

*Convening Circular and Synod Journal
for the 122nd Session of*

THE SYNOD
of the
DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER



*“Jesus said: I came that they may have
life, and have it abundantly”
(John 10:10b)*

May 12 and 13, 2023
Italian Cultural Centre
Vancouver, BC

Acknowledgement

The Diocese of New Westminster acknowledges that its place of worship, service, work and praise is located on the ancestral, traditional, sacred and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.

It is our duty to reaffirm our best intent to work towards the path of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Prayer for Synod

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Synod of this diocese for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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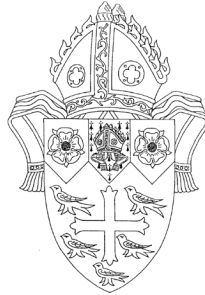
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Circular

For the 122nd Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster



April 6, 2023

Dear Officers and Delegates to Synod:

We are instructed by the Bishop of New Westminster to inform you that in accordance with Article 2 of the Constitution, he summons the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster to meet on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre (3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver) beginning with Holy Eucharist. Synod will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023 with Morning Prayer, again at the Italian Cultural Centre.

In accordance with Article 3.1, this session of Synod will elect the Clerical Secretary of Synod, the Lay Secretary of Synod, Treasurer, members of Diocesan Council, clergy and lay delegates to General Synod, clergy and lay delegates to Provincial Synod, members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments, members of the Court of the Diocese of New Westminster and Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund.

Nominations for all positions will close on Friday, May 12 2023, at 2 pm.

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The Reverend Justin Cheng

Clerical Secretary

Handwritten signature of Belinda Kishimoto.

Mrs. Belinda Kishimoto

Lay Secretary

Information for Delegates

The 122nd Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster will be held on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 2023. Synod will be in person only.

The Synod registration will open on Friday May 12 at 8:00 a.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre. The formal Synod will convene at 8:45 a.m. and will continue until approx. 5.30 p.m. Synod will then reconvene on Saturday May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre and will be in session until approximately 4:30 p.m.

Paperwork!

Several years ago Diocesan Synod passed a motion that directed Synod material be distributed electronically as much as possible. Accordingly, the primary distribution of the Synod Circular and all related materials will be electronic, via e-mail and available for download from the Diocesan website at <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/about/synod> in early May. Wi-Fi access may be available at the Italian Cultural Centre – but we strongly encourage delegates to download all information onto their electronic devices ahead of time.

Delegates requiring a printed version of the Circular should print one before arriving at Synod, either at home or at their parish. Updates on nominations and resolutions will be provided on paper during the Synod.

If you are not able to access this material electronically or have other questions about Synod documentation, please contact Elias Neto at 604-684-6306 ext. 210 at the Synod Office.

Synod 2023 Location

We will be returning to the Italian Cultural Centre (ICC) which is located at:

3075 Slocan Street (at Grandview Highway)
Vancouver, BC V5M 3E4

There is ample parking on site and the building is wheelchair accessible.

The nearest Skytrain station is Renfrew Station on the Millennium Line.

Comfort

It is always a challenge to find the perfect temperature for a large number of people; you may need a light sweater or wrap if the air conditioning is too cool for you.

Schedule and Agenda

Friday's schedule begins with registration at 8 a.m. with Welcome and Holy Eucharist commencing at 8.45 a.m. We will conclude on Friday around 5.30pm. Late registration will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. Saturday will finish by 4:30 p.m. A basic agenda outline will be found in the Synod Circular and on the diocesan website.

Regrets – Active Clergy

All active clergy licensed by the Bishop in parish ministry or chaplaincy are reminded that attendance at Synod is required. Exceptions can only be made by the Bishop.

Please contact him immediately to request permission to be absent. His email address is jstephens@vancouver.anglican.ca.

Meals

Lunch will be provided on both days, and this year we are pleased to announce that there will be baked goods and tea/coffee served Friday and Saturday morning on arrival. Please note there will not be an evening reception or bar this year.

If you have a special dietary need or requirement, please contact Elias Neto at 604-684-6306 ext. 210 or by email at eneto@vancouver.anglican.ca by **May 1 2023** to discuss special arrangements.

Childcare

We are once again offering on-site childcare for children aged 0-12 years whose parents are delegates to Diocesan Synod. Childcare is available while Synod is in session, and meals are spent with delegate parents. This care will be coordinated by the Reverend Jessica Schaap, Missioner for Christian Formation and provided by experienced caregivers. If you will need childcare for Friday or Saturday or both, please send Jessica an email by **May 1 2023** with the names and ages of your children and when you would require care for them during Synod. Jessica's email address is jschaap@vancouver.anglican.ca.

Events for Young Delegates

The Diocesan Youth Movement (DYM) will once again be organizing a lunch with the bishop for young delegates (aged 15-26). The lunch will be on Saturday, May 13th. The DYM will email all youth delegates with further details before we meet.

Offering

An offering will be received during the Eucharist. It will be directed toward support of the Street Outreach Initiative based in Downtown Eastside Vancouver.

Resolutions

All Resolutions must be submitted by the mover and seconder, and given to Ms Jennifer Dezell, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee via the Synod Office. The Resolutions Committee will review and determine whether or not the Resolution is in Order according to the Rules of Order of the Synod.

The best way to submit resolutions is by email to Jennifer Dezell, Chair of Resolutions at resolutions@vancouver.anglican.ca.

Nominations

At Synod we will be holding several elections for diocesan positions. Please see the letter from the Nominations Committee for further details. This has already been distributed. Further information can be found on the Diocesan website. For any questions or clarification contact Kerry Baisley, Chair of Nominations Committee at nominations@vancouver.anglican.ca.

Positions to be Elected at Synod

Diocesan Treasurer

One person to be elected by Synod

Secretaries of Synod

One Clerical Secretary and one Lay Secretary are to be elected. Voting is the same as Board of Discipline.

Archdeaconry Representatives to Diocesan Council

There are two Archdeaconry Representatives (one Clergy and one Lay) elected in each of six archdeaconries. At Synod, the registered Delegates of each Archdeaconry vote to elect members to Council from their own Archdeaconry. Please note that terms are for two years.

Youth Representatives to Diocesan Council

Two Youth Representatives (aged 15-25 on May 12th, 2023) are elected to serve a two-year term.

Court of the Diocese

Three Priests and three Laypersons, to be elected by Synod; Laypersons to be 23 years old or more, and communicants of at least three years standing in the Diocese.

- Lay vote for both
- Clergy vote for both

Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments

Three clergy persons for a two-year term. Three lay persons for a two-year term.

Anglican Initiatives Fund

Two clergy and two lay Administrators for a term ending upon the final adjournment of the next regular Synod following their election Administrators shall be communicants of at least one year's standing and at least 21 years of age.

General Synod for 2023

One from the Laity and one member who is 16 years at the opening of General Synod and under 26 years at the prorogation of General Synod.

General Synod for 2025

Three from each of the Clergy and the Laity (with an average attendance of 5,000 to 9,999) and one member who is 16 years at the opening of General Synod and under 26 years at the prorogation of General Synod.

Provincial Synod

Three from the Laity and two Clergy.

Synod Committees

The Bishop announces the appointment of the following Synod Committees. Matters affecting any of these Committees should be referred directly to the Chairperson.

Committee on Credentials

Ms. Sharon Grove, ODNW
Mr. Donald Paul, ODNW

Committee on Memorials

The Reverend Miranda Sutherland (Chair)

Committee on Messages

The Reverend Joseph Dirbas (Chair)

Committee on Nominations

Mr. Kerry Baisley, ODNW (chair)
The Reverend Laurel Dahill
The Reverend Tellison Glover
The Venerable Philippa Pride

Committee on Planning

Mr. Phil Colvin
Ms. Jennifer Dezell, ODNW
The Reverend Alecia Greenfield
The Venerable Richard Leggett
The Reverend Helen Lingham
The Venerable Philippa Pride
The Right Reverend John Stephens

Committee on Resolutions

Ms. Jennifer Dezell, ODNW (Chair)
Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgson
Ms Jane Hope
The Reverend Katherine Hough
The Venerable Kevin Hunt
The Reverend Sharon Smith

Committee on Worship

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler

The Reverend David Taylor

Returning Officer

Ms. Susan Tufts

Vote of Thanks

The Reverend Adam Yates

Bishop's Report

This report covers events from April 2, 2021 to April 1, 2023.

Ordinations

The Revd Amanda Leigh Ruston, ordained to the Priesthood, June 12, 2021.

The Revd José-Luis Aranda Moyano, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 12, 2021.

The Revd Brynn Craffey, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 12, 2021.

The Revd Montgomery Tugwete, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 12, 2021.

The Revd Martha Mary Cameron, ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, December 4, 2021.

The Revd Neil Bruce Seedhouse, ordained to the Vocational Diaconate, December 4, 2021.

The Revd José Luis Aranda Moyano, ordained to the Priesthood, effective June 11, 2022.

The Revd Brynn Craffey, ordained to the Priesthood, effective June 11, 2022.

The Revd Lori Kathleen Martin, ordained to the Priesthood, effective June 11, 2022.

The Revd Montgomery Tugwete, ordained to the Priesthood, effective June 11, 2022.

Installation

[None]

Received from Other Dioceses

The Revd Kenneth Nelson Vinal, received from the Diocese of Central Florida (TEC, USA), effective May 27, 2021.

The Revd William Allan Isenor, received from the Diocese of Edmonton, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd Armand Mercier, received from the Diocese of Edmonton, effective August 1, 2021.

The Revd Lorne Andrew Manweiler, received from the Diocese of Edmonton, effective October 5, 2021.

The Revd Robert William James, received from the Diocese of Bath and Wells (Church of England, UK), effective July 1, 2022.

Transferred to Other Dioceses

The Revd Adela Torchia, transferred to the Diocese of British Columbia, effective October 5, 2021.

The Revd Stuart Peter Hallam, transferred to the Diocese of Exeter (Church of England, UK), effective November 24, 2021.

The Revd Ayoob Shawkat Adwar, transferred to the Diocese of St Albans (Church of England, UK), effective February 26, 2022.

The Revd Karl Andrzej Przywala, transferred to the Diocese of Brisbane (Australia), effective May 5, 2022.

The Revd Armand Denis Mercier, transferred to the Diocese of Edmonton, effective September 7, 2022.

The Most Revd Melissa Maxine Skelton, transferred to the Diocese of Olympia (TEC, USA), effective January 31, 2023.

The Revd Denise Lynn Doerksen, transferred to the Diocese of British Columbia, effective February 15, 2023.

The Revd Allen Victor Doerksen, transferred to the Diocese of British Columbia, effective February 15, 2023.

Recognition of Orders

The Revd Sungwook James Hwang, received from the Roman Catholic Church, St John, Shaughnessy, December 3, 2022.

Special Resignations/Appointments

Ms Roxanne Bruendl, appointed Lay Associate Pastor, St George, Maple Ridge, effective April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Ms Donna Wong-Juliani, appointed Co-Chair, Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit, effective April 4, 2021.

The Revd Cameron Michael Northcott Gutjahr, appointed Regional Dean of Sea to Sky, effective May 4, 2021.

The Revd Gordon William Barrett, term completed, Regional Dean of Royal City-South Burnaby, effective May 15, 2021.

The Revd Gregory Scott Jenkins, appointed Regional Dean of Royal City-South Burnaby, effective May 15, 2021.

The Revd Jonathan Wilford Lloyd, resigned, Regional Dean of Sea to Sky, effective May 31, 2021.

The Revd Michael Henry John Batten, resigned, Co-Chair, Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit, effective June 24, 2021.

The Revd David Matthew Taylor, appointed Co-Chair, Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit, effective August 23, 2021.

The Revd Kelly Shannon Duncan, term completed, Regional Dean of Golden Ears, effective November 30, 2021.

The Revd Laurel Anne Dahill, appointed Regional Dean of Golden Ears, effective December 1, 2021.

The Revd Allan Carson, term completed, Archdeacon of Lougheed, effective December 3, 2021.

The Venerable Kelly Shannon Duncan, appointed Archdeacon of Lougheed, effective December 4, 2021.

The Revd Christine Elizabeth Rowe, term completed, Regional Dean of Point Grey, effective March 31, 2022.

Ms Roxanne Bruendl, re-appointed Lay Associate Pastor, St George, Maple Ridge, effective April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

The Revd Lorne Andrew Manweiler, appointed Regional Dean of Point Grey, effective April 1, 2022.

The Venerable Bruce Edric Morris, term completed, Archdeacon for Deacon, effective May 31, 2022.

The Venerable Margaret Kathleen Trendell-Jensen, appointed Archdeacon for Deacons, effective June 1, 2022.

The Revd Patrick Harvey Blaney, term completed, Regional Dean of North Vancouver, effective July 10, 2022.

The Revd Wilmer Dacawag Toyoken, term completed, Regional Dean of Kingsway, effective July 10, 2022.

The Revd Helen Charlotte Dunn, appointed Regional Dean of North Vancouver, effective July 11, 2022.

The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, appointed, Regional Dean of Kingsway, effective July 11, 2022.

The Venerable Gordon Douglas Fenton, retired, Archdeacon of Vancouver (Executive Archdeacon), effective January 4, 2023.

The Venerable Philippa Louise Pride, appointed, Archdeacon of Vancouver (Executive Archdeacon), effective January 5, 2023.

The Venerable Richard Geoffrey Leggett, term completed, Archdeacon of Westminster, effective March 31, 2023.

Appointments Within the Diocese

The Revd Patrick Harvey Blaney, appointed Rector, St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, effective September 1, 2015 (not reported to Synod 2017).

The Revd Wilmer Dacawag Toyoken, appointed Rector, St Michael, Vancouver, effective December 1, 2018 (retroactive appointment, dated July 5, 2022).

The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Point Grey, effective February 15, 2021 (retroactive appointment, dated March 1, 2022).

The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective April 11, 2021.

The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed, Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective April 12, 2021.

The Revd Philippa Louise Segrave-Pride, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Philip, Dunbar, effective April 12, 2021.

The Revd Patricia Anne Ratcliffe, appointed Deacon, St Laurence, Coquitlam and St Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam, effective April 14, 2021.

The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, appointed Vicar, Holy Cross, Vancouver, effective May 1, 2021.

The Revd Clarence Wing On Li, appointed, Assistant to the Priest-in-Charge (Non-stipendiary), St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibsons, effective May 3, 2021.

The Revd Paula Porter Leggett, appointed, Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective June 1, 2021.

The Revd Kenneth Nelson Vinal, appointed Rector, St Stephen, West Vancouver, effective June 1, 2021.

The Revd Wesley Bert Hills, appointed Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective June 12, 2021.

The Revd Georgina Harris, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Columba, Pitt Meadows, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd William Allan Isenor, appointed Rector, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd Amanda Leigh Ruston appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St James, Vancouver, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, appointed, Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), Holy Spirit, Whonnock, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd José Luis Aranda Moyano, appointed Assistant Curate (Deacon), St Paul, Vancouver, effective August 1, 2021.

The Revd Armand Denis Mercier, appointed Vicar, St Alban, Richmond, effective August 1, 2021.

The Revd Armand Denis Mercier, appointed Assistant to the Rector (Pastoral Care), Christ Church Cathedral, effective August 1, 2021.

The Venerable Stephen Douglas Muir, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Martin, North Vancouver effective August 1, 2021.

