitors, 17 were present.

The Bishop called on the Chancellor to declare a quorum present. The Chancellor pronounced a quorum was present.

The Bishop declared Synod in session with a call to order at 2:17 pm.

Regrets were sent from:

Mr. Nicholas Krenn(Y), Unity Central Parish,

Mr. Quentin Agnew, Diocesan Registrar

The Rev. Canon Stan Cuthand, retired Clergy

The Rev. Canon John Davies, retired Clergy

The Rev. Canon Lewis Gill, retired Clergy

Bishop Andrews conveyed greetings from Archbishop John Clarke, Metropolitan, Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, the Honourable Donald Atchison, Mayor of Saskatoon, and

The Rev. Canon Lewis Gill, retired Clergy.

Introductions

The Bishop made the following introductions:

New clergy:

The Rev. Amy Bunce

The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster

The Rev. Paula Foster

The Rev. Gordon Lines

The Rev. Walter Majola

The Rev. Sheila Martin

The Rev. Peter Norman

The Rev. Alex Parsons

The Rev. Dr. William Richards

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The Rev. Carlos Roberts
The Ven. Peter Yeung
Mr. John Seib (Lay Pastor)

Guests and Observers:

Rev. Hugh Farmer, Chaplain of Synod;
Dr. Walter Deller, College Principal;
Mrs. Zandra Hafeez, Synod Partner;
Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Synod Partner;
Mrs. Jacqueline Plante, Synod Hostess;
Mrs. Mary Ann Assailly, Synod Observer
Mrs. Jean Green, Synod Observer
Ms. Lesia Ochoway, Synod Observer

Bishop Andrews extended courtesies to our guests and observers, and advised Synod that these individuals have voice with not vote. Members of Synod welcomed these guests with applause.

Synod Committees

The Bishop offered his thanks to all those who served on the numerous Synod Committees under the capable leadership of many people. The Synod committees were appointed as follows:

<i>Resolutions Committee:</i>	Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford (chair), Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen, Mr. Peter Coolen, Dr. Beth Bilson
<i>Nomination Committee:</i>	Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin (chair), Ven. Geoffrey Huggill, Mr. Milton Harvey, Mr. Geoff Cooke
<i>Scrutineers:</i>	Ven. Richard Spencer (chair), Mr. Don Coomber, Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko, Rev. Gary Sinclair
<i>Agenda Committee</i>	The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe (chair), Rev. Peter Norman, Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews, Mrs. Lorea Eufemia
<i>Worship Committee</i>	Rev. Karen Sandell (chair), Rev. Paula Foster, Mr. John Seib
<i>Vote of Thanks</i>	Ven. Peter Yeung

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Arrangements Committee

Mrs. Betty Ann Horbay, Mr. Michael Horbay, Mrs. Betty Lloyd, Mrs. Merce Montgomery, Mrs. Marion Pope,
Mrs. Tannis Sharp, Mr. Jim Sharp, Mr. Bernie Zuk,
Mrs. Ruth Zuk

Bishop's Assistant

Rev. Gary Sinclair

Secretaries

68-1

Motion by: Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: The Very Rev.

That the Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse of Lloydminster Parish be nominated as Clerical Secretary of this Synod.

There were no further nominations.

CARRIED.

68-2

Motion by: Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: The Very Rev.

That Ms. Pat Skinner of Lloydminster Parish be nominated Lay Secretary of this Synod.

There were no further nominations.

CARRIED.

Bishop Andrews declared Secretaries Stonhouse and Skinner elected.

Nominations Procedures:

The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin reviewed the procedures for nominations and updated the nomination slate. Synod was informed that nominations would cease at 3 pm Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Presentation of Agenda

68-3

Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: The Ven. Peter Yeung

That the Agenda for the 68th Session of Synod be received as presented.

CARRIED.

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Addition to the minutes:

Page 33 last paragraph “The Bishop closed the Synod with prayer and the Grace at 9:55 am.”

68-4

Motion by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

Seconded by: Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen

That the minutes of the 67th Session of Synod be accepted as amended and corrected.

CARRIED.

