

Resolutions

***Approved by the 119th Synod the Diocese of New Westminster,
May 24 and 25, 2019***

***All the Resolutions listed below except for Resolution 1 are still awaiting the
assent of the Archbishop.***

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Mover: Constitution and Canons Committee

Second: Not required when moved by Committee

RESOLVED:

(1) THAT the proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in the form circulated to this Synod be received.

(2) THAT the proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in the form so received be amended to include all changes, if any, that were proposed and passed by this Synod while meeting in the committee of the whole (the said proposed Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order as amended herein called the "Draft Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order").

(3) THAT the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Diocese be repealed and replaced with Draft Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order effective at 12:01 a.m. on (i) the day following the date they are assented to by the Bishop or (ii) such later date as the Bishop shall prescribe when granting her assent (the "Effective Date").

(4) THAT the following provisions shall apply in respect of the transition from the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in effect before the Effective Date (the "Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order") to the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order in effect as of the Effective Date (the "New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order"):

a. All diocesan and parish regulations and policies in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date are hereby continued and shall remain in effect as if passed or created under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

b. All persons appointed or elected to diocesan or parish positions in accordance with the Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order shall be deemed to have been elected or appointed under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order as of the date of their election or appointment under the Prior Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order and shall continue in office for the balance of their term then remaining or until removed or replaced in accordance with the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

c. Each parish Church Committee (whether previously called the Church Committee, Parish Council or other similar name) in existence immediately prior to the Effective Date shall each be deemed to be a Parish Council under the New Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Mover: 117th Session of Synod (See Resolution 3 of the Minutes of the 117th Session reproduced at pages 97 and 98 of the convening circular of the 119th Session.)

Second: Not required.

Remarks: This resolution requires a 2/3 majority at 2 Regular Synods to pass. It received a 2/3 majority at the 117th Session. This Synod is the next regular Synod following the 117th Session.

ANGLICAN INITIATIVES FUND INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ELECTED ADMINISTRATORS 2

RESOLVED AS A 2/3 MAJORITY RESOLUTION OF SYNOD:

1. THAT the number of Administrators for the Anglican Initiatives Fund be increased by amending paragraph 2.6 [Administrators] of Regulation 21 [Anglican Initiatives Fund] as follows:

(note that only clauses (a) and (c) are changing; the other clauses are provided for context only)

DELETE:

2.6 Administrators

- (a) The Fund shall have five (5) Administrators.
- (b) The Bishop, Treasurer and Chancellor shall be Administrators by virtue of their office.
- (c) Two (2) Administrators (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Elected Administrators") shall be elected by Synod and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election. One of the Elected Administrators shall be a cleric and the other shall be a lay person. Elected Administrators, at the time of their taking office shall be communicants of at least one year's standing and at least 21 years of age. Elected Administrators need not be members of Synod. No elected Administrator shall serve in office for more than three consecutive terms. Except as aforesaid, all Elected Administrators are eligible for re-election.
- (d) Any vacancy in the office of Elected Administrator may be filled by appointment or election by Diocesan Council.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the first Elected Administrators shall be elected by Diocesan Council and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election.

REPLACE WITH:

2.6 Administrators

- (a) The Fund shall have seven (7) Administrators.
- (b) The Bishop, Treasurer and Chancellor shall be Administrators by virtue of their office.
- (c) Four (4) Administrators (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Elected Administrators") shall be elected by Synod and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election. Two of the Elected Administrators shall be clergy and the other two shall be lay persons.

Elected Administrators, at the time of their taking office shall be communicants of at least one year's standing and at least 21 years of age. Elected Administrators need not be members of Synod. No elected Administrator shall serve in office for more than three consecutive terms. Except as aforesaid, all Elected Administrators are eligible for re-election.

(d) Any vacancy in the office of Elected Administrator may be filled by appointment or election by Diocesan Council.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the first Elected Administrators shall be elected by Diocesan Council and shall serve a term expiring at the closing of the first regular synod after their election.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Mover: 117th Session of Synod (See Resolution 3 of the Minutes of the 117th Session reproduced at pages 99 and 100 of the convening circular of the 119th Session.)

Second: Not required.

Remarks: This resolution requires a 2/3 majority at 2 Regular Synods to pass. It received a 2/3 majority at the 117th Session. This Synod is the next regular Synod following the 117th Session.

ANGLICAN INITIATIVES FUND
CHANGE TO AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

RESOLVED AS A 2/3 MAJORITY RESOLUTION OF SYNOD:

1. THAT the procedure for amending Regulation 21 [Anglican Initiatives Fund] be changed by amending paragraph 6.3 [Special Restriction on Amendment] of Regulation 21 [Anglican Initiatives Fund] as follows:

(note that only clause (a) is changing; the other clauses are provided for context only)

DELETE:

6.3 Special Restrictions on Amendment.

The substance of the provisions of paragraphs 1.1, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 (except clause 2.6(e)), 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of this Regulation may not be amended without:

- (a) the approval of a two thirds majority of Synod expressed at two consecutive regular sessions of Synod; and,
- (b) the assent of the Bishop.

For the purposes of this Paragraph 6.3, the creation of a Canon in replacement of this Regulation shall be considered an amendment to this Regulation.

REPLACE WITH:

6.3 Special Restrictions on Amendment.

The substance of the provisions of paragraphs 1.1, 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 (except clause 2.6(e)), 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of this Regulation may not be amended without:

- (a) the approval of a two thirds majority of Synod; and,
- (b) the assent of the Bishop.