The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, appointed Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Oswald, Port Kells, effective August 1, 2021.

The Revd Helen Charlotte Dunn, appointed Rector, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective 16 August 2021.

The Revd Melanie Calabrigo, appointed Assistant to the Rector (Pastoral Care), Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 1, 2021.

The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver effective September 1, 2021.

The Revd Montgomery Tugwete, appointed Assistant Curate (Deacon), St Alban the Martyr, Burnaby and Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster, effective September 1, 2021.

The Revd Marlece Roberta Peterson, appointed Rector, St Anne, Steveston, effective September 15, 2021.

The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver effective September 30, 2021.

The Revd Lorne Andrew Manweiler, appointed Rector, St Philip, Dunbar, effective October 1, 2021.

The Revd Clare Elisabeth Morgan, appointed Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective October 1, 2021.

The Revd Philippa Louise Segrave-Pride, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Surrey, effective October 16, 2021.

The Revd Terry Shields Dirbas, appointed Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective December 1, 2021.

The Revd Martha Mary Cameron, appointed Deacon, St Barnabas, New Westminster, effective December 4, 2021.

The Revd Neil Bruce Seedhouse, appointed Deacon, St Barnabas, New Westminster, effective December 4, 2021.

The Revd Arvin Baing Amayag, appointed Rector, St Mary, Sapperton, effective January 1, 2022.

The Very Revd Peter Gordon Elliott, appointed Interim Director of Anglican Formation, Vancouver School of Theology, effective January 1, 2022.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Martin, North Vancouver, effective January 1, 2022.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective January 1, 2022.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Associate Director of Anglican Formation, Vancouver School of Theology, effective January 1, 2022.

The Revd Jonathan David Pinkney, appointed Temporary Priest-in-Charge, St Christopher, West Vancouver, effective February 1, 2022.

The Revd Elizabeth Helen Mathers, appointed Deacon, Salal and Cedar Watershed Ministry, effective April 11, 2022.

The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, appointed Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, Vancouver, effective May 6, 2022.

The Revd Adam Lee Dawkins, appointed Assistant Curate (Deacon), Christ Church Cathedral, effective June 1, 2022.

The Revd Joseph James Dirbas, appointed Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective June 1, 2022.

The Revd José Luis Aranda Moyano, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St Paul, Vancouver, effective June 11, 2022.

The Revd Montgomery Tugwete, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St Alban the Martyr, Burnaby, and Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster, effective June 11, 2022.

The Revd Brynn Craffey, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St Thomas, Vancouver, effective July 1, 2022.

The Revd Robert William James, appointed Associate Professor of Anglican Formation and Studies, Vancouver School of Theology, effective July 1, 2022.

The Venerable Stephanie Shepard, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Chad, Kitsilano, effective July 1, 2022.

The Revd Lorie Kathleen Martin, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St Andrew, Langley and St Thomas, Chilliwack effective July 16, 2022.

The Revd Lucy Jane Price, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St David and St Paul, Powell River, effective July 16, 2022.

The Revd Areta Darshanee Bridgemohan, appointed Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective July 17, 2022.

The Revd Stephen Allan Laskey, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective September 1, 2022.

The Venerable Luisito Fernandez Engnan, appointed Priest-in-Charge, St Alban, Richmond, effective September 1, 2022.

The Revd Roberta Mary Fraser, appointed Assistant to the Rector, St Mary, Kerrisdale, effective September 1, 2022.

The Revd Bill Yee-Ching Mok, appointed Missioner for Chinese Language Ministry, effective October 1, 2022.

The Revd Stephen Boyd Thompson, appointed Deacon, St Helen, Surrey, effective October 16, 2022.

The Revd Philippa Louise Pride, appointed Special Assistant to the Bishop, Synod Office, effective October 17, 2022.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Surrey, effective October 24, 2022.

The Revd Adam Lee Dawkins, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), Christ Church Cathedral, effective November 1, 2022.

The Revd Craig Douglas Tanksley, appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, Vancouver, effective November 1, 2022.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, appointed Vicar, St Alban, Richmond, effective November 7, 2022.

The Revd Sungwook James Hwang, appointed Assistant Curate (Priest), St John, Shaughnessy, effective December 1, 2022.

The Venerable Philippa Louise Pride, appointed Executive Archdeacon, Synod Office, effective January 5, 2023.

The Revd Robin Andrew Celiz, appointed Rector, St Helen, Surrey, effective February 1, 2023.

The Revd Joyce Marie Therese Parry-Moore, appointed Vicar, St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibsons, effective February 1, 2023.

The Revd Sharon Denise Salomons, appointed Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Ladner, effective February 1, 2023.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, appointed Rector, St Helen, Point Grey, effective February 20, 2023.

Resignations/Term Completed within the Diocese

The Revd Arthur John Nash, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective April 11, 2021.

The Revd Lucy Jane Price, resigned, Vicar, Holy Cross, Vancouver, effective April 30, 2021

The Revd André Marc Stephany, resigned, Rector, St Clement, Lynn Valley, effective May 3, 2021.

The Revd Canon Jonathan Wilford Lloyd, retired, Rector, St Stephen, West Vancouver, May 31, 2021.

The Revd Philippa Louise Segrave-Pride, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective April 11, 2021.

The Revd Elizabeth Ann Lindsay, retired, Deacon, St Agnes, North Vancouver, effective June 27, 2021.

The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Martin, North Vancouver, effective July 31, 2021.

The Revd Helen Charlotte Dunn, resigned, Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective August 15, 2021.

The Revd Paula Lee Porter Leggett, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Clement, North Vancouver, effective August 15, 2021.

The Revd Dixie Sharron Black, retired, Deacon, Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 1, 2021.

The Revd Jennifer Helen Burgoyne, to on leave, Deacon, St Thomas, Chilliwack, effective September 12, 2021.

The Revd Marlece Roberta Peterson, resigned, Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective September 14, 2021.

The Revd Roberta Mary Fraser, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Anne, Steveston, effective September 15, 2021.

The Venerable Stephanie Eileen Shepard, term completed, Assistant to the Rector, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver effective September 29, 2021.

The Revd Clare Elisabeth Morgan, resigned, Chaplain, St Jude's Home, effective September 30, 2021.

The Revd Philippa Louise Segrave-Pride, term completed, St Philip, Dunbar, effective September 30, 2021.

The Revd Angus Fraser Stuart, retired, Rector, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, effective October 1, 2021.

The Revd Stephen Allan Laskey, retired, Rector, St Helen, Surrey, effective October 15, 2021.

The Revd Eric Stroo, retired, Deacon, St Michael, Broadway, effective November 7, 2021.

The Revd Donald David Koe, retired, Deacon, St Thomas, Chilliwack, effective October 31, 2021.

The Revd Lilian Anne Elliott, retired, Deacon, Tri-Cities/North Burnaby Deanery and St John the Apostle, Port Moody, effective December 31, 2021.

The Revd Karl Andrzej Przywala, resigned, Rector, Holy Trinity, Vancouver, effective May 4, 2022.

The Revd Wesley Bert Hills, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, effective May 31, 2022.

The Venerable Bruce Edric Morris, retired, Deacon, St Hilda, Sechelt, effective May 31, 2022.

The Revd Christine Elizabeth Rowe, retired, Assistant to the Rector, St Mary, Kerrisdale, effective May 31, 2022.

The Very Revd Peter Gordon Elliott, term completed, Interim Director of Anglican Formation, Vancouver School of Theology, effective 30 June 2022.

The Revd Georgina Dale Harris, retired, Priest-in-Charge, St Columba, Pitt Meadows, effective June 30, 2022.

The Revd Helen Pauline Lingham, retired, Deacon, St Andrew, Langley, effective June 30, 2022.

The Revd Faun Heather Harriman, retired, Priest-in-Charge, St David and St Paul, Powell River, effective July 16, 2022.

The Revd William Allan Isenor, resigned, Rector, St Mark, Ocean Park, effective August 31, 2022.

The Revd Armand Denis Mercier, resigned, Vicar, St Alban, Richmond, and Assistant to the Rector, Christ Church Cathedral, effective August 31, 2022.

The Revd Bill Yee-Ching Mok, term completed, Rector, St Chad, Kisilano, effective September 30, 2022.

The Revd Philippa Louise Segrave-Pride, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Surrey, effective October 16, 2022.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Martin, North Vancouver, effective October 23, 2022.

The Revd Elizabeth Mary Ruder-Celiz, resigned, Assistant to the Rector, St John, Shaughnessy, effective November 6, 2022.

The Revd Gordon William Barrett, retired, Deacon, All Saints, Burnaby, effective November 21, 2022.

The Venerable Gordon Douglas Fenton, retired, Executive Archdeacon, effective January 4, 2023.

The Revd Philippa Louise Pride, term completed, Special Assistant to the Bishop, Synod Office, effective January 4, 2023.

The Revd Karen Elizabeth Saunders, retired, Deacon, St George, Fort Langley, effective January 16, 2023.

The Venerable Allan Gregory Carson, retired, Rector, St John the Baptist, Sardis, effective January 31, 2023.

The Revd Robin Andrew Celiz, resigned, Rector, All Saints, Ladner, effective January 31, 2023.

The Revd Mark Richard Munn, term completed, Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Surrey, effective January 31, 2023.

The Revd Mary Elizabeth Hamel, term completed, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St Helen, Point Grey, effective February 28, 2023.

The Revd Miranda Ophelia Sutherland, resigned, Priest-in-Charge (Vicar), St Oswald, Port Kells, effective March 15, 2023.

The Revd Lorie Kathleen Martin, term completed, Curate, St Thomas, Chilliwack and St Andrew, Langley, effective March 31, 2023.

Abandonment/Relinquishment

The Revd Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana, Priest, abandoned the Exercise of Ministry, effective July 28, 2022.

The Revd Dale Mackay Yardy, Priest, relinquished the Exercise of Ministry, effective March 1, 2023.

Synod Office Staff

Mrs Lauren Odile Pinkney, resigned, Receptionist and Administrative Assistant, effective July 1, 2021.

The Revd Alecia Danica Greenfield, appointed Special Projects Facilitator, effective July 8, 2021.

The Revd Philippa Louise Pride, appointed Special Assistant to the Bishop, effective October 17, 2022.

The Venerable Philippa Louise Pride, appointed Executive Archdeacon, effective January 5, 2023.

The Revd Joyce Marie Therese Parry-Moore, appointed Missioner for Climate Response, Synod Office, effective February 1, 2023.

Mrs Lauren Odile Pinkney, appointed, Missioner for Youth, effective March 1, 2023.

Episcopal Acts

Blessing of Oils (Chrism, Unction and Catechumenate), Chrism Mass, Christ Church Cathedral, April 12, 2022.

Acts of Dedication

Blessing of Salal and Cedar Banner, April 10, 2021.

Blessed 100 Bibles and Father's Day Cards, Holy Spirit, Whonnock, June 20, 2021.

Blessed a processional cross and an icon, St Mary, Kerrisdale, December 5, 2021.

Blessing of a new baptismal font, St Catherine, Capilano, January 16, 2022.

Blessed prayer shawls, St David, Delta, February 27, 2022.

Blessing of The Revd Esther North Garden and church kitchen, St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibsons, May 29, 2022.

Blessing of the Bicycles, Christ Church Cathedral and Salal and Cedar Watershed Ministry, June 2, 2022.

Blessing a new altar frontal, St Barnabas, New Westminster, June 12, 2022.

Blessing two new stained glass windows for the sanctuary from the Sweeney and Ballard Families, St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, June 26, 2022

Blessing of the Rublev icon written by Pam Martin, St Mary Magdalene, Vancouver, October 3, 2022.

Dedication of Limina sculpture, Memorial Garden, St John, Shaughnessy, October 30, 2022.

Parish Closures

St Chad, Kitsilano, effective May 26, 2022.

St Columba, Pitt Meadows, effective June 9, 2022.

Parish Merger

St Martin, North Vancouver and St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, merged at St John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, effective October 1, 2022.

Special Services

Ordination Service, Christ Church Cathedral, June 12, 2021.

Diocesan Confirmation Service, Christ Church Cathedral, October 23, 2021.

Diocesan Ordination Service, Christ Church Cathedral, December 4, 2021.

Diocesan Confirmation Service, Christ Church Cathedral, May 14, 2022.

Closing Service and 70th Anniversary, St Chad, Kitsilano, May 26, 2022.

Closing Service, St Columba, Pitt Meadows, June 9, 2022.

Diocesan Ordination Service, Christ Church Cathedral, June 11, 2022.

Vancouver Civic Multifaith Memorial Service for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Christ Church Cathedral, September 25, 2022.

Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christ Church Cathedral, January 29, 2023.

Confirmations

Total: 98

Receptions

Total: 12

Reaffirmations

Total: 3

Special Events

Diocesan Mission Conference, St Dunstan, Aldergrove, October 15, 2022.

Postulants

Ms Katherine Murray, appointed Postulant Sponsored Student for the Vocational Diaconate, effective September 7, 2021 to June 30, 2023.

Mr Kevin Malcolm de la Mare, appointed Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Vocational Diaconate, effective May 16, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Mr Kevin Joseph Rolston, appointed Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, effective May 16, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Mr Kevin Malcolm de la Mare, appointed Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Vocational Diaconate, effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Mr Kevin Joseph Rolston, appointed Postulant and Sponsored Student for the Priesthood, effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Students-in-Training

The Revd Brynn Craffey, St Thomas, Vancouver, effective June 12, 2021.

The Revd Lorie Kathleen Martin, appointed Student-in-Training, St Andrew, Langley effective September 1, 2021

Mr Claude St-Denis, appointed Student-in-Training, St Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby effective September 19, 2021.

Ms Sarah Lehman, appointed Student-in-Training, Christ Church Cathedral effective November 13, 2022.

Ms Dara Crandall, appointed Student-in-Training, St Cuthbert, Delta effective April 16, 2023.

Secularization

[None]

Deceased

The Revd Vivian Seegers, Priest, died June 2, 2021.

The Revd Lawrence Siuyung Cheung, Priest, died August 3, 2021.

The Revd Virginia Woods Briant, Priest, died August 16, 2021.

The Revd Graeme Richard Brownlee, Priest, died November 8, 2021.

The Revd Richard Dennis Morgan, Priest, died November 15, 2021.

The Revd Evelyn Dorothy Wiseman, Priest, died January 8, 2022.

The Revd Walter George Bayley, Priest, died February 20, 2022.

The Revd Edward John Hulford, Priest, died July 30, 2022.
 The Revd Terence Meredith Allen, Priest, died August 20, 2022.
 The Revd Warren Harold Deacon, Priest, died October 6, 2022.
 The Venerable John Austen Major (Jack), Priest, died February 3, 2023.
 The Revd Thomas Murray Anthony, Priest, died February 17, 2023.
 The Revd John Carter Blyth, Priest, died February 27, 2023.