Receipt of Written Reports

Correction to Pg. 38 of the Convening Circular – under Relinquishment of Ministry, “The Reverend Shawn Sanford Beck’s” should read “On Leave without Permission to Officiate”.

68-5

Motion by: The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster **Seconded by:** The Rev. Canon William Christensen

That all reports be received as presented and amended.

CARRIED.

Resolutions

68-6

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Seconded by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and assure her of our prayers for God’s protection and guidance.

CARRIED.

68-7

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen

Seconded by: The Rev. Dr. Henry

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Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to our Primate, The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, assuring him of our prayers as he gives pastoral oversight to the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED.

68-8

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford **Seconded by:** Mr. Peter Coolen

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to our Metropolitan, The Most Reverend John R. Clarke, assuring him of our prayers as he ministers throughout the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

CARRIED.

68-9

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen **Seconded by:** The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon extend its warm collegial greetings to Mrs. Doris Ford, to Mrs. Betty Wood and to Bishop Tom and Mrs. Lillian Morgan, assuring them of our prayers and our good wishes.

CARRIED.

68-10

Motion by: The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford **Seconded by:** Mr. Peter Coolen

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon extend to Bishop Randolph George, Mrs. Sheila George and the clergy and congregations of the Diocese of Guyana our warm greetings and the assurance of our prayers.

CARRIED.

68-11

Motion by: Mr. Peter Coolen **Seconded by:** The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon send greetings to Bishop Cindy Halmarson of the Saskatchewan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, a faith community with which we are

in full communion.

CARRIED.

Opening Service

The Synod session broke at 3:30 pm for the opening Eucharist.

The Eucharist was celebrated with Hosanna Jazz Mass led by Pastor David Hunter and a jazz quartet with Bishop Andrews as officiant. Bishop Andrews was assisted by the Rev. Karen Sandell, the Rev. Gary Sinclair, the Rev. Paula Foster, and the Rev. Walter Majola. During this service of celebration, the Bishop delivered his charge to Synod which is appended to these minutes. The opening celebration also included the installation of Dr. Beth Bilson as Lay Canon of the diocese.

Following supper, Synod reconvened at 6:45 pm. Bishop Andrews welcomed late arriving delegates. He also welcomed Mrs. Jacqueline Plante, Dr. Walter Deller, The Rt. Rev. Tom Morgan, The Ven. Geoffrey Huggill, and Mrs. Betty Wood as guests of Synod.

The Diocesan Task Force Strategic Planning Presentation

Pastor Jim Halmarson presented the Diocesan Task Force Strategic Planning Report. He introduced the Task Force Committee of the Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin, Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko, Ms. Nancy Yee (who was not present), the Very Rev. Terry Wiebe, and the Ven. Peter Yeung. A brief overview of the Strategic Planning process described the Task Force Committee work and Parish Consultation in each of the three deaneries. An important aspect of the three deanery meetings was that the parishes were able to come together, meet one another, and work together. A potential vision statement, a mission statement, and six priorities were established as a result of this process.

The six priorities are:

1. Increase true Christian community across the Diocese.
2. Steward resources in each Deanery to meet the needs of the population and to further the church's mission.
3. Build a deeper understanding of the roots of our faith in Diocesan Anglicans through a variety of educational methods.
4. Increase financial and human resources for parish and Diocesan support.

CARRIED.

Constitution and Canons Revisions

The Diocesan Chancellor and Chair of Constitution and Canons Committee spoke to the proposed changes and gave an explanation behind the changes.

Due to shortness of time for discussion, Bishop Andrews recommended that the motion regarding the proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons be postponed until Saturday.

Presentation of Same Sex Motion

68-15

Motion by: The Rev. Don Byrt

Seconded by: Mr. Nestor Michasiw

That the resolution *“Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where at least one party is baptized, and to authorize rites for such blessings”* **be tabled until after General Synod 2010.**

(Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)

DEFEATED.

68-16

Motion by: The Rev. Peter Norman
Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: The Very Rev.

That this the 68th Session of Synod votes by orders.

(Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)

DEFEATED.

Debate was opened on the original motion.

68-17

Motion by: The Rev. Canon Colin Clay

Seconded by: Ms. Cathy Hartsook

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where at least one party is baptized, and to authorize rites for such blessings.

(Clergy and Lay voting together by standing)

DEFEATED.

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The Bishop spoke on the results of the previous motion. He encouraged Synod to guard the unity of the church. He appreciated the depth of discussion reflected on where the church is on the issue. We need to commit ourselves to the actions of General Synod and to commit ourselves on how we live together as brothers and sisters in Christ. He reminded Synod members that the conversation cannot end with this vote.

Adjournment

Synod was adjourned for the evening at 10:05 pm.

Saturday, April 5th, 2008

Morning Praise

Synod re-convened at 8:50 am with morning worship led by the Rev. Paula Foster assisted at the piano by Ms. Cathy Hartsook.

Orders of the Day

The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe reported that there were no changes to the Agenda.

Response to the Bishop's Charge

Bishop Andrews invited members to discuss and respond to the "Bishop's Charge" at their table groups.

2007 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Mrs. Lorea Eufemia and the Ven. Richard Spencer offered brief explanations regarding the 2007 Budget and financial statements. Mrs. Eufemia introduced Mr. Scott Verity, auditor with the accounting firm KPMG. Mr. Verity reviewed the audited 2007 Financial statements. This was followed by an opportunity for Synod members to ask questions.

Resolutions Committee Report

68-18

Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Seconded by: Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

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That the 2007 Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

68-19

Motion by: The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe **Seconded by:** Mrs. Lorea Eufemia
That KPMG be appointed the Diocesan Auditor for 2008.

CARRIED.

The Bishop called for Resolution 68-20 from the Nominations Committee:

68-20

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin **Seconded by:** Mrs. Lorea Eufemia
Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon elect the delegates to attend the 39th Session of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2010.

CARRIED.

The Bishop called for a 15 minute break.

Synod reconvened – 11:10 am

Constitution and Canons

68-21

Motion by: Canon Dr. Beth Bilson **Seconded by:** The Ven.
Richard Spencer

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon approve the amendments to the Constitution and Canons as recommended by Diocesan Council.

CARRIED.

Bishop Andrews gave a vote of thanks to Canon Bilson and the Constitution and Canons Committee.

Continuation of Financial Considerations

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Mr. David Hassell, Financial Advisor from Raymond James Ltd. presented the Diocesan Investment Portfolio Review. Mr. Hassell noted that there are challenges in investing but there is potential for income growth.

Bishop Andrews thanked Mr. Hassell for his service to the Diocese.

Resolutions

68-22

Motion by: The Rev. Debbie Ramage **Seconded by:** Mrs. Mary McKay

Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon request the Bishop to dissolve the Diocesan Matrimonial Commission.

CARRIED.

Resolution #20 *“Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon forward to Diocesan Council for approval the Diocesan Matrimonial Commission’s revised application for permission to remarry form based on “Application for Permission to Remarry According to the Rites of the Church” as described in Schedule C of Canon XXI, “On Marriage in Church” of the Anglican Church of Canada.”* **was withdrawn due to the passing of Resolution 68-22.**

Noon Day Prayers were held at 12 noon and then the Synod adjourned for lunch.

Synod was suspended for lunch at 12:05 pm.

The Bishop called Synod members to order at 1:30 pm.

Nominations Committee Report

The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin provided an updated list of those nominated. Synod members were reminded that nominations would be received until 3 pm at which time nominations will cease with balloting scheduled to begin at 5 pm.

Mrs. Lauren Jardine, ACW president, announced a dinner for the women from Guyana in conjunction with the ACW Annual.

Resolutions Committee Report

Bishop Andrews called on Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford to present Synod with any new resolutions. There were none.

The Bishop welcomed visitors the Rev. Canon Stan Cuthand, retired clergy, and Mr. George Haines, a Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada.

