

Synod 2015 Resolutions

Resolutions for debate

Resolution No. 1 (Debate List)

Mover: Geri Grigg
Second: The Rev. Steve Bailey

RESOLVED THAT we affirm the Christian values inherent in the concept of the "Living Wage" and commit to exploring the process of becoming a Living Wage Employer through the leadership and direction of Diocesan Council and the appropriate Standing Committee over the next year.

Resolutions not for debate (no debate list)

Resolution No. 2 (No Debate List)

Mover: The Standing Committee on Ministry & Mission
No seconder required.

RESOLVED THAT the following programs receive funding through care+share through the two year period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017:

- (a) St. Paul's Homeless Outreach Program (associated with St. Paul, West End); and
- (b) Community Support Ministry Collaboration Project: Hudson Street Hub and Kerrisdale-Marpole Community Pastoral Resource Centre (associated with St Augustine, Marpole and St. Faith, Vancouver)

Resolution No 3. (No Debate List)

Mover: The Rev. Jeremy Clark-King
Second: The Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett

RESOLVED THAT this Synod forward the following memorial to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada:

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL SYNOD FROM THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whereas:

1. Oscar Arnulfo Romero incorporates all the traits (*Heroic faith, The fruit of the Spirit, Christian engagement, and Recognition by the Christian Community*) identified in the guiding principles for the work of the Anglican Church of Canada and its Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee that is reviewing the calendar of our church; and
2. Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980, is commemorated in the Calendar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada on March 24th; and
3. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada; therefore,

Be it resolved that the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada add Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, 1980 to The Calendar of the Church Year on March 24th, the date of his death.

Resolution No 4. (No Debate List)

Mover: The Venerable Douglas Fenton

Seconder: The Reverend Wilmer Toyoken

RESOLVED THAT Synod requests the Bishop to send a message to Bishop Lai and the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Taiwan thanking them for their fifteen year partnership in prayer and visitations between our two dioceses and assuring them that as our Companion Diocese Agreement concludes we shall continue to hold them in prayer as we work together in God's mission in the world.

Resolution No 5. (No Debate List)

Mover: The Venerable Douglas Fenton

Seconder: The Reverend Wilmer Toyoken

RESOLVED THAT Synod requests the Bishop to appoint a Working Group to explore a new Companion Diocese Agreement and to report its recommendation to her and Diocesan Council before the Mission Conference convenes in 2016.

Resolution #6.

Mover: The Rev. Vivian Lam

Seconder: The Rev. Kelly Duncan

RESOLVED THAT Synod affirms the value of diversity at all levels of church leadership structures, in order to more fully reflect the diversity of God's people in the Diocese of New Westminster and better leverage their many gifts for the purpose of furthering the Gospel

Resolution #7.

Mover: The Rev. Vivian Lam
Secunder: The Rev. Kelly Duncan

RESOLVED THAT Synod commits to every diocesan committee, diocesan unit group, and diocesan delegation to national committees having on their agenda for 2015 an assessment of the current make-up of their respective bodies; as well as discussion of concrete ways in which these bodies might move toward greater diversity in membership in all areas (including but not limited to gender, age, race, culture, experience, etc.), and in particular articulating a plan for identifying, nurturing, and developing new potential candidates for membership by Synod 2017 that would increase diversity and directs Diocesan Council to take such action as may be necessary to achieve the above goal.

Resolution #8

Mover: Bob Hardy
Secunder: David Swan

RESOLVED THAT Synod requests that the Bishop appoint a task force to review the Assessment Formula; to bring recommendations regarding the Assessment Formula to the next regular Synod in 2017; and to provide an interim report to Diocesan Council by October 2016.