On Leave with Permission to Officiate

The Revd Howard Adan
 The Revd Kimberley Boechler
 The Revd Lois Boxill
 The Revd Jennifer Burgoyne
 The Revd Neil Fernyhough
 The Revd Scott Gould
 The Revd Daebin Im
 The Revd William Isenor
 The Revd Hyok Kim
 The Revd Michael McGee
 The Revd Alain-Michel Rocheleau
 The Revd Margaret Sherwood
 The Revd André Stephany
 The Revd Katherine Yeo

On Leave Without Permission to Officiate

[None]

Permission to Officiate

The Revd Doreen Becker (Saskatchewan)
 The Venerable Mavis Brownlee (Ottawa)
 The Revd Michael Chin (South East Asia)
 The Revd Anne Crosthwait (Toronto)
 The Revd Michael Deck (Toronto)
 The Venerable Douglas Fenton (New York, TEC)
 The Revd Richard Hergesheimer (ELCIC)
 The Revd Susanne House (British Columbia)
 The Revd Vida Jaugelis (ELCIC)
 The Revd Donald Lawton (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)
 The Revd Matthew Senf (ELCIC)
 The Right Revd Dixie Taclobao (Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines)

The Revd Julieta Taclobao (Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines)
The Revd Arthur Turnbull (Ontario)
The Right Revd Alexander Wandag (Episcopal Church of the Philippines)
The Revd Gary Watts (ELCIC)

Retired with Permission to Officiate

The Venerable John Bailey
The Revd Charles Balfour
The Revd Ron Barnes
The Revd Gordon Barrett
The Revd Dixie Black
The Revd Barbara Blakely
The Revd Randolph Bruce
The Venerable Allan Carson
The Revd Juanita Clark
The Venerable Barbara Clay
The Revd Margaret Cole
The Revd Margaret Cornish
The Revd Christine Cross
The Revd Douglas Dittrich
The Revd Lilian Elliott
The Very Revd Peter Elliott
The Revd James Fergusson
The Revd John Firmston
The Revd Susan Foley-Currie
The Revd Karin Fulcher
The Revd Michael Fuller
The Revd Keith Gilbert
The Revd Neil Gray
The Revd Paul Guiton
The Revd Gary Hamblin
The Revd Marilyn Hames
The Revd Faun Harriman
The Revd Georgina Harris
The Venerable Ronald Harrison
The Revd Paul Illical
The Right Revd Michael Ingham
The Revd Stuart Isto
The Revd David Koe
The Revd Robert Korth
The Revd Paulina Lee
The Revd Charles Lenz
The Revd Lizz Lindsay

The Revd Helen Lingham
The Revd Jonathan Lloyd
The Revd Janice Lowell
The Revd June Maffin
The Revd Christine Magrega
The Revd Margaret Marquardt
The Revd John Marsh
The Revd Carla McGhie
The Revd Stuart Mennigke
The Venerable Bruce Morris
The Revd Maggie Rose Muldoon
The Revd Harold Munn
The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
The Revd Arthur Nash
The Revd Gail Newell
The Revd Nicholas Parker
The Venerable Andrew Pike
The Revd Paula Porter Leggett
The Revd Pitman Potter
The Revd David Price
The Revd Dudley Ritchie
The Revd Grant Rodgers
The Revd Christine Rowe
The Revd Paula Sampson
The Revd Alexis Saunders
The Revd Karen Saunders
The Revd Edward Schmitt
The Revd Kathleen Schmitt
The Revd Jeanette Scott
The Revd Trudi Shaw
The Revd Wallace Shea
The Revd John Shozawa
The Revd Linda St Clair
The Revd April Stanley
The Venerable Beverley Stewart
The Venerable Jeannette Stigger
The Revd Shirley Stockdill
The Venerable John Struthers
The Revd Angus Stuart
The Revd Frederic Tassinari
The Revd Sarah Tweedale
The Revd Linda Varin
The Revd Paul Wheeler

The Revd Ronald Wickens
The Revd Connie Wilks
The Revd Graham Witcher
The Revd Helen Worley
The Revd Pamela Worthington

Retired (Inactive)

The Revd Rodney Adamson
The Revd Kenneth Baker
The Revd John Barton
The Revd Elizabeth Beale
The Revd Paul Borthistle
The Revd Martin Brokenleg
The Revd Marie Brown
The Revd Edward Celiz
The Revd John Chapman
The Revd Leonard Dyer
The Revd Wendy Eyre-Gray
The Revd William Ferris
The Revd Bruce Gifford
The Most Revd Douglas Hambidge
The Revd Keith Hamlin
The Revd Peter Heritage
The Revd Helen Hill
The Revd Patrick Jackson
The Revd Patricia Joyce
The Revd Gregory Law Lah
The Revd Mark Lemon
The Revd Brock Lupton
The Revd John Mash
The Revd David McKenzie
The Revd Paul McMullan
The Revd Daniel Meakes
The Revd Peter Niblock
The Revd Glen Nicholson
The Revd Esther North
The Revd Gladys Olsen
The Revd Herbert Peake
The Revd William Pike
The Revd David Robinson
The Revd John Robinson
The Revd Philip Townshend-Carter

The Revd Welby Walker

The Revd Robin Waller

The Revd Jeremy Wex

The Revd Paul Wiltse

Draft Agenda (subject to change)

Friday, May 12th, 2023

8:00 to 8:45 a.m.	Registration
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Territory Synod Eucharist & Homily
10:30 a.m.	Constitution of Synod Quorum, Regrets, Privileges Appointments & announcements of Sessional Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions • Nominations • Memorials • Messages from Synod Introduction of new clergy Adoption of agenda Minutes of the 121 st Synod Receipt of written reports
11:00 a.m.	Exploring Priorities
12:15 p.m.	Noon Prayers Followed by Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Presentation on PWRDF
1:45 p.m.	Climate Video
2:00 p.m.	Nominations closes
2:05 p.m.	Presentation by the Diocesan Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Affordability
3:10 p.m.	Program Report on Mission to Seafarers
3:25 p.m.	Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements
4:00 p.m.	Report of Nominations Committee
4:15 p.m.	Report of the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Canons
4:30 p.m.	Resolutions
5:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer
5:30 p.m.	Announcements
5:45 p.m.	Adjournment for the day

Saturday May 13th, 2023

8:00 a.m.	Balloting and Late Registration opens
8:45 a.m.	Late Registration closes
8:55 a.m.	Balloting closes
9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:35 a.m.	Presentation by the Property Development Subcommittee
10.15 a.m.	Care+Share
10.30 a.m.	Presentation on behalf of the Anglican Foundation
10.50 a.m.	Climate Video
11.05 a.m.	Presentation by the Chaplain to VGH
11.20 a.m.	Identifying Priorities
11.45 a.m.	Presentation by the Vancouver School of Theology
11.55 a.m.	Program Report
12:00 p.m.	Noon Prayers followed by Lunch – including Youth Lunch with the Bishop. <i>Vision Polling to take place during lunch.</i>
1.15 p.m.	Report of the Returning Officer
1.35 p.m.	Auction of plants
1.50 p.m.	2023 Budget and Vision Budgets for 2024 and 2025
2:15 p.m.	Identifying Priorities
3:15 p.m.	Resolutions
4:00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks
4:15 p.m.	Evening Prayer and commissioning of newly elected officials
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment

Reports

Introduction to Reports

This section of the Convening Circular contains reports from many ministries, committees and related groups of the diocese. Reports, where appropriate, are grouped into these sections:

Diocesan Committees and Task Forces

They form the administrative structures which enable much of the mission and ministry of the diocese. Diocesan Council is the executive committee of the diocese, and it is supported by the two Standing Committees which oversee Management, Finance and Property and Mission and Ministry Development. Other committees help administer and distribute funds held by the diocese for particular purposes and support the work of the Bishop's Office in the selection of candidates for parish incumbencies.

Chaplaincy Ministries

Chaplaincy ministries are served by chaplains, who can be clergy or trained lay persons, and who serve as religious and spiritual leaders and pastors in secular institutions including hospitals, prisons, military units, and schools. Their work can include offering worship services, building community among or across groups within an institution, and providing one-on-one pastoral care.

Care+Share

Care+Share is the shared outreach program of the diocese. care+share recipients are projects which reflect one or more of the core values of diocesan ministry, and are selected through an application process and approved by Synod for a two-year inclusion in the program. Ministries included in care+share do not receive "funding", instead they receive voluntary contributions made by parishes and individual Anglicans which flow through the Diocesan Office with no fundraising or administration costs charged to them.

Unit and Wisdom Groups

These are groups in the diocese whose focus is a particular area of ministry. Led by volunteer lay and clergy leaders, and funded by the diocese, Unit and Wisdom Groups engage in a variety of activities to help equip the diocese for ministry including organizing events, training programs and circulating information.

Related Groups

These are organizations outside the diocesan structure recognized by Synod or Diocesan Council to have aims and objectives shared by the diocese. Related Groups may apply for and may receive funding from the diocese, but they operate as independent societies in accordance with their own constitution and policies.

Other individuals and groups

Those not listed above which report to the Synod would include: the Anglican Church Women, the Diocesan Archivist, the Diocesan School for Parish Development, the Education for Ministry Program, Indigenous Justice Ministries, and the Street Outreach Initiative.

Report of The 127 Society for Housing

Bishop and Members of Synod,

In 1981, Hilda Gregory attended a Diocesan vocational discernment exercise. At the end of the workshop, she stood up and said, “I feel called to house the poor. Does any one else feel that call?” Four others joined her. With a modest kitty of their own money, the advice of a gifted social housing consultant, and a fierce commitment to act as God’s loving and effective hands in the world, they laid the foundations for The 127 Society for Housing.

Today the 127 Society operates three apartment buildings in Vancouver’s Yaletown district, which house 355 people, mainly low-income seniors. Originally envisaged as providing housing for those displaced by Expo 86 gentrification, today we offer housing to people unable to manage soaring rents in the downtown or confronting renovations in the West End. Most tenants pay approximately one-third of their income as rent. Tenants are welcome regardless of their religious beliefs or practices.

Among Hilda’s innovations was the introduction of Community Workers to the Society’s apartment buildings. Hilda observed that the tenants needed more than simply a roof over their heads; they needed support as they learned to live in as neighbours who respect their fellow tenants’ rights to safety, privacy, quiet, and cleanliness. It is a testament to the pioneering success of 127’s Community Worker programme that BC Housing now considers support workers an essential part of low-income housing, even for those theoretically capable of independent living.

We witness among our tenants the truth of the rallying cry “Housing First!” By supplying tenants with decent housing and supporting them as neighbours, we have stabilized their lives, and in many cases, also stabilized physical and mental illnesses and addictions. One happy result is that tenants are living longer. In the 1990s, an 80+ year-old tenant was a rarity, and

now they are commonplace. These days The 127 Society is challenged to support frail elderly tenants who wish to remain in the places they have come to know as home. To that end, using gifts generously donated by 127's supporters, we offer our most frail tenants help with cleaning their apartments and pre-made dinners, made on-site by tenant volunteers working with the Community Workers.

127's founders chose to name the society after the opening words of Psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain." We continue in 2023 to prayerfully look for opportunities to extend this ministry by building more housing for the deeply needy.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Seidl

President, The 127 Society for Housing

Report of the Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group

Bishop and Members of Synod:

Beginning in June 2011, Anglican Asian clergy and churches in the Diocese have been journeying towards a collective, institutional presence for their unique ministries. The journey has evolved from "being an invisible group" to becoming "a wisdom group", according to Archbishop Melissa. In her opening address at our group's first workshop in 2015, she articulated that our mission could be "creating a new thing", which would be "life giving for you, and a need of the Diocese". She encouraged the group to aspire "to be a lab" (for multiculturalism), and realize that it was "not just about you, but how you teach others".

Anglican Canadian-Asian Ministry (ACAM) is made up of Anglican lay and clergy leaders in the Diocese of New Westminster from churches that currently and historically minister/ed primarily to people with Asian heritage, and from multicultural congregations that include those of Asian heritage. We are also Canadian-Asian leaders who are members of other congregations in the Diocese.

We aim to represent the diversity of Canadian-Asian voices found throughout our churches and neighbourhoods, and to be a bridge between them and the larger Diocese. We strive to encourage the Diocese to embrace the multicultural nature of these communities, and to partner with us to create opportunities to recognize and use the gifts of Canadian-Asians so that the Diocese can better reflect the Kingdom of God. We strive to build up Canadian-Asians in our churches and communities with the goal of more effectively living out our Baptismal Covenant.

Since the last Synod ACAM was able to do the following:

- Held a summer picnic and fellowship for ACAM clergy and families in 2021 at Centennial Park, Vancouver.
- Youth from some ACAM parishes joined the DYM 2022 Summer retreat and 2023 Winter retreat in Sorrento, BC.
- Conducted two Advent Taizé services. One was hosted by St. Titus, Vancouver in 2021 under the leadership of the Rev. Marion Wong; the other was hosted by St. Mary, Sapperton in 2022 under the leadership of the Rev. Arvin Amayag. Both Taize services were attended online and in-person.
- Since 2021 we have had periodic meetings on Zoom for fellowship and ministry sharing. We are hoping that 2023 will give us the opportunity to have more in-person events and meetings.
- Lastly, in 2022 some ACAM clergy and laity attended the Episcopal Asiamerica Ministries (EAM) 49th Anniversary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of TEC was one of the guest speakers. This event also celebrated the retirement of the Rev. Fred Vergara as the national Missioner of EAM.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Justin Cheng and The Rev. Wilmer Toyoken, Co-Chairs

*Report from the Anglican Formation and Studies, Vancouver
School of Theology*

This report is to be read in conjunction with The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping's report on the Vancouver School of Theology.

Biographical Introduction

I am new to Canada, having come to the country to take up the position at VST, which I began on July 1st 2022. Prior to that I was the Canon Chancellor of Wells Cathedral, and before that I was the parish priest of a three point rural charge in Gloucestershire. Before being a full-time parish priest, I was non-stipendiary (also in Gloucestershire, whilst working for the UK government) and right at the start of my ministry I undertook a full-time curacy in Suffolk. I have usually taught those preparing for ministry alongside my parish work, teaching for Cuddesdon, both at the college just outside Oxford and on their behalf for the Diocese of Monmouth, part of the Church in Wales. I trained for ministry at Westcott House in Cambridge. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to begin to get around the Diocese of New Westminster to preach in various churches.

Anglican Formation at VST

VST is an ecumenical school. However, it is a mistake to think that the ecumenical nature of the school causes a problem for Anglican formation. Anglican students meet regularly for Anglican worship (Morning Prayer and Eucharist), and the school as a whole meets together for worship once a week, which is usually led by one of the denominations represented at the School, Anglicans, Presbyterians and United. The far harder challenge for formation is the fact that most students do not live close to the school. Even many of those in the Diocese of New Westminster often have an hour or more commute to be physically present. Formation works best in person and the remote, via Zoom, nature of much involvement in worship is problematic. VST seek to overcome this by insisting that MDiv students are present in person for at least 1/3 of their degree. This is achieved by the use of intensive periods of teaching. For example, a three credit course on Anglican History, Theology and Spirituality that I am teaching in Fall 2023 will have half its hours concentrated in one intensive session, during which students will have daily morning and evening prayer and Eucharist. Distance formation is not the ideal for Anglican formation, but we live in a world where distance is now simply a reality and I think that VST students have the best possible chance of this going as well as it can for them. All Anglican students have the opportunity to lead Morning Prayer and to preach at the Eucharist, either being physically present in chapel or present via Zoom. There have been some excellent sermons!