Synod Address: The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Archbishop Hiltz shared some of his experiences in his new position as Primate. It is his desire to visit as many dioceses as possible so that he can have a picture of each diocese. He explained that he cannot be the chief Pastor for the Anglican Church of Canada and pray specifically for the dioceses unless he knows and experiences the dioceses. Through his visits, he sees the diversity of the church and how beautiful it is.

The Primate works closely with the House of Bishops dealing with common concerns and shares a pastoral relationship with the bishops. He is chair of the Anglican Foundation of Canada which has shifted its priorities from building programs to people programs. He encouraged all individuals and parishes to become members of the Foundation.

There has been a steep learning curve with his involvement in indigenous ministry. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is hearing and recording the history and the stories of those aboriginal people affected by the Residential Schools that has not been previously written down. Commendation was given to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism for the “Remembering the Children” event that took place in Saskatoon this past March.

In regard to the issue of sexuality and unity, the resolutions brought forward are not seen as defiance to General Synod but rather as a place to have debate. There are two questions to address: In gay and lesbian relationships, can we see something of the holiness of God? How can we share God’s love with others? The Anglican Church may never have consensus on the issue.

The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund is a good news story of help and work for justice, for disaster relief, and for dealing with oppressive regimes.

Within the Anglican Communion there is tension. The Anglican Consultative Council is trying to facilitate the co-operative work of the churches of the Anglican Communion

by exchanging information between the Provinces and churches and by helping to co-ordinate common action. The Council advises on the organisation and structures of the Communion, and seeks to develop common policies with respect to the world mission of the Church, including ecumenical matters. This group is going to have an increasing role in the differences we are experiencing. By 2010, all churches will gather together pushing political leaders to meet the Millennium Goals. We need to be visionary, have inspirational worship, train disciples, have authentic community, and have loving outreach.

Archbishop Hiltz's closing scripture was Luke 4:16-21.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, ²¹ and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Archbishop Hiltz's address was received with applause and standing ovation.

The Bishop called for a 15 minute break.

Synod reconvened at 3 pm.

BUSINESS SESSION

Resolutions

68-23

Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung

Seconded by: Mr. Scott Owens

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Be it resolved that this 68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon approve that the Fair Share Levy and the proposed diocesan budget be presented to the parishes by June 15 of each budget year to solicit their response(s) before the diocesan budget is finalized.

CARRIED.

The Ven. Peter Yeung withdrew the motion *“Be it resolved that this Synod replace present elected Diocesan Council members with four elected Diocesan Council members from each of the three deaneries. These Deanery representatives, made up of 2 clergy and 2 laity, would replace parish representatives and would be elected by meetings of each of the respective Greater Deanery Chapters”* with agreement of the seconder.

68-24

Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung
Wiebe

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Terry

Be it resolved that this Synod direct Diocesan Council to appoint a task force to change the structure and representation of Diocesan Council to reflect the demographics of the diocese and in the spirit of our accepted strategic plan.

CARRIED.

Future Directions Task Force

68-25

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson
Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann

Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council establishes an Implementation Task Force in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Appendix C of the Development Plan and which shall report on its progress to the Sessions of the Synod to be held in 2010 and 2012.

CARRIED.

68-26

Motion by: Pastor Jim Halmarson
Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: The Rev. Ann

Be it resolved that the Diocesan Council establish a Future Directions Task Force in accordance with the terms of reference contained in Appendix D of the Development Plan.

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Anglican and the Rev. Paula Foster serving as Chaplain to the Luther Care Community. We have infinite resources and he hopes that we can continue to find ways of doing mission together.

Elections

Ballots for Provincial Synod, General Synod and for the Constitutions and Canons Committee were distributed. Biographies were given for the nominees. Following these elections, delegates were directed to move to Regional Deanery Caucuses for balloting for Diocesan Council membership.

Synod adjourned at 6:15 pm for supper. Entertainment was presented by Mr. Mark Zielke followed by the Quintessential String Quintet.

The Saskatoon Deanery continued their election of members to Diocesan Council at 7 pm.

Sunday, April 6th, 2008

Morning Praise and Orders of the Day

Synod re-convened at 8:45 am with prayers and worship at St. John's Cathedral Parish Hall.