For the purposes of this Paragraph 6.3, the creation of a Canon in replacement of this Regulation shall be considered an amendment to this Regulation

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Mover: Diocesan Council

Second: Not required.

THAT the definition of “Parish Operating Receipts” be amended by deleting exclusion (2) from the from the following phrase:

(note that only clause (2) is changing; the other clauses are provided for context only)

BUT does not include:

- (1) All receipts for onward transmission, e.g. P.W.R.D.F., Anglican Appeal, Canadian Bible Society, Diocesan voluntary contribution programmes (such as the care+share programme), Anglican Initiatives Fund, etc.;
- (2) Any diocesan grant or allocation made:
 - a. Under the Parish Development Grant programme,
 - b. in respect of curacy support,
 - c. as a care+share grant or
 - d. from the Diocesan Fair Share Fund;...
 - e. outside grants for the mission and ministry of parishes

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Mover: The Reverend Allan Carson

Second: The Reverend Vivian Seegers

THAT in a gesture of restitution and reconciliation guided by our baptismal covenant, the Five Marks of Mission, the biblical jubilee, and our diocesan commitments to Indigenous justice; Synod requests Diocesan Council, the Management, Finance and Property Committee and the Mission and Ministry Development Committee create mechanisms and expedient reporting for the direction of funds from the sale of/future sale of any properties and buildings since January 1, 2018 such that:

- In consultation with appropriate local Indigenous leadership including matriarchs, 5% of funds be returned to the Indigenous Nations and communities including Métis and Inuit who are the ancestral caretakers of that land for use as they see fit.
- 2.5% of funds are set aside to fund and endow Indigenous justice, reconciliation, and Indigenous-led ministries in our diocese.
- 2.5% of funds are forwarded to the Anglican Church of Canada Indigenous Ministries to provide tangible financial support for the self-determining Indigenous Anglican Church within the Anglican Church of Canada.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Mover: The Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development.

Second: Not required.

THAT the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development recommends to Synod that the Urban Aboriginal Ministry be the care+share recipient from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Mover: The Reverend Stephen Rowe

Second: Helen Brown

THAT the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster receives "A Word to the Church: Considering the proposed amendment of Marriage Canon XXI" (passed by consensus by the Council of General Synod on March 16, 2019) with gratitude and affirms its five affirmations:

Affirmation #1

Indigenous Spiritual Self-determination

Whatever the action of the church at this General Synod, we affirm the right of Indigenous persons and communities to spiritual self-determination in their discernment and decisions regarding same-sex marriage.

Affirmation #2

Diverse Understandings of the Existing Canon

We affirm that, while there are different understandings of the existing Marriage Canon, those bishops and synods who have authorized liturgies for the celebration and blessing of a marriage between two people of the same sex understand that the existing Canon does not prohibit same-sex marriage.

Affirmation #3

Diverse Understandings and Teachings

We acknowledge the ongoing reality that there is a diversity of understandings and teachings about marriage in the Anglican Church of Canada, and we affirm the prayerful integrity with which those understandings and teachings are held.

Affirmation #4

Our Commitment to Presume Good Faith

We affirm our commitment to presume good faith among those who hold diverse understandings and teachings, and hold dear their continued presence in this church.

Affirmation #5

Our Commitment to Stand Together

We affirm our commitment to walk together and to preserve communion, one with another, in Christ, within this church, within our Anglican Communion, and with our ecumenical partners.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Mover: Levi Saunders
Second: The Reverend Laurel Dykstra

THAT,

- This Synod recognizes a climate emergency;
- All investment and financial decisions in the diocese be made in keeping with our moral obligation to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and transition towards renewable energy;
- The Diocese of New Westminster supports all parishes in efforts to reduce their emissions and that such efforts be documented in annual vestry reports made by parishes;
- The diocese and parishes of New Westminster seek out opportunities within our communities and in partnership with others to respond to the growing crisis that lies before us;
- A report on the progress of the diocese in reducing our collective carbon footprint and our efforts to support a just transition to renewable energies be provided at each Synod beginning in 2021, including the installation of two (2) EV charging facilities at the Synod Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Mover: James Profitt
Second: The Reverend Karen Saunders

THAT this Synod directs Diocesan Council to investigate, clarify and act to determine insurance coverage for deacons and other non-stipendiary clergy.

And that Diocesan Council be directed to make public the results to that all affected parties are informed.

(Referred to Diocesan Council)

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Mover: The Reverend David Price
Second: The Reverend Allan Carson

THAT Synod request and approve for the installation of a minimum of two electric car charging stations at the Diocesan offices at 1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, BC.

(Withdrawn. Resolution 10 was used as a friendly amendment to Resolution 8, the amendment was approved and was added to the last bullet point of Resolution 8)

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Mover: The Reverend Eileen Nurse
Second: The Reverend John Stephens

THAT this Synod asks the Archbishop and Diocesan Council to develop and enact a policy on Gender Equality with the goal of having our leadership better reflect the gender diversity of our diocese.

(Referred to Diocesan Council)

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Mover: The Reverend Trudi Shaw
Second: The Very Reverend Peter Elliott

THAT this Synod; in recognition and celebration of the life and legacy of the late Jean Vanier; asks Diocesan Council, through the Synod Office Staff, to identify ways of sharing the L'Arche Model of intentional community with parishes of the diocese

And further, that this Synod express thanks to Archbishop Melissa Skelton for her ongoing leadership, especially within the capital campaign of L'Arche Greater Vancouver.

(Referred to Diocesan Council)