Anglican Studies at VST

The specifically Anglican courses at VST are taught on a two-year cycle. They are as follows:

- Anglican Polity, Mission and Ministry (3 credits)
- Anglican History, Theology and Spirituality (3 credits)
- Anglican Liturgy (2 credits)
- Diaconal Studies (2 credits; for those called to the ministry of Deacon and core to the Diploma).
- Marriage (1 credit)
- Funerals and end of life (1 credit)
- Baptism (1 credit)
- Eucharist (1 credit)

Anglican students are also expected to produce their final paper making use of Anglican materials (theologians, liturgies etc...) and to have completed a significant amount of their 400 hours of Theological Field Education in Anglican contexts. Other than intensive courses, most VST courses are taught in hybrid model, with some students physically present and some online. In my experience, this works very well and online students are able to fully engage with their physically present peers and with the academic material.

Students from the Diocese of New Westminster

The Vancouver School of Theology offers a range of degrees and other programs. The bread and butter of the school has always been the MDiv, the degree that prepares people for ministry. However, although more students are doing the MDiv than other degrees, there is a general trend towards fewer MDiv students and more students doing other degrees. Currently VST has only three MDiv students from the Diocese of New Westminster who are either already postulants or who are part way through this process (one of whom, if all goes to plan, will not work long-term in the diocese, rather going to the military). There is a likely fourth New Westminster student who will be transferring from another program of study and who is just at the start of their postulancy journey. There are also two diaconal students taking the Diploma in Anglican Diaconal Studies (DADS). It is worth noting that there is some renewed interest in this program from the Diocese of BC, which is investigating the possibility of making the VST DADS program their standard training pathway for Deacons. Several Anglicans from New Westminster are taking MAPPL or MATS degrees, and it is possible that others will also transfer to the MDiv, although none have so far discussed it with me. One New Westminster student has pulled out of their MDiv, in part because they could not make the finances work, despite the generous bursaries available to VST students. With one eye on the future, it may be worth exploring whether additional bursaries could be found to support students from this diocese (both at VST and at other schools) possibly with a focus on MDiv students who have been granted postulancy status. This would lower the bar to training for ordained ministry.

In addition to students on masters programs, several Anglicans are exploring the possibility of PhD study with me, including two priests and one person in lay ministry from the Diocese of New Westminster.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Rob James, Associate Professor, Director of Anglican Formation and Studies

Report of The Anglican Initiatives Fund Administrators

To members of Synod:

In 2017, Diocesan Council delegated the administration of five diocesan funds to the Anglican Initiatives Fund (AIF) Administrators: The AIF, The Benjafield Fund, The Diocesan Fair Share Fund, The M.S. Denby Fund and The Margaret Lewis Bequest.

On March 16, 2022, Diocesan Council further delegated to the AIF Administrators the administration of a newly designated fund called “The Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam Chaplaincy Fund”.

Applications for grant support are received, reviewed, and approved by the AIF Administrators.

Anglican Initiatives Fund

AIF was created by the 82nd Session of Synod (1988) to respond to essential ministry needs and to fund new initiatives that will guide our church for future generations. The funding has arisen from three sources:

- An initial capital campaign that was undertaken in the 1980's;
- Undesignated gifts and bequests to the Diocese
- Direct bequests and gifts to AIF

AIF offers the opportunity for individuals to be a part of their response to God's call to service by making a meaningful investment in the mission of our church. AIF addresses specific areas such as:

- Human Resources
- Anglican Church Growth
- New Ministries
- Outreach Ministries
- Deceased Clergy's Family Support

The AIF started with a balance of \$2.57 million at the beginning of 2021, comprised of \$2.0 million restricted capital and \$0.57 million available grant funds. Total AIF grants to parishes for 2021 and 2022 aggregated \$0.33 million, benefiting 29 parishes with their parish development and other ministry projects, 66 parishes with technology grants, and 17 parishes with climate grants. As of December 31, 2022, the AIF has a balance of \$2.40 million.

Benjafield Fund

The Benjafield Fund is used to aid the underprivileged. The Benjafield Fund supports the work of our Diocesan Refugee Unit in processing refugee sponsorship applications. Each refugee sponsorship application requires our Diocesan Refugee Unit to gather information about the applications, assist in preparing and submitting the application, communicate with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and then monitor the sponsorship during one year of settlement. The Benjafield Fund has allowed the Diocese to sponsor 40 refugees per year. In response to the Afghanistan refugee crisis in 2022, the Benjafield fund enabled our Diocesan Refugee Unit to bring in an additional 40 people who are Afghani refugees.

In 2021 and 2022, the Benjafield Fund also funded the costs for the two refugee coordinators to support the work of our Diocesan Refugee Unit. As of December 31, 2022, the Benjafield Fund has a balance of \$424,816.

Diocesan Fair Share Fund

The Diocesan Fair Share Fund was established in 1996 to support current parishes, Diocesan ministries, and new initiatives. Also, the Diocesan Fair Share Fund offers financial assistance to parishes when they experience a precipitous drop in their income. Diocesan Fair Share Fund is funded by additional assessment from the top 50% of our parishes in terms of income. In 2021 and 2022, the Diocesan Fair Share Fund provides funding for our curacy grants, Vancouver Hospital Chaplaincy Fund, St. Jude's Anglican Home Chaplaincy, Street Outreach Ministry and Diocesan Christian Formation Initiative. As of December 31, 2022, Diocesan Fair Share Fund has a balance of \$214,076.

M.S. Denby Fund

The Denby Fund originated in 1963 from a bequest from Melvin Stanley Denby to support home and foreign missions. In 2021 and 2022, M.S. Denby Fund funded our two parishes' five intermittent mission and ministry requests. As of December 31, 2022, M.S. Denby Fund has a balance of \$117,279.

Margaret Lewis Bequest Fund

The Margaret Lewis Bequest Fund was established in 2004 to support the family of deceased clergy and for such other purposes as the AIF Administrators see fit. In 2021 and 2022, the Margaret Lewis Fund funded our retired clergy benefits, support for widow and clergy spouses, and special projects coordinator. As of December 31, 2022, the Margaret Lewis Bequest Fund has a balance of \$1.26 million.

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam Chaplaincy Fund

The St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam Fund was established on March 16, 2022. The Fund prioritizes funding chaplaincy and pastoral care in the communities served by the current Archdeaconry of Westminster. As of December 31, 2022, the St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam has a balance of \$1.285 million.

Financial markets were resilient in 2021, stocks continued their upward march resulting in 11.52% net market gains in our investments. However, 2022 has been a challenging financial year, with central banks raising the interest rate sharply to combat inflation. Investment bonds and equities posted negative performance resulting in an 11.07% investment loss.

The financial statements of the six funds are also included in our reports to provide more detailed information about the Funds managed by the AIF Administrators.

The current AIF Administrators are The Right Reverend John Stephens (Chair); George Cadman, QC, ODNW – Chancellor; Bob Hardy, ODNW – Treasurer; three elected at Synod - The Reverend Christine Rowe , ; The Venerable Luisito Engnan and Jane Osler, ODNW. The late Gerry Parrot was also part of the AIF Administrators in 2021 and a portion of 2022.

Report of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments

Bishop and Members of Synod,

The Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments (BACA) is established by authority of Diocesan Canon 5. Membership includes the Bishop as Chair, the Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver, and three clerical and three lay members elected by Synod. When the Committee meets to consider the applications received for a clerical vacancy, two representatives from the Search Committee of the respective parish and their Regional Archdeacon join the Committee for that specific instance as full voting members. If the position is for an Assistant to the Rector, the Rector is also included.

Current elected members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments are: Clerical: The Revd Helen Dunn, The Ven. Ruth Monette and The Revd Stephen Rowe; Lay: Ms Charlotte French, ODNW; Ms Hope Sealy, ODNW; and Ms Brenda Coburn, ODNW.

This report covers the period from April 1, 2021 until March 31, 2023. During this period, BACA met nine times to consider vacancies at St Anne, Steveston; St Clement, Lynn Valley; St John, Shaughnessy; St Philip, Dunbar; Christ Church Cathedral; St Aidan and St Bartholomew, Gibsons; St Helen, Surrey; and St Mark, Ocean Park.

The search for Incumbents was successful except for St Mark, Ocean Park and St Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver; which are ongoing.

A complete list of appointments for this period can be found in the Bishop's Report to Synod.

The Committee on Continuing Education (Murrin Fund) makes periodic reports to BACA. Grants were made to several people assisting them in their ongoing education and learning. Chair of the Committee is The Ven. Stephanie Shepard.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Venerable Philippa Pride
Executive Archdeacon
Archdeacon of Vancouver

Report of the Camp Artaban Society

What a privilege it is to be involved with Camp Artaban. As we celebrate the 100th year of Camp Artaban, God's blessings can be seen everywhere.

The year 2022 has been one of continued encouragement building on the lessons learned during 2021. July saw a small but successful combination of rentals and Island Getaways on site. Of course the biggest highlight was that in August we expanded from two weeks of camping to three weeks.

Our Junior Co-ed, Senior Co-ed and Family camp drew a total of just over 100 campers. Each week saw a terrific staff of volunteers and paid staff who supported the campers throughout their stay. Much to our delight, August also saw Artaban host the Diocesan Youth Movement and St. Clements youth leadership. Throughout the rest of the year there were a number of other rental groups who used our site.

This past year the Board was pleased to have Tanis Lamping and Chris Walks join our ranks. At the same time and after many years of tireless service to Artaban, Sandi LaCharite stepped down as Chair of the Board. We are so grateful to you, Sandi, for steering Artaban through some tough times while ensuring that camp was able to move forward. Board members Christine Elder, Karen McNeilly and Amber Stewart also stepped down and we are grateful to them for their faithful service and continuing support of Artaban. At the end of the year we also said farewell to Kristina Lang who filled the office administrator position for the last several years. Many thanks for your dedication Kristina, we are so glad that you will continue to come to summer camp and work parties. With Kristina's departure we are excited to welcome Charlotte Maytham into the office role. Charlotte comes to us with a passion for kid's camping and we look forward to working together for a long time. Many thanks also to Dave Reemeyer for his continued watchful eye and detailed work on our financials.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported Camp Artaban financially this year. Your generosity is integral to the ministry of camp. As we continue to move forward our hope is to increase giving throughout the Society including the number of people who support Artaban on a monthly basis. Regardless of whether the amount is large or small, scheduled or as able, we are so grateful for your continuing support.

Camp Artaban is truly a ministry that survives on blessings. We are so thankful for all that God has provided: the office at St. Catherine's, volunteers in-town on committees, volunteers who give up their weekends to clean and paint and hammer and mow, volunteers who come to camp to fill the many volunteer positions needed like counsellors, crafts, sports and out-trippers. Artaban's site on Gambier Island at the head of beautiful Long Bay is absolutely stunning and the perfect place to discover God's love for each one of us.

As we move through 2023, it is clear to us that Artaban is supposed to be here. Day by day, week by week and year by year God has provided the people and resources to ensure that the ministry of Camp Artaban continues to thrive. If we need any further convincing we just need to remind ourselves that we will soon be able to add, century by century.

As we celebrate 100 years since our founding we have events planned throughout the year, at camp and in-town, to mark this centennial milestone and we invite the entire diocese to be part of the celebrations. Please check the website and stay informed as to what is going on. There will be something for everyone throughout the year!

Blessings,

The Camp Artaban Society Board of Directors Sean Buxton, Nancy Ferris, Tanis Lamping, Ian Thomas, Mark Trendell-Jensen, David Quinton, and Chris Walks.

Report of the Cathedral Chapter

The Cathedral Chapter last met on Saturday, March 23, 2021, and did not meet in 2022.

The next meeting is planned for Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 10 AM at Christ Church Cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,

The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas Ph.D., D.Min.

Report of the Chaplain at Vancouver General Hospital

Bishop and Members of Synod,

I pleased to inform you that since our last Synod in 2021, with the assistance of our two faithful volunteers (Reverend Deacon Juanita Clark, and Kate Walker, ODNW), our Anglican Team successfully weathered the various “waves” of the pandemic and provided an uninterrupted Chaplaincy presence at VGH.

We provide spiritual comfort to: the sick and dying; their families and friends; practicing Anglicans and their home parishes; “nominal” Anglicans with no church affiliation; hospital staff; and the VGH Spiritual Care Department. VGH patients are from all regions of B.C., Canada, and abroad. A particularly rewarding aspect of this ministry has been the opportunity to assist Aboriginal and Inuit patients evacuated from remote communities. We are also privileged to assist homeless patients by providing companionship, encouragement, prayer and bibles, and endeavoring to connect them with churches and shelter resources in their neighborhoods. Patients especially appreciate prayer, anointing, and communion.

I am grateful to report that at the end of 2022 AIF committed to provide 50% of the funding needed to support this ministry for the next three years (2023-25). This has provided much needed financial stability and is a clear indication of the Diocese’s appreciation of the

importance of Anglican Chaplaincy at VGH. The remaining 50% is provided by committed Anglican parishes, the ACW, and individual donors.

Please note that: in November 2022 three provincial health care authorities introduced a new shared computer system. On admission, patients will now be asked if they wish to have their religious affiliation noted on their medical chart; and if they would like to be visited by a representative of their denomination. As Chaplain, I would strongly recommend answering "yes" to both questions as this will give our Chaplaincy Team permission to visit; otherwise, we may not be informed that you are a patient in the hospital.

Finally, I wish to express my deep gratitude for the support received from my fellow clergy across the Diocese, and from the Reverend Greg Jenkins and my home parish of St. Alban's (Burnaby). I also wish to acknowledge the indispensable support, advice and encouragement received from the Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop; the Venerable Douglas Fenton; the Venerable Philippa Pride; the Venerable Stephanie Shepard; and Shailene Caparas, Director of Finances. Thanks also to Reverend Tasha Carrothers and the congregation at St. Mary Magdalene (Vancouver) for their continued hospitality and encouragement.

I would be happy to come to any parish that wishes to learn more about the VGH Anglican Chaplaincy.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Bryan Rivers,
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Report of the Chaplain to St. Jude's Anglican Home

I, Rejoice Anthony, succeeded the Reverend Clare Morgan as Chaplain of St. Jude's Anglican Home on July 12th, 2022. The appointment of Rev. Clare Morgan was to Christ Church Cathedral as Assistant to the Rector and Pastor to St. Brigid's congregation in October of 2021. Reverend Clare's appointment left St. Jude's without a Chaplain until my appointment in July. Ongoing support for St. Jude's Anglican Home's chaplaincy position from the Diocese of New Westminster is deeply appreciated. St. Jude's Anglican Home had been without a chaplain and pastoral care for ten months before I was appointed.

The senior management team and staff were happy about having a chaplain again; they expressed disappointment about the lack of pastoral care and support for a long time. Helping me understand how invaluable chaplaincy ministry is to St. Jude's community of residents, their families and staff. These last ten months, my focus has been re-establishing the presence of the chaplaincy at St. Jude's, building relationships with residents, their families, direct care staff and senior management. Secondly, I have been working to familiarize myself with St.

Jude's culture and environment because many residents, families and staff need to become acquainted with having a chaplain. Arriving at St. Jude's amid the COVID-19 pandemic meant not having access to the chapel because it was serving as required PPE storage, doubling as a staff lunch room for the second-floor care staff. Being keenly aware that the resident population can only participate partially in the liturgy, I have adapted how and where to offer worship services. Therefore, I use the television lounges on each floor to offer regularly scheduled daily office or service of the word.

Also, the Chaplain's Office is no longer available for the Chaplain's use.