The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe notified Synod members that the Orders of the Day would proceed as presented in the agenda.

Nominations Committee Report on Elections

68-28

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin **Seconded by:** Mr. Geoff Cooke

Be it resolved that Synod approve the following list of persons elected by their Regional Deanery Caucuses pursuant of Regulation 15, as members of Diocesan Council until the next sitting of Synod:

Lay

Clergy

Western Deanery:

Mrs. Margaret Cooke, Biggar

The Rev. Peter Norman, Battle River

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Mr. Nicholas Krenn, Unity Central
Lloydminster
Mr. Scott Owens, Parkland

The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse,

Eastern Deanery

Mr. Barrie Broad, Humboldt
Ms. Lillian Fleck, Porcupine Plain
Elaine Hrycenko, Lintlaw/Endeavour

The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster, Quill View
The Rev. Alex Parsons, Greater Watrous

Saskatoon Deanery

Mr. Ken Bos, St. Mark's
Mr. Peter Coolen, St. George's
Mr. Peter Cornford, Good Shepherd
Dr. Michael MacGregor, All Saints
Mrs. Mercedes Montgomery, St. Timothy's
Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen, St. John's Cathedral
Mr. Monty Zadorozny, River Valley
Mrs. Charmaine Zevena, Holy Trinity

The Rev. Don Byrt, St. Stephen's
Pastor Jim Halmarson, Christ Church
The Rev. Joe Ponice, St. James'
The Rev. Gary Sinclair, St. Matthew's

(Votes having been cast by ballots)

CARRIED.

68-29

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin

Seconded by: The Ven. Dan Hughes

Be it resolved that Synod approve the following list of persons elected to the Constitution and Canons Committee, General Synod and Provincial Synod pursuant of Regulation 15.

1. Constitutions and Canons Committee

The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster
Mrs. Julia Davies

The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
The Rev. Gary Sinclair

2. Provincial Synod

Elected: Clergy
The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse
The Rev. Gary Sinclair
The Ven. Dan Hughes
The Very Rev. Glen Burgomaster

Lay
Mr. Ken Bos
Ms. Jessica Nicklin (Y)
Mr. Nestor Michasiw
Mrs. Mary McKay

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Alternates: The Rev. Sheila Martin
The Rev. Carlos Roberts
The Rev. Alex Parsons

Mr. Geoff Cooke
Mr. Mark Siddons (Y)
Mrs. Mercedes Montgomery
Ms. Lillian Fleck

3. General Synod

Elected: Clergy
Pastor Jim Halmarson
The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

Lay
Mrs. Lorea Eufemia
Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko
Ms. Meghan Lofgren
Mr. Taylor Grafton (Y)

Alternates: The Ven. Peter Yeung
The Rev. Debbie Ramage
The Rev. Canon Colin Clay
The Rev. Peter Norman

Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen
Dr. Walter Klaassen
Mr. Peter Coolen
Mr. Alex Dolman (Y)

(Votes having been cast by ballots)

CARRIED.

68-30

Motion by: The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin
Spencer

Seconded by: The Ven. Richard

That the ballots be destroyed.

(Clergy and Lay voting together by show of hands)

CARRIED.

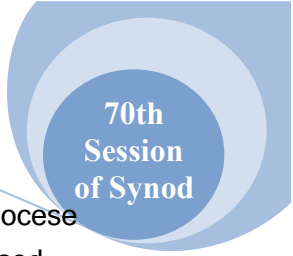
Bishop Andrews thanked the Nominating Committee for their work. Applause followed.

Bishop Andrews announced the members of the Grants Allocation Committee elected by Diocesan Council were Mr. Ken Bos, Mrs. Mary McKay, and Ms. Lillian Fleck. The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe and the Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford were appointed by the Bishop.

Partners' Reflections

Mrs. Barbara Thomas & Mrs. Zandra Hafeez – Mothers' Union, Diocese of Guyana

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Barbara and Zandra brought greetings from Bishop Randolph George and the Diocese of Guyana. They thanked the Synod for making their visit possible and expressed their appreciation for the privilege and pleasure of being a part of Synod.