Additionally, the pandemic cost St. Jude's many volunteers from the wider Anglican community.

I have been working on re-establishing a sound and well-functioning chaplaincy as the Diocese of New Westminster ministry at St. Jude's. Unfortunately, as St. Jude's population has significantly changed over the years, the Church's support has also waned, some of which is due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. I see the ministry at St. Jude's as the Church's ministry in the community to a pluralistic world. Hence, this ministry must be grounded in the Anglican tradition yet offered in a multifaith and spiritual dimension. We must have a new vision for Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care at St. Jude's, where we serve all of God's Beloveds in whatever way we meet them. A significant aspect of my work at St. Jude's is to be the bridge between the Church and St. Jude's. Assuring St. Jude's leadership that the Church will not abandon St. Jude's; St. Jude's is an essential part of the Diocese of New Westminster. They felt forgotten and neglected by the Church when they had no chaplain support for ten months.

Where on-going support is needed for essential Chaplain's Activities:

- Developing a roster of clergy to preside on a regular schedule and to call on for end-of-life absolution and anointing.
- Volunteers to support and visit with residents (Healing Touch; music for our services)
- Volunteers for Altar Guild support.

Activities with Residents:

- We observed the high holy and feast days and the holidays clergy from the Oakridge Deaconry presided over Eucharist. (feast of Saints Jude and Simon the Zealot; Remembrance Day; Advent/Christmas and Easter Services)
- Seniors' Easter Eucharist and Tea at St. Mary's Kerrisdale via Zoom
- Feast of Archangel St. Michael and All Angels
- Orange Shirt Day
- Remembrance service for the late Queen Elizabeth II

- Ash Wednesday
- International Women's Day
- Palm Sunday
- Good Friday.
- Easter Sunday
- Celebration of Life services for families and staff
- World Day of Prayer
- International Women's Day
- Saint Patrick's Feast
- Arranged for Roman Catholic Priest to visit Catholic residents regularly
- Regular offerings – Service of the Word for Care Facilities & Daily Office

Activities to Support Chaplaincy:

- Attended National Conference of Anglican Chaplains in Healthcare - Mississauga, Ontario
- Attendance at Oakridge Deanery meetings – when schedule permits

Gratitude and thanksgiving:

I am deeply appreciative of the support from the following clergy, the Rev. Dr. Katherine Hough, the vicar of St. Augustine's Marpole; the Rev Tasha Carrothers of St. Mary Magdalene and the Reverend Marion Wong, the rector at St. Titus and the Archdeacon of Oakridge Deanery for coming to St. Jude's to preside for the high holy days. Also, members of St. Philips Dunbar came to help clean, organize and provide Altar guild expertise to ready the chapel for use in more than a year.

I look forward to connecting and re-establishing previous relationships and building new ones with the Diocese of New Westminster parishes and would like to reconnect and support this vital ministry at St. Jude's Anglican Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Rejoice Anthony, Chaplain
St Jude's Anglican Home

Report of the Chaplain to University and College Students

The Chaplaincy to the University of British Columbia restarted in September 2022. Under the leadership of Revd. Dr. Rob James, Revd. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz, and Revd. Alex Wilson,

the chaplaincy is in its formative stages on campus. Meeting once a month for dinner and compline, the chaplains are busy establishing connections with the university and its ecumenical chaplains association.

The University is a growing and multifaceted place, with over 70,000 people living, studying and working there. While the work of the three chaplains is in addition to their parish and academic roles, there is a desire to develop this role into a full-time ministry in the years to come. The needs of the students remain complex and pressing, from isolation and loneliness, to food security and developing faith alongside their academic lives, there is a huge need for consistent chaplaincy to the university.

The Anglican Chaplaincy to the University of British Columbia meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month during the academic year, at St. Anselm's Anglican Church, for dinner, fellowship, and prayer. Check the diocesan website for more information on events.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Dr. Rob James
The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz
The Reverend Alex Wilson

Report of the Christian Formation Missioner

The Christian Formation mission is to spark and equip lay and ordained leaders in the development of holistic Christian education and formation for all ages. This includes organizing training and formation events, curating resources, sharing the stories and successes of parish initiatives, and providing support to those who are engaged in Christian formation: teachers, youth leaders, clergy, and small group leaders. The last two years saw some major projects accomplished and new initiatives approved.

Transforming Questions

In January 2023, the Transforming Questions program – a course to explore Christianity aimed at adults (16+) preparing for confirmation/reaffirmation/reception was launched with 11 video sessions each focused on a core question of faith. It is a locally adapted and Canadian version of a Forward Movement program. The production drew on the talents of diocesan lay people both behind and in front of the camera, including Randy Murray, Cliff Caprani, Hope Sealy, Kerry Baisley, Levi Saunders, Karyl Amayag, Manay Olosan, and Kevin Rolston. The course is freely available as an accessible plug-n-play resource for parishes to use as they need. Videos can be used to orient new parish councils, launch a bible study, introduce Anglicanism, or be used in Advent or Lenten studies. All the videos have been posted to the diocesan Youtube channel and the participant guide is available on this page:

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/resources/adult-formation-resources/pages/transforming-questions>

Re-investment strategy for children, youth, and families (CYF) ministry

The reinvestment strategy for children, youth and families (CYF) ministry in the diocese is a multi-pronged strategy that arises from the observations and experiences of DYM members over the last 2.5 years. It is aimed at responding assertively to the challenges of CYF ministry in a post-pandemic church where attendance and engagement of CYF members dropped more than any other demographic. Because of diocesan support and a dedicated DYM however, diocesan youth ministry was maintained and is rebuilding rapidly. This shows the potential for renewal across the diocese for CYF members if the investment and commitment is there. This reinvestment strategy meets gaps in training, builds a stream from junior youth to young adult engagement, strengthens Anglican identity, promotes CYF ministry positions as valid and paid vocations, and provides generous bursaries to ease the financial strain experienced by many families in our diocese. The proposal was approved by diocesan council in November 2022.

Learning Centre for Mission and Formation

The Learning Centre for Mission and Formation is a new direction for parish development. It offers a centralized site to house, promote, and provide easy access to information and registration for current diocesan programs, offer training opportunities for parish roles and ministries, and develop online courses for foundational Christian formation. The ultimate goal is clergy and lay leader empowerment for the good of their communities. The goal is to rebuild competencies in ministries within parishes in a post-pandemic climate. It also builds on the capacity that parishes developed during the pandemic in terms of learning new ways to connect, gather, and learn online and offline. The proposal for the centre was approved by diocesan council in November 2022.

Parish/Diocesan Formation and Training Events in 2022/3

Godly Play Training at Christ Church Cathedral – a three day training to certify Godly Play teachers. Six parishes participated including three starting brand new Godly Play programs. The training was funded by a grant from the Anglican Foundation so participants could register at a heavily subsidized rate.

Lifelong Formation workshop with John Roberto – two online workshops to equip parishes to offer a systematic and all ages approach to Christian formation that fits their context, size, and strengths. In June 2023, a full day in person workshop will offer parish teams a facilitated planning day.

Vita Retreat at St. Catherine's, Capilano – a weekend retreat with the VITA team, a diocesan developed retreat to introduce ways to integrate prayer into all of life and to have deep small group conversations about prayer.

Eucharistic Visitors workshop at St. John's Shaughnessy – a day-long course to train lay eucharistic visitors to bring home communion to parishioners.

Living Compass wellness circle at St. Mary Magdalene – a six session program to enact gentle change in one area of life from a faith-based perspective of whole person wellness.

Parent wellness group at Christ Church Cathedral – a six week book study of the Parent's Wellness Compass. Co-hosted with the vicar and families minister of the Cathedral.

Spirituality of Birding at St. Dunstan's and Holy Cross – a half-day walking and learning session to explore birding and the way in which the Spirit has been imaged as a bird in scripture and tradition.

Youth Retreat Day at St. Mark's, Ocean Park – a day to explore embodied and creative prayer practices including prayer bead making and contemplation in nature, plus games!

Children/Youth Ministry Visioning Day at St. Laurence, Coquitlam – 2 half days to review and renew a vision and plan for children and youth ministry for the coming year.

Prayer Workshop at Holy Trinity, Vancouver – a day to explore different ways to pray, including neighbourhood prayer walks, visual meditation on the Lord's prayer, and praying for others.

Confirmation Preparation Day – an annual day, hosted by the bishop, to bring youth and adults together from around the diocese to learn, discuss, pray, and eat together before the diocesan celebration of confirmation.

Seasonal Resources

Liturgical seasons are times of special focus on formation in parish life. To support these times, seasonal 'menus' with three main criteria are developed and shared with parish leaders. Resources include small group programs, book studies, at-home practices and offer an Anglican perspective, are affordable for any sized parish, and are accessible online, in print or hybrid forms. They are available on the diocesan website under 'Resources'

Advent Calendar and Menu – In 2021 the daily Advent calendar, called "Light, Dark, Land, Advent" shared 24 reflections from Indigenous Anglicans. In 2022, the calendar called "A Very Anglican Advent" included 27 quotes from Anglicans past and present and from around the global communion.

Lent Menu – This menu includes liturgical resources as well as locally produced resources for individuals and small groups such as 2022's Lent with Leonard Cohen as well as recommended devotionals, book studies, and small group sessions.

Season of Creation Menu – developed annually in collaboration with the Indigenous Justice Missioner and the Special Projects staff person, the menu includes liturgical resources, curricula for children, youth, and adults, and local pilgrimages to mark this newish season in the Christian calendar.

Monthly newsletter for Children, Youth, Families ministry – this newsletter shares parish stories, events, and training for children, youth, and family ministry in the diocese. It also includes seasonal resources for family faith formation at church and at home.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Jessica Schaap
Missioner for Christian Formation

Report of the Climate Emergency Working Group

Most of our activities have been the implementation of the 2021 Synod Resolution (2).

In the 2021 Synod Resolution we said we would.

- Add the “Investing with a Mission” documents to the instructions to our investment advisors.
- Set up a grant for parishes and worshipping communities to implement a response to climate.
- Hire a part time Missioner for Climate Response.

Over the last two years:

- “Investing with a Mission: A Guide to Responsible Investment and Church Funds” was added to the instructions for to our investment advisors in 2021.
- We wrote guidelines for, and supported parishes in the process of a \$1000 grant to engage in the activities outlined in the 2021 ‘Climate Recommendations Document.’ The grants were available in 2022 and continuing in 2023.
 - For those parishes who received a \$1000 grant in 2022 they are eligible for an additional \$1,000 in 2023.
 - In 2022 -17 parishes applied and received the grant.
- Salal and Cedar and the Diocese of New Westminster applied for a BC Habitat Conservation grant and additional grants are available for parishes that plant native gardens and invite an indigenous speaker to introduce the garden.
- In February 2023 Rev. Dr. Joyce Parry-Moore started a 40% position.
- When requested, we supported parishes with speakers and lecture series.
- We began discussions regarding the role of protest and social activism in the life of the church.

Plans for 2023-2024:

- Continue to support the climate grants.
- Support the Missioner for Climate Response.
- Other as required.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Alecia Greenfield, Outgoing Chair

The Rev. Tim Morgan, Incoming Chair

Report of the Coming Home Society

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Since the last gathering of Synod, the Coming Home Society has continued to work on behalf of the Diocese in partnership with Warriors Against Violence Society and Urban Native Youth Association. Both of these organizations are healing the profound brokenness left behind by Canada's Residential School system.

Warriors Against Violence provides counseling and workshops for Indigenous individuals and families who have grown up experiencing anger and abuse, and are now struggling with domestic violence in their relationships. Many have been in conflict with the justice system for acting out the hurt they carry from past trauma. All are trying to understand the legacy of anger, and are learning how to live peaceful lives according to their culture, in which men are the protectors of the family and the vulnerable, not the perpetrators of violence.

Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA) offers over 20 different programs to Indigenous youth in Vancouver's urban setting. Young people can get help with education, health & wellness, housing, and connection to their culture and to the community. UNYA focuses on each individual's personal needs and goals to help them create successful lives.

It is getting more and more difficult for participants in these organizations' programs to meet their basic needs. And when the needs are too great, it is easy to give up. Solace in alcohol or drugs seems simpler than fighting to stay clean and sober to continue healing work. But your contributions provide help in so many crisis situations. When 'today' is taken care of, there is room and hope for tomorrow.

The stress of the COVID-19 pandemic on already-fragile families resulted in a large increase in calls to Warriors Against Violence for help with situations of domestic violence. These calls are continuing. Donations to the Coming Home Society go to support Talking Circles, Anger Management Workshops, and individual counseling at Warriors.

Many Elders also come to Warriors Against Violence regularly to take part in cultural activities, and for mutual support. Your donations provide food and craft materials, and the

presence of a staff member.

The Coming Home Society also continues to support the work of Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA). Program participants depend on the UNYA Food Pantry to help feed themselves and their families. They also depend on food hampers from UNYA to make it through the month of January each year when resources are scarce after Christmas. The Coming Home Society is a valued community partner in helping UNYA continue to put food on the tables of the youth in the community.

The Coming Home Society has also been able to assist the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre with a donation to help young families in crisis. A small grant for emergency accommodation enabled some families to be kept together, and not split up between different social service agencies, while waiting to get into Aboriginal programs.

The Coming Home Society believes it is important to continue to foster Reconciliation and build understanding between First Nations and settler cultures. Jerry and I have shared our own experience, and this past year we spoke at the Diocesan 'Raising Our Hearts' Day, at St. Mary's Kerrisdale, and at a St. James' Church Quiet Day.

We would like to thank the clergy and people of this Diocese for all your contributions, and for your prayers for the ongoing work of the Coming Home Society. With your help, we can continue to offer the kind of caring that makes the church a supportive family and community to our Indigenous neighbours.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Adams, President, Coming Home Society

Report of the Diocesan Archivist

To the members of the Diocesan Synod,

It has been a lengthy period of work for the Diocesan Archives of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. In this time, work has been progressing. There has been progress made in the areas of Parish Business, the Diocesan Archives interactions with the public, and our long-term work and plans. I will go into each of these in detail.

For Parish Business, to begin with, we have facilitated access by parishes and parish officials/representatives to the architectural drawings pertaining to their parish. These drawings hold a high level of significance and importance for both the documentary and property-related history of the parish in question, and also - increasingly - in regards to current architectural work being conducted on parish properties. The way access to these drawings is facilitated is either by them being loaned out to the parish entirely (with a set return date), or parish representatives arranging a time to come in and take photographs of the drawings in

question so as to avoid any potential damage to said drawings. In these aspects, our architectural drawing holdings have demonstrated strong significance and use value in both past and current, and looking forward, future parish work.

Moving forward on parish business we've helped to conduct, we have pulled records and files so as to conduct continuing research into past parish records so as to aid parishes in current official business that may be happening. The types of records sought after, and retrieved, can vary wildly, depending greatly on the mode and manner and type of work the parish is involved in - whether it is property-work, or work relating specifically to parish finances, or the work of a past rector/leadership team decades prior, or other record categories. In cases where sought after records have been retrieved and found, they have gone on to demonstrate great value and importance to the parish work in question being conducted.

Finally, in more general terms, we have facilitated various visits from parish representatives - with the knowledge and consent of parish leadership - to the Diocesan Archives to conduct in-person research. The aforementioned in-person visiting to attend to architectural drawings is simply one aspect of this, where parish representatives are fully able to - with prior arrangement of an appointment with the Diocesan Archives - visit the Archives and spend hours at a time carefully moving through decades-old (or longer!) records pertaining to the life, work and history of their parish. This is a service that the Diocesan Archives is only too happy to provide to parishes seeking to research into their history and work, for whatever purposes the parish may have.

In regard to our interactions with the public, we have consistently facilitated the fulfillment of 'access requests' sent in to the Diocesan Archive. To be clear, an 'access request' is the formal statutory label for any requests for personal information held by a private sector body, sent to that body, under formal channels/terms as laid out in the BC Personal Information Protection Act legislation. This is a vital work we do and one the Diocesan Archives takes seriously. The types of records typically provided among the requests we get are sacramental records, such as baptism, marriage, confirmation, and burial records.

We have also, similar to providing research access to parish representatives conducting official parish business, provided such research access to outside researchers from the general public (with proper checks done to ensure no access is granted to anything confidentially sensitive or restricted by privacy law). This research will either take the form of the Diocesan Archivist conducting research to compile information and records to later disclose to an outside researcher. In this case, a fee is typically charged as according to the Diocesan Archives Fee Schedule (to add clarification, no such fee is ever charged for the conducting of official parish business involving the Diocesan Archives) . In other cases, the researcher themselves comes in to go through files themselves. In this case, the boxes to be provided are actively searched/'gone through' ahead of the day of the appointment and anything not strictly related to the research inquiry (and also anything not accessible, due to institutional confidentiality or legal privacy reasons) is removed so as to avoid access being granted to any unauthorized materials.

I also engage at various points on a professional level with my archival colleagues, both within the Anglican Church of Canada as well as across the wider archival profession. This is valuable, as there is great strength in the communal wisdom, knowledge, and solidarity of fellow Archives professionals.

Finally, there is the long-term work of the Diocesan Archives. We have been planning out major projects since last year. These are primarily a mass digitization project for our architectural drawings holdings, which I am now in the beginning stages of in terms of collecting quotations for price-points on such services. I also am in the stages of planning a next large processing push. I plan to have plans for these projects presented to Exec. Archdeacon Philippa Pride when they are completed and ready to be proposed.

This has been the report of the Diocesan Archives of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster.

Respectfully submitted,

Marché Riley, Diocesan Archivist

Report of the Diocesan Council

Bishop and Members of Synod,

Between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2023, Diocesan Council met on 12 occasions, including two day long working retreats in September 2021 and 2022. In person meetings were held at the Synod office. The meetings have been a mixture of in person and on Zoom during this time. Membership on Council, formally known as the “Executive Committee” (cf. Article 4 of the Constitution), includes the Bishop (chair), two members chosen by the Dean and Archdeacons from among their number, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar or the Legal Assessor, the Treasurer of Synod and Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Property, Chair of the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry Development, two elected delegates from each of the archdeaconries and two youth representatives. Regular staff support attending (without vote) includes the Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver when not a member from the Dean and Archdeacons, the Director of Mission and Ministry Development, the Director of Finance and Property, and the Communications Officer. A volunteer, Ms. Jan Harvey of the Parish of St Stephen, West Vancouver, has generously served as recording secretary. In March 2023, Fr Justin Cheng took over the role of recording secretary.

Electronic voting on matters that require no further debate, and which have already been reviewed and recommended by one of the two Standing Committees has expedited decision making, especially at the parish level. There have been 6 email polls conducted between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2023.

Diocesan Council has continued its focus on strategic planning and policy development. An Agenda Committee of Council has assisted Council in organizing its work to do so. The Agenda Committee consists of Ms Willow Martin-Seedhouse, The Revd David Taylor and Ms Meg Stevens, and the Executive Archdeacon as Chair.

In-person Council meetings begin with a light dinner and is followed by a short act of worship hymn, prayers and/or Bible Study. All of this has assisted in forming community and focusing the work.

Council set its priorities in line with the diocesan priorities of parish development, reconciliation and ministry with Indigenous peoples, diversity, and relationship building.

Diocesan Council receives financial statements, approves the annual budget, hears reports and receives minutes from the Standing Committees, receives seasonal reports on General Synod business, and hears reports from related groups.

It reviews and approves by-laws for parishes and church cemeteries, development projects initiated by parishes, and leases of parish property.

Diocesan Council also approves nominations for various committees, units, and certain groups such as Missions to Seafarers and St. Michael's Centre to which the Diocese has the privilege of appointment.

Thanks to the Standing Committees (Mission and Ministry Development, Finance and Property and Constitutions and Canons) who, through their chairs, provide Diocesan Council with regular reports; volunteer recording secretary Jan Harvey who diligently Council minutes and to Fr Justin Cheng for taking over this important task; Bette Geddes, ODNW who feeds us; Elias Neto who oversees meeting arrangements and compile the package of meeting materials; Shailene Caparas, Director of Finance and the Revd Tellison Glover, Director for Mission and Ministry Development who research and prepare many of the précis associated with materials being presented to Council, often with the assistance of our legal officers, who are unstinting in their contributions of time and talent.

Respectfully submitted,

The Venerable Philippa Pride
Executive Archdeacon/Archdeacon of Vancouver

Report of the Diocesan School for Parish Development

Since Synod 2021 the Diocese has not offered courses from the School for Parish Development. This was a result of several factors: namely due to low registration numbers, a lack of trainers, venue and scheduling challenges, a high number of parishes that had already

participated in the school and an increasing desire among parishes to engage in alternative parish development programs.

In response to this, the department for Mission and Ministry Development held several discussions on how best to provide ministry training opportunities in the diocese. These discussions took place concurrently with other discussions concerning the School for Parish Development.

The purpose of the School for Parish Development has been to equip lay and clergy leaders with skills and tools that aid in creating healthier and more vibrant parishes. Most parishes within the diocese have participated in the school and have benefited greatly. The school has served the diocese well and has opened the door for other programs like Groundwork, which offers a more practical approach to parish development. This shift away from the School for Parish Development presents an opportunity for the Mission and Ministry Department to create a strategic, coordinated and streamlined approach to building capacity within parishes in ministry as a whole; namely, parish development, Christian formation and children, youth & family. Thus, the vision for the department is to create The Learning Centre for Mission and Formation (The Learning Centre) and to reinvest in Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

The aim of the shift in the Department for Mission and Ministry Development is to improve institutional support to parishes. The hope is to create a more efficient, practical, and tailored approach to meeting the present needs of and building capacity within parishes in the areas of Parish Development, Christian Formation and Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

This new direction will result in the redeployment of existing resources. It will use monies previously allocated for the School for Parish Development to fund 1) the shift in the role of the Missioner for Christian Formation to replace their responsibility for youth ministry with responsibility for leading the Learning Centre, 2) the hiring of a part-time Missioner for Children and Youth and 3) the support of new and existing training programs. For more information regarding the Learning Centre see appendix 1.1.

Humbly Submitted

Rev. Tellison Glover

Appendix 1.1

The Learning Centre for Mission and Formation

The Centre is a landing place for Anglicans in the diocese seeking and needing formation in the ways of Christian life in their households, parishes, and public life. It would house, promote, and provide easy access to information and registration for current diocesan learning initiatives such as Groundwork, Transforming Questions, Anti-Racism training, SafeChurch,

Vita Retreat, EfM (or equivalent), as well as training opportunities for parish roles and ministries and online courses for foundational Christian formation.

Why a Learning Centre for Mission and Formation:

- lay and clergy leaders are motivated to seek empowerment in their ministries; we need to rebuild and renew competencies in developing new missions and ministries within parishes in a post-pandemic climate; we need accessible basic training for parish roles; we need ongoing opportunities for Christian formation, particularly in foundations for adults; and we need learning that is accessible, self-directed, and on-demand to meet people in their current contexts.
- we need a centralized landing place for the several programs and mandatory training offered within the diocese. It increases accessibility and can streamline registration. A Centre brings all training into one “house” and frames all programs mandatory and otherwise as missional and formational.
- we can offer this kind of learning because of the new skills learned during the pandemic, e.g. Zoom, online programs, learning platforms, e.g. Armatus. Many people in parishes have adopted and appreciated being able to meet, learn, discuss and build community while staying at home at night or refraining from going out in inclement weather or having to drive. It also increases access to people with daytime work schedules and childcare responsibilities.

How we got here:

The Centre proposal has developed in response to our current needs and capacity in the diocese; it has been researched through informational interviews with leaders of similar initiatives and comparisons of learning platforms; and refined through focus group discussions in the diocese.

1) Focus groups – two focus groups have been held. The first was on May 12th with the BARDD-LT. The results of that are attached. The second was on July 26th with the Adult Christian Formation subcommittee. The results are attached. In general, both groups expressed support and interest in the project, shared concerns about its development, and offered course and content creation suggestions.

2) Interviews – three meetings with coordinators/developers of online learning initiatives have been held.

- April 22nd with Charles Meeks, coordinator for the Niagara School for Missional Leadership
- May 24th with Jenifer Gamber, director for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington School for Xian Faith and Leadership (see attached for school overview, vision, mission)

- May 26th with Chris Yaw – founder of ChurchNext

3) Platform testing and course development – Following the three meetings described above in which Pathwright was recommended as a learning platform, a short online course for Readers/Lectors was drafted. An invitation was sent to members of BARDDs to trial use it. The Adult Christian formation subcommittee suggested inviting a struggling parish to try it to test its accessibility and usability. A comparison chart for Pathwright and Thinkific has also been created. A query about developing a short course for small group facilitation was made by St. Clement's. An invitation to co-develop a course was offered.

4) Mission and Ministry Development - The Missioner for Christian Formation delivered a presentation on a proposed online Learning Centre for Mission and Formation to the members of the Mission and Ministry Development Committee on Sept.13. Members asked about the timeline of the project, the MMD's potential role in the project, and if budget amounts had been considered for annual funding. Members also had suggestions for possible content development, specifically for a course that addressed what it means to be Anglican and for high accessibility for "seekers. Members requested that annual budget estimates be sent to Tellison and Shailene for 2023 and 2024. They formulated and passed a motion to be brought to the next diocesan council meeting.

Report of the Diocesan Youth Movement (DYM)

Bishop John Stephens and Members of Synod,

The Diocesan Youth Movement leadership team have, over the last two years, been working hard to rebuild youth ministry in the Diocese of New Westminster. As the DYM we meet monthly with youth and youth leaders from across the Diocese working with youth and young adults ages 11 to 25.

The Mission of the Diocesan Youth Movement is to energize youth ministry in the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster through partnerships, events and training.

Sustainability:

In the next sections of our report we have listed the various events and updates over the last 2 years from the Diocesan Youth Movement. However, we feel we must strongly urge Clergy, parish leaders and delegates of Synod to invest in youth, youth ministry and in youth leaders. Doing this now will save us from fulfilling the prediction made in the Anglican Journal that there will be "no members, attenders or givers in the Anglican Church of Canada by approximately 2040. We, as the Diocesan Youth Movement, take this as a call to action to ensure that youth and children's ministry are invested in, and particularly the leaders who are

the frontline in instigating and building relationships with these age groups. In 2040 it will be the fruits of our actions and labours now, which will ensure the thriving and growth of the Anglican Church in Canada. Will the leaders and delegates of Synod join us in preparing the ground, and planting the seeds for that thriving and growth?

Partnerships

A huge part of the DYM's mandate, since we re-wrote our mission statement in 2022, was to actively engage and support specific parish-based youth programs, initiatives and organizations in their work as equally as possible. We have been actively working on building relationships with parishes previously not involved with DYM while also widening our mandate for DYM leaders to be part of DYM who have not been involved before. This has strengthened our reach and given experience to new leaders and youth alike. We have also made active steps to engage more with Camp Artaban. We have always and will remain having a strong relationship with Sorrento Centre, too. Both organizations have different missions and each provides a place of employment for older youth and young adults. We have been aiming to support both organizations by holding a retreat at each for the last 2 years and encouraging youth to apply for summer job opportunities.

Events 2022:

- **Maundy Thursday:** This was our first in-person sleepover post-pandemic, with 22 youth, plus leaders, which was good attendance considering the timing. Youth participated in the Maundy Thursday Service at Christ Church Cathedral, followed by worship and prayer stations. Bishop John joined us for a Q&A where youth designed new hats for the Bishop. They then enjoyed a night game, movie and a dance party. Little sleep was had but a good time was enjoyed by all.
- **Camp Artaban:** In partnership with St. Clement's, we took youth and young adults to Camp Artaban for a weekend away in August with the theme: "Creation Connection." Speakers included DYM leaders and Kerry Baisley, ODNW, Missioner for Indigenous Justice. The retreat had 44 youth, young adults and leaders.
- **All Saints and All Souls Evening:** In late October, the DYM marked All Souls and All Saints by hosting an event at St. Marks, Ocean Park. There were 31 youth who enjoyed an evening of games, delicious themed food, fellowship, pumpkin carving and ending the evening with All Saints Stations in the Sanctuary.
- **Advent Evening:** In partnership with St. Michael's Multicultural and St. Mary's Sapperton, the DYM planned an evening of Advent worship, food, and activities. Unfortunately, due to a snowstorm the event was postponed and a new event will be planned for late 2023.

Events 2023:

- **Winter Retreat:** Winter Retreat takes place at Sorrento Centre over the February long weekend. This year our theme was Psalms & Songs, we had 32 youth with speakers Rev. Andrew Halladay and Rev. David Taylor. We played in the snow, played instruments and sang many songs as well as enjoyed trivia, good food and good fellowship.
- **Make Way:** Having previously held our Easter/Spring Event on Maundy Thursday, given the feedback from many parishes that they want youth present at their Maundy Thursday Services, this year it took place on the cusp of Holy Week as we looked to Palm Sunday to get ready for journeying with Jesus to the cross. Bishop John joined us for a Q&A followed by youth designing an item to make a Bishop's job a bit easier! We had 47 youth, who walked the labyrinth at the cathedral and enjoyed our wide game of "The Amazing gRace". We concluded with morning prayer and worship outside by the fountains among the daffodils and blossoms.
- **Artaban:** Our upcoming event in June is open for registration with Su McLeod, youth Animator from the Primate's World Relief Fund (PWRDF), and will take place at Camp Artaban.
- **All Saints & All Souls:** Planned for late October the DYM will mark All Souls and All Saints with a youth event around Halloween.

Training

A huge part of being a member of DYM is training youth leaders. We do this in both formal and informal ways, through training and coaching provided by DYM leaders at our youth leader retreat (late September/Early October). Leaders are also encouraged to learn as they lead youth events, to take on new things and be guided through the process of leading at the events, and all the skills that entails; anything from building relationships, logistics and practicalities, safeguarding and best practices and leader educational sessions, as well as learning practical skills, such as tools for team building and varying forms of Christian formation and spiritual practices. DYM leaders are constantly evolving in their skills and that helps and empowers them in ministry in their parishes. It is a huge benefit for youth leaders to be members of DYM, not just for the training elements but as a group for support, accountability and mutual growth. We strongly encourage all parishes with youth leaders and volunteers to support your leaders in being part of DYM and to encourage them to participate in their own professional development.

We are committed to continuing the conversation with Synod and the Diocese about how to support ministry to young people and support the leaders doing this ministry in parishes, ensuring the survival and future flourishing of youth in the Anglican Church of Canada and their growth into the adults and families of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lauren Pinkney (Chair), Rev. Jonathan Pinkney, Rev. Cameron Gutjahr, Stephanie Elder, Talia Ferris, Begeey Cadwi Sing, Sarah Autio, Jason Wood, Melissa Van Uum and the Rev. Jessica Schaap (Missioner for Christian Formation).