Whether in Saskatoon or in Guyana, the Anglican Church encounters comparable problems with small and aging congregations, migrant populations, and financial issues. The format of Synod is very similar in the Diocese of Guyana. Both Barbara and Zandra were surprised and encouraged by the number of female priests in our diocese. They were also pleased that there was provision for youth to be a part of Synod. Guyana has benefited from the companionship relationship with the Diocese of Saskatoon. They hoped that the decisions made at this Synod would move the Diocese of Saskatoon into the future and that we would indeed move hope into action.

Resolutions – Unfinished Business

Bishop Andrews announced that there were no new motions to consider. He asked if there was any further business. None was presented.

Bishop concurred in all motions passed by Synod, noting that he had previously concurred with Motion 68-22.

Courtesy Resolutions

68-31

Motion by: The Ven. Peter Yeung
Lofgren

Seconded by: Ms. Meghan

Be it resolved that the 68th Session of Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon expresses its thanks and appreciation to the following people who have played particular and important roles in making this Synod successful. Without listing all they have done, we thank:

Primate	The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz
Diocesan Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews
Chancellor	Canon Beth Bilson

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Nominating Committee	The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin (chair) The Ven. Geoffrey Huggill Mr. Geoff Cooke Mr. Harvey Milton
Resolutions Committee	The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford (chair) Dr. Arne Paus-Jenssen Mr. Peter Coolin Canon Beth Bilson
Agenda Committee	The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe (chair) The Rev. Peter Norman Mrs. Lorea Eufemia The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews
Arrangements/Credentials Committee	Mrs. Betty Ann Horbay (chair) Mr. Michael Horbay Mrs. Betty Lloyd Mrs. Merce Montgomery Mrs. Marion Pope Mr. Jim Sharp Mrs. Tannis Sharp Mrs. Ruth Zuk Mr. Bernie Zuk
Scrutineers	The Ven. Richard Spencer (chair) Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko Mr. Don Coomber The Rev. Gary Sinclair
Chaplain	Pastor Hugh Farmer
Lay Secretary	Mrs. Pat Skinner
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse
Worship Leadership during Synod Sessions	The Rev. Karen Sandell (chair) Mr. John Seib The Rev. Paula Foster Ms. Cathy Hartsook Ms. Katie Nichol
Orientation	The Rev. Gary Sinclair The Rev. Debbie Ramage
Regional Deans for Deanery elections	The Rev. Sheila Martin The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin The Rev. Karen Sandell

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Guests & Partners	Mrs. Mary Ann Assailly Dr. Walter Deller Rev. Hugh Farmer Mrs. Jean Green Mrs. Zandra Hafeez Archbishop Fred Hiltz Bishop Tom Morgan Ms. Lesia Olchoway Mrs. Jacqueline Plante Mrs. Barbara Thomas
Auditor from KPMG	Mr. Scott Verity
Financial Advisor, Raymond James	Mr. David Hassell
Synod Office Staff	Mrs. Lorea Eufemia Ms. Shauna Milner Mr. Steve Draude
Entertainment	Mr. Mark Zielke Quintessential String Quartet
Musicians for Jazz Eucharist	Pastor David Hunter Pastor Paul Sartison Mr. Don Griffiths Mr. Sheldon Corbitt Mr. Glenn Enns
	Members & Staff of St. John's Cathedral
	Management & Staff of The Willows Golf & Country Club
Displays	Church Mouse PWRDF
	All Parishes and their representatives
	All others who have helped and remained hidden.

CARRIED with applause.

Bishop Andrews expressed thanks to Mrs. Lorea Eufemia and Ms. Shauna Milner for their work.

Canon Beth Bilson declared that the 68th Synod be adjourned at 9:25 am.

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The logo for the 70th Session of Synod is located in the top right corner. It consists of three concentric circles in shades of blue. The text "70th Session of Synod" is centered within the innermost circle.

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The closing Eucharist took place at 10:30 am at St. John's Cathedral with the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz preaching.