Report of the Ecumenical and Multi-faith Unit

The Ecumenical/Multi-Faith Unit (EMU) is pleased to present its report to the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Since last Synod Bishop John Stephens has appointed the Reverend David Taylor and Ms. Donna Wong-Juliani and as co-chairs; David serving for the first time, and Donna having been a member of EMU for a number of years.

Our primary task is to support the ministry of the bishop by connecting the bishop and parishes with multifaith and ecumenical ideas and opportunities and supporting them in their multifaith and ecumenical relationships and activities.

Since these appointments the unit has engaged in the following multi-faith initiatives:

- Diocesan Website Update. We have highlighted a few resources that parishes can use to explore multi-faith initiatives. We specially encourage parishes to use the That All May Be One video series. It is a four-part series on the relationship between ecumenism and Christian discipleship. It is authored and presented by the Reverend Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, the Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations for the Anglican Church of Canada.
- The Loving our Neighbour campaign. We have, in conjunction with the bishop, sent letters of greeting to local faith communities on days that are meaningful to them including Ramadan, Passover, Diwali and Bodhi Day.
- Sponsored an online forum from St. Hilda's in Sechelt on wisdom traditions in different faiths.
- Welcomed the Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Justice, Mr. Kerry Baisley, ODNW to speak about the intersections of ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue and indigenous peoples.
- Promoted the Interfaith Calendar of the Multifaith Action Society.
- Joined the Multifaith Summit Council of B.C.
- Donna Attended "50 Years of Migration", a special event and exhibition at the Ismaili Centre and an Interfaith Passover Seder

We have also engaged in the following ecumenical initiatives.

- Diocesan Website Update.

- Sponsored an ecumenical conference at the Parish of St. Dunstan called Awaken Love where 75 people from a wide collection of Christian traditions gathered to hear from a diverse panel of speakers representing a variety of traditions. The theme was Transfiguration and the changes and shifts we all experience on our spiritual and faith journeys.
- Promoted and shared resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- David collaborated with a local evangelical congregation in Abbotsford for Holy Week 2023.

The Ecumenical Multifaith Unit is currently recruiting, as membership fell off during the past two years of the pandemic. We look forward to being back to a group of 6-12 members to develop ecumenical and interfaith opportunities in this Diocese.

Report of the Education for Ministry Program

Dear Bishop and Members of Synod:

EFM across Canada and the US has not bounced back to a pre-pandemic situation in terms of the number of groups and the numbers of learners. Additionally, for EFM-Canada the year 2022 ended with the terminal illness of the EFM-Canada Director, the Reverend Dr. Catherine Hall, former priest of this Diocese who died in early 2023. The staff in the Kelowna office of EFM-Canada are recovering from this loss.

We have six active mentors in the diocese at this time, five of whom recertified in on-line training last summer and fall. These mentors work in partnership animating three groups: James Berger with Ken Peppin at Christ Church Cathedral, Anne Anchor with Deborah Jones-Akiyama at St. John the Apostle, Port Moody, and Jennifer Burgoyne with John Brower from St. Thomas, Chilliwack. These groups and their mentors have served the Diocese over many years with energy and wisdom. The Chilliwack group is currently meeting in the local Evangelical Lutheran Church and the majority of their group are Lutherans. This has been an exciting development.

We are celebrating seven people who have completed 4 years of study in EFM at our Grad service on June 6th at Holy Trinity Cathedral: Lois Grierson and Jean Senior from the Christ Church Cathedral group, Becky Barnes and Sylvia Wallis from St. John's – Port Moody, and Deal Anderson, Helen Lenz, and Annie Coelho from St. Thomas', Chilliwack. It's great to be able to have the service together again.

Church growth teacher, Keenan Callahan, uses the metaphor of races to describe life in the church: some things we do are 'sprints,' and others are 'marathons.' EFM is a marathon, meeting weekly ten months of the year. What EFM group members get back from this commitment is well worth the time: growing stronger for their ministries in the world and in the church, learning the depth and width of our faith tradition that brings an entirely new

perspective to understanding the Church, Holy Scripture, and, quite often, God and Christian life. EFM continues to be a place where people's lives are transformed.

We are all very grateful for the support we receive from the Diocese in sponsoring EFM, and to Bishop John for his encouragement and good will. We are looking forward to gathering with him for this year's EFM Graduation service in early June.

We are always on the look-out for new mentors and new learners. We plan to hold some 'virtual open houses' this year, and I am available to share about EFM with deaneries, parishes, and study groups. The group mentors are also available, often with enthusiastic group members, to share about EFM and their lives and ministries as well.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Paula Porter Leggett, Diocesan Coordinator

Report of the Indigenous Justice Ministries

I would like to acknowledge the Musqeam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Sto:lo Nations for allowing us to be on their Ancestral Territories as visitors and to also thank them for their willingness to work to create right and respectful relationships between visitors and their people.

Twelve days after our 2021 Synod, on May 27, 2021, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation in Kamloops announced that ground-penetrating radar identified the remains of 215 children, likely students of the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

It was the beginning of many announcements, and unfortunately, many more to come.

In response to the reports of the unmarked graves conversations changed. Indigenous Community Leaders asked for time to support their local community members. After some time the conversations began again.

Individuals and Parishes in the Diocese are engaging in the work of Reconciliation. There are many things to learn and many things to unlearn. The COVID-19 limitation on gatherings did limit our ability to gather in groups and connect with each other over the past two years.

We are learning about Mother Earth's wisdom, humility and acceptance of everyone living on the land currently called Canada. We are learning about the Peoples and the Cultures of over 600 groups of Indigenous, Inuit and Metis Peoples who have cared for and shared these lands with those who have come from other places.

As we listen to the experiences of Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples, we work to hear the truth of what was done to claim ownership and control of these lands. We are striving to

work together towards a path that enables us to live harmoniously. Accepting the truth of what we have learned is not an easy process.

Building relationships and being an ally are a process and a journey. A number of activities have taken place over the past two years, ranging from Educations sessions on the Indian Act, fundraising for cultural practice sessions with Residential School Survivors, Felting Hearts, Tanning Fish Skins, Creating a Medicine Wheel and witnessing a healing figure carving placed in All Saints Agassiz. There were opportunities to meet with cultural organizations. There were a number of presentations of the Anglican Church's Doctrine of Discovery video. Direct teaching sessions from Jerry and Linda Adams and Ray Aldred and learning to make Bannock from Elaine Aldred also took place. There have also been opportunities to explore cultural practices and teachings.

Some parishes are in the initial stages of learning about history and listening to the personal experiences of those affected through recorded interview, movies, and videos. The next steps involve building relationships and acting as an ally. For these actions to be strong and durable we must look for paths of reconciliation that are intertwined with our individual passions and priorities. Those passions may include land conservation, cultural repatriation, protecting and support Indigenous languages, and the development and support of healing practices in the community to name a few possibilities. We are engaging in a process of making these opportunities available Learning Modules that will be easily accessible.

The journey of Reconciliation is not about "giving", it is primarily a pathway of learning and growing. When our experiences with Indigenous, Inuit and Metis peoples are seen as a gift, as Ray Aldred said in *Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts*, then we receive the encouragement and nourishment we need to continue on the journey. May it be so.

All My Relations.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Baisley

Missioner, Indigenous Justice.

Report of the Justice and Peace Unit

Bishop and Members of Synod:

"You cannot build on death. You can only build on life. As believers, we must be sustained by a sense of what we are for and not just what we are against. Without hope and a positive vision, we will end up as just another form of the dominant consciousness, which has nothing to believe and no-One to serve."

Father Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

“Only two tasks are required in engagement – prayer and doing justice.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The work of the Justice and Peace Unit can be summed up this way.

Focus in 2021-23: The Justice and Peace Unit (J&P Unit) returned to its original name, after being the Eco-Justice Unit for a number of years. Diocesan Council approved this. The rationale was to show support for our whole diocesan focus on environmental care as there is a diocesan environmental committee and staff. Some parishes are calling their environment committees by the eco-justice name and this is in line with our diocesan commitment. The Justice and Peace Unit will continue to do its work through the lens of the care of creation and work in partnership with our environmental direction of the diocese.

The areas of work: Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA): The J&P Unit is a Member Organization of MVA. The Unit is supportive in the rebuilding this Alliance across the sectors of labour, religious, community and academic institutions working together for the common good. MVA hired a Project Organizer in autumn of 2022. The Unit is working closely with her and the Strategy committee. MVA is non-partisan political. No partisan political organization can join. The J&P Unit will continue to actively participate in MVA. The Unit connected with various congregations in the “listening model” of this form of community organizing. MVA is part of the Industrial Area Foundation, an 85-year-old organization supporting community organizing around the world. MVA had its Founding Assembly March 2014. The focus of the work currently in Spring 2023 is with affordable housing, gathering in a Solidarity Assembly April 23/23 and offering community organizing Leadership Institutes. Our diocese is Sponsoring Organization of MVA since 2015.

Practices of Canadian Mining Companies (following up on the Synod motion of 2013/2017): There is support of the work of Kairos in this area and the ongoing support for Synod and diocesan administration in ethical investment and sustainable environmental practices.

Other issues: The Unit is ready to give leadership and respond as issues arise. The Unit through its Chair keeps in regular contact with our diocesan leadership. The Unit is always ready to support parishes in their work of the care of God’s people and all of God’s creation in social and economic justice, and concerns facing all of us regarding upholding democracy and building community together based on “*doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God*”. Micah 6:8.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Margaret Marquardt, Chair, with a network of folks in parishes around the diocese: Roz Kellett, Sara Shaw, Francis Hart D’Emilio, The Reverend Expedito Farinas, The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Schmitt, and The Rev. Dr. Ed. Schmitt, and Francis Hart D’Emilio among other folks as the issues present themselves.

Report of Mission to Seafarers

Bishop and Members of Synod:

It is my pleasure once again to be able to share with you the work of the Mission to Seafarers in caring for the seafarers.

A key word that we have had to live by in recent years has been ‘adaptability’ due to how Covid, supply chain issues and global events have changed the working reality for seafarers. The following are a few observations from 2022 and as we navigate 2023.

- We transported seafarers to get free vaccinations at local clinics.
- Bishop John came to visit both seafarer centres and to board a ship.
- A ‘Sea Sunday’ Service was held at St David’s, Tsawwassen followed by a wreath laying on the Fraser River to remember all seafarers who have died.
- The ‘Cycle for Seafarers’ Fundraiser raised some money and awareness with 40/60/100km routes and a BBQ to follow. The event in 2023 is Sat August 26th.
- Mission to Seafarers Canada held its annual conference in Vancouver in October 2022 focusing on our connectedness to each other, the work we do and for whom.
- The Christmas at Sea Appeal was well supported by parishes and individuals with 1550 gift bags given out to approx 71 ships.
- Major construction around the Waterfront Seafarers Centre including a new port road will provide us and the seafarers with improved access.
- We will be embarking on visiting some cruise ships during the 2023 season.
- The Board of Directors has been going through a time of transition with every effort to reflect diversity and identify the skills that we need in new directors.
- There is a recognition of and a need for action by the Mission to support the most vulnerable and marginalized onboard such as cadets, women, LGBTQ and others.
- We continue to partner with the ITF and others to advocate for improved working conditions for seafarers.

We are blessed at present with financial stability due to the generosity of others in life and in death to whom we are for ever grateful.

On behalf of myself, the board of directors, and the seafarers, I want to extend deep appreciation to you and all who support the Mission in so many ways.

I would ask that you continue to keep the Mission and in particular the seafarers and their families in your prayers and actions.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Peter Smyth
Senior Port Chaplain

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Report of the Murrin Fund Committee

The purpose of the Murrin Fund is to enable lay and ordained employees of the Diocese of New Westminster access to continuing educational opportunities through grants. Applicants submit a request with a financial plan to cover at least 25% of the costs personally. Applicants are also encouraged to avail themselves of other sources such as their local faith community, their continuing education fund from the Anglican Church of Canada, and other granting agencies. Grants for 2021-22 were available of up to \$1500 for a course, conference, or structured plan of study, or up to \$3000 for an extended study leave. The Diocese sets a yearly amount available to be dispersed by the committee.

In 2021, due to pandemic restrictions on travel and curtailed educational opportunities, the Murrin Fund was not utilized as much as previous years. Several applicants had unexpected changes to their plans, and needed to defer or change their intentions. In spite of setbacks, the Fund gave approximately \$4100 in grants. The one positive to this period was an increase in technology that has meant the Committee members are able to conduct reviewing applications and approving grants while working remotely.

In 2022, the Murrin Fund was able to grant \$12,649 to assist ten individuals. Opportunities ranged from retreats, pastoral care courses, counselling training, and gatherings for church leaders. Thanks are due to the generosity of the original donor W. G. Murrin, the committee members who oversee applications, and the ongoing support work of the Executive Archdeacon and Diocesan Financial Officer to administer this fund. All who are active in ministry are encouraged to see if they are eligible for Murrin Fund grants and take advantage of this resource for further education.

Yours in Christ,

The Ven. Stephanie Shepard

Report of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Unit

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. With the support of Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF partners with organizations working to increase healthy pregnancies and births, reduce gender inequality, relieve hunger, and break the cycle of poverty in the world's most vulnerable communities. Against a backdrop of climate change, PWRDF strives to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

The Diocese of New Westminster PWRDF Unit Group had not met since before the pandemic lockdown. In 2022 our Unit Group gathered again, updated our contacts list, and got busy re-energizing this important ministry.

We connected with the work of the Canadian Food Grains Bank, organizing a diocesan

educational event and letter-writing campaign, flying in an overseas partner from Kenya, Florence Nduku. This event was strategically hosted in the constituency of NDP leader and MP Jagmeet Singh, at All Saints Burnaby.

We then sent representation to Ottawa to meet several MPs, and advocate for government funding for PWRDF-supported conservation agriculture as an effective response to both climate-change and global hunger.

From there our representation went to Toronto for the PWRDF National Gathering to meet directly with another of our overseas PWRDF partners, Josephine Kizza Aleddeki of the St. Jude Family Projects in Masaka, Uganda.

We brought these connections back to the Diocese of New Westminster and organized the first meeting of Parish Representatives since January of 2019. Together we updated the reps about our work globally and in Canada, celebrated the outreach of various committed parishes in the diocese, met with Kim Umbach to share our thoughts and questions with the national PWRDF office, and encouraged all our members to network and support each other.

We are now working together to organize the second annual diocesan Wild Ride, an opportunity to support PWRDF with your favourite activity.

A big thank you to our Bishop, John Stephens, for his unfailing support of PWRDF, and to Peter Goodwin for leading our diocesan efforts for many years. Thank you to our volunteers and Parish Reps, who have kept the work going in our parishes through these difficult times. Thank you to our partner agencies like Canadian Food Grains Bank for their expertise and advocacy, to our Canadian Indigenous partners for their persistence, and our overseas partners for enacting effective programs to fight global hunger and climate change. Thank you to our donors who make this work possible, and all of those reading this for your interest. Bless you all, and bless our God for the ongoing guidance, strength and wisdom that allows us to be Christ's hands and feet in this world.

Find out all about our important work at www.PWRDF.org, or from the Diocesan webpage, <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/unit-groups/pages/primates-world-relief-and-development-fund>.

Together, may we continue to respond to global crises, advocate effectively, proactively support development projects, and work diligently towards a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Greg Jenkins (Chair) and PWRDF Unit Group: Janet Coghlan, Peter Goodwin, Liz Macdonald, Margaret Marquardt, John Potts, and Deirdre Thornton

Report of the Property Development Subcommittee

Since 2019 the Property Development Subcommittee has worked intentionally to shift diocesan culture toward better stewardship and leveraging of its property resources. With more than sixty (60) properties held in trust by parishes throughout the Lower Mainland it has been the committee's work to envision an approach that will result in long-term financial stability, increased capacity for mission and ministry and a well-coordinated system that reflects the individual parish goals and collective values and priorities of the diocese. We believe that this journey will inform us in very concrete ways that we are 'better together'; we can support one another in mission and ministry by being good stewards of our diocesan real estate assets. The goal is to equip and support parish leadership to redevelop parish property held in trust for the Diocese in order to faithfully fulfill their mission. The committee has invested much time and resources to advance this cause. The work completed thus far has given the committee enough clarity and courage to take a next step in its strategic development. The continuation of this process now lays-out a scope that warrants strategic partnerships with trusted consultants and funding organizations. This next step will help the diocese to:

- Increase diocesan and parochial awareness of the value of properties and their development potential.
- Contribute to the development of a diocesan vision and strategic plan regarding property development.
- Connect diocesan property development to diocesan mission and priorities.
- Generate learning opportunities and resources for diocesan-wide engagement.

The committee has identified a roadmap to achieve this aim. This roadmap comprises seven (7) key phases:

- 1) Initial data-gathering and Process Guide development (4 guides in total)
- 2) Property desktop overview (total land holdings of diocese)
- 3) Diocesan-wide engagement through strategic conversations
- 4) Portfolio Analysis
- 5) Visioning Process
- 6) Feasibility studies and increased capacity-building within diocesan leadership in order to adequately resource parishes.
- 7) Strategic coordination and deployment of resources for projects

It is assumed that the work of one phase will bleed into and inform the others. Therefore, the approach to this project will be step-by-step. With the completion of each phase the diocese will be positioned to reassess, clarify and take next steps in resourcing those parishes desiring to redevelop their property. This prudent approach is the committee's attempt to mitigate risk and steward internal and external resources.

So far, the diocese invested \$120,000.00 in consultant and staff cost to complete Phase I notwithstanding the contributions of time and skills by volunteers. This work has clarified the process for developing property and has developed resources to assist parishes involved or interested in property re-development. To continue this work and complete Phases 2 - 5 it will cost the diocese no less than \$300,000.00. The committee has identified 2 potential funding partners: Vancity Community Foundation and The Community Housing Transformation Centre. Given the nature of this project and its implications for addressing social housing needs, both organizations have expressed, with a degree of enthusiasm, a willingness to partner with the Diocese. Vancity has indicated their willingness to commit \$50,000 towards the completion of Phase II (diocesan property 'desktop' overview).

The work of the committee has flowed out of The Mission and Ministry Development Committee as parishes began to ask questions of that committee about property development to fund mission priorities. This has been a truly collaborative journey, gaining information and partnering with many organisations and dioceses who are wanting to be good stewards of church or 'assembly' lands. Over the three years of this committee's existence, I want to thank our incredible staff support person, The Rev. Tellison Glover, and committee members (former and current) Thomas Rowe, The Rev. Armand Mercier, Sharon Grove, and Marko Simcic.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Paul Woehrle, chairperson

Report of the Refugee Unit

There are four main tasks of the work of the DRU:

- Communicating with churches and community groups who wish to sponsor and ensuring the group has everything in order to do a sponsorship. This includes:
 - Sponsorable people abroad (qualify as refugees)
 - A group of people (majority who have Canadian permanent resident status or citizenship) ready to do the work of settlement when the newcomers arrive.
 - A realistic budget and a plan for funding that budget.
 - In the case of co-sponsorships, a church or other religious organization on board to work with a community group.
- Preparing applications: each group prepares applications for the people they wish to sponsor. The DRU provides guidance so that the application is correctly completed, each application is signed by a diocesan representative, and then the coordinator submits the completed applications to Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for processing.

- Monitor the applications, refugees, and sponsoring groups as needed during the processing period. Communication and advice is often required during processing and always just before the refugees travel to Canada.
- Monitor the settlement period. It is the job of the DRU to ensure sponsorships are completed fully, with adequate support provided to each newcomer. Groups may reach out to the DRU at any time for advice about any part of the settlement process. Groups are contacted at specific intervals to ensure the settlement process is going well and to stimulate discussion and requests for support if needed.

Processing of applications during the past year has slowly restarted and we expect many arrivals during 2023.

Our diocese received an allocation of 44 regular spaces. We also received 51 spaces under the Operation Afghan Safety program (OAS). We were able to increase the number of applications we could submit because of additional funding from the diocese to fund an additional coordinator (Jibril Mohammad) for 20 hours per month. The government was slow to authorize spaces in 2022, so we did not receive our allocation until a few months after the start of the year. Because of this, there is an allowance to carry over 2022 spaces into 2023. We continue to work with two groups to complete the last applications, one was sent in today and the other should be submitted in April. With 87 people applied for in 2022 we expect many arrivals in 2023!

We have been working with a variety of groups all over the diocese to get their applications completed and submitted. This includes Anglican parishes as well as other faith groups. For 2023, we requested a smaller allocation of 30 spaces, allowing some time to manage all of the incoming refugees we have already applied for. In addition, we are still working on submitting applications for a family of 8 under the OAS program (which will mean we will have submitted applications for a total of 95 people under 2022 allocations). Sponsored people come from Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine (born in Lebanon and Syria), Ethiopia, Eritrea, Burma, South Sudan and Burundi.

In 2022, over 40 sponsored refugees arrived in our diocese and became permanent residents when they arrived. Now they are no longer refugees. We have continued to welcome a steady stream of newcomers in the first few months of 2023 (most, but not all of them, are Afghan people).

We have now welcomed Douglas Fenton to our team as a coordinator, working with Satori. He brings wonderful gifts to the DRU and has worked with Elias at the diocese to set up a new database system so that we can centralize all information and make it easy to share within our group and with whoever follows us to do this work. The system is very clear and easy to use and should streamline our communication and monitoring to help us complete our duties as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder.

Our diocese has partnered with Diocese of BC and Diocese of Kootenay to create a new provincial refugee program. This is not a SAH (Sponsorship Agreement Holder), but is starting up to support the sponsorship efforts of our three dioceses. Jibril Mohammad, who worked

with us before, is now employed full time in this role. A steering committee has recently been formed and Mary Lymburner, who has worked closely with the DRU, is now serving on this committee. The provincial program is considering an option to become a SAH, but is not at this time. Our diocese has pledged to provide some start-up funds to the program, and Jibril continues to work with us in his new role, following up on applications he submitted previously and preparing new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Muir, Chair, Diocesan Refugee Unit

Shakuntala “Satori” Soden, Refugee Coordinator

Report of the Salal + Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry

Bishop and members of synod,

This July Salal + Cedar marks 8 years of ministry. Most Saturdays a group of regulars gather for worship at different locations: places of ecological beauty or distress, beside Kwekwexnewtxw -the Coast Salish Watch House on Burnaby Mountain, or on zoom. Sundays a team brings eco-theology, biblically-rooted preaching, and innovative liturgy to host congregations. We have visited 25 parishes in the diocese; churches in four other dioceses; and several ecumenical partners. Our Eucharistic prayer has been used and adapted all over North America, and is included with some of our other prayers in an inclusive anthology *A Liturgy for All Bodies*. Our influence is felt beyond the diocese as our work is featured in media including CBC, Sojourners, and Geez Magazine.

We continue to be an identifiable Christian presence at climate justice actions and demonstrations and we provide discernment, accompaniment, and court support for individuals and communities called to non-violent direct action. We seek to and follow the leadership of Indigenous land defenders. We care for community by being cautious about Covid transmission.

Through a BC Conservation and Biodiversity award we trained teams from 6 parishes for wildlife habitat projects on church grounds, by the end of the year 10 projects will be completed.

Education and mentorship are key priorities. Our camp ministry has evolved into a partnership with Queerest and Dearest with whom we offered the very successful Wild Gender retreat. We are incredibly proud of the progress of our VST field education students: Brynn Craffey was ordained to the priesthood in June 2022, Tracy Tobin is working in ministry with Union Gospel Mission, and Sandy Hwang designed an excellent racial justice training and is discerning ordination in the United Church. We have offered classes on spiritual practice in nature and watershed literacy, to vacation bible schools, high schools, youth groups,

seminarians, spiritual directors, and adult learners. Education in our community has focused on mutual aid, alternative economic practises. Our priest Laurel Dykstra will be taking a fall sabbatical focused on deepening their watershed knowledge and seeking best practices for racial justice.

In 2022 our income was \$63,400 and our expenses were \$67,500 with 64% of our income from donations and fundraising and 19% from grants outside the diocese. In 2023 we anticipate operating at a slightly larger deficit, investing our savings in growing our capacity. Our major expense is staffing with a priest at half-time and a communications coordinator at 6 hours per week. At vestry we passed resolutions to dedicate a fixed proportion of our income to mutual aid through the redistribution of money and goods and a voluntary land tax to the Indigenous people whose land we acknowledge.

We have done significant work in the past two years on our priorities and identity as a community. We are looking ahead to a more independent status and are working with the diocese on what that will look like. In 2024 we anticipate a major tree planting project in solidarity with the global Anglican Communion Forest, renewing and expanding both our scripture and nature Wonder Box curriculum and our Wild Lectionary preachers' resource. We will continue to offer resources, and training that support individuals, congregations, our new climate minister, and the diocese to respond faithfully to the climate crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Laurel Dykstra, Priest, Caitlin Beck and Jan Constantinescu, Wardens

Report of the Society of Anglican Church Women

Bishop Stephens and Members of Synod:

The Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of New Westminster is a Not-for-Profit Society, registered in the Province of B.C. We have 16 Branches and several individual members. The purpose of our Society is to unite women in fellowship of worship, study and stewardship which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and which will lead them into Christian service everywhere.

Our diocesan ACW executive and members have been very active and had many changes the past 2 years. One of the changes was to replace the 3 area meetings with a Fall Gathering. We continue to hold our spring AGM, diocese board meetings and open houses.

May 2021: 54th AGM (via zoom) "Give Thanks to the Lord"

Guest speaker: Rev'd Bryan Rivers, Vancouver Hospital Chaplain

- Oct.2021: 1st Fall Gathering: “Mission is Possible: Empowered by God
 Guest speakers: Rev. Lorie Martin and Rev. Amanda Ruston
 Hosted St. Michael’s Multicultural, Vancouver, ACW
- May 2022: 55th AGM: “Thrive in God’s Service”
 Guest speaker: Joan Stewart, Westside Anglican Neighborhood Ministry
 Hosted by St. Cuthbert, Delta, ACW
- Sept 2022: 2nd Annual Fall Gathering: Thrive in God’s Service”
 Guest speaker: Margaret Franz, author “Between blade and Bullet, the Mary Steinhauser Storey”
 Hosted by, St Mathew, Abbotsford ACW

June & December 2021-2022 hosted 4 open houses at ACW Place, Burnaby

2022: The return of in person meetings, teas, bazars, volunteering, and fun for all.

At ACW Place in Burnaby, the warehouse volunteers have been busy preparing bales to be sent to the Diocese of the Yukon and groups in Northern B.C. containing used clothing and dry goods items. We prepare baby layettes that are included in the bales sent north and are also available to local parents. In 2022 the volunteers worked 528 hours. We prepared 32 bales in June 2022, 44 in November (incl. Christmas gifts) and 28 in March 2023.

We donate clothing, dry goods, and other items to help groups such as: Covenant House, Mission to Seafarers, Dressed for Success, Working Gear, My Sister’s Closet, Korle-Bu Neuroscience Foundation, Pregnancy Options (She way), refugees and homeless in Vancouver and Surrey.

The Diocese of New Westminster, ACW continues to financially assist many organizations locally, Nationally and Globally. A few of the recipients are: Vancouver General Hospital Chaplaincy, Council of the North, Anglican Foundation “Say Yes to Kids”, PWRDF, United Gospel Mission, and Camp Artaban.

In November 2022 we partnered with the Anglican Foundation to establish a trust titled ACW Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund. We are thrilled with the donations from others to support this need.

At our 2022 AGM, we bid farewell to many long-term board members and chaplain. We also welcomed new members and positions. After 5 years of serving as president, Gail Revitt moved into past president. We are thankful to Gail and others for continuing past their terms through the Covid years. Kelly Bowman started the first of 3 years as President and Amelia Foster started the first of 3 years as vice president.

In September 2022 we welcomed Rev. Miranda Sutherland as our appointed Chaplain.

Our News “N” Views (newsletter) is distributed to members throughout the year to keep everyone connected and up to date on events and news etc. This can also be found on our web page with the Diocese website along with other information on Anglican Church Women

2021-2023 has been exciting and challenging! I believe we did “Thrive in God’s Service” and will continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Bowman, Diocesan President
Anglican Church Women

Report of the Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre

Sorrento Centre: Celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2023

Secwépemc’ulucw

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work, play and pray on the traditional and unceded lands of the Secwépemc First Nation. Since time immemorial, the Secwepemc people have practiced virtues of harmony and generosity, and we seek to live into those values today.

The Sorrento Centre is celebrating our joy-filled 60th anniversary in 2023

We are welcoming many old friends to return to their home through many events and activities this year. We are welcoming new friends to discover a home at our beloved Centre. Our Board has adopted a new mission statement that draws on the best of the past six decades: “The Sorrento Centre exists to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Anglican way. We offer generous hospitality, joy, rest and relaxation and aspire to be a gathering place for all. We seek to engage body, mind, soul and spirit. We seek to offer loving kindness in our work and with our neighbours near and far.”

Joy-filled and engaging summer

At the heart of summer is our Five Weeks. In 2023, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton will lead a course on Christian mystics, Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee will lead on “a Christianity to call home”. Other courses include Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware on feminist defiance in Scripture, creative spirituality with Rev. David Taylor and Alison Hurlburt as well as Peter Elliott and Nathan LeRud on the Gospel of Music Theatre. Each week there will be an offering from our artist-in-residence, Kathie MacDuff, and much more, plus special programming for children and youth. Please join us for a joy-filled summer!

Spring, fall and winter events

We are active and engaged throughout the year. The fall of 2023 includes our second annual spiritual pilgrimage in late September, Thanksgiving weekend with National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper, an interfaith weekend with Katherine Murray and Rabbi Laura Duhan-Kaplan in October, our annual Advent Retreat (this year with Rev. Henri Lock and Leslie Black), and much more. We are a hub for the fibre and fabric arts, we have launched new programs in expressive arts (including Indigenous basket-making and watercolours), we are a centre for music. In 2023, Sorrento Centre expanded our on-line programming.

Loving our neighbours

We live into our shared covenant to love our neighbours. We launched an off-site meal program in the depths of the pandemic. Every day of the year, our van delivers freshly prepared, tasty and nutritious meals. We delivered 30,350 meals in 2022, 25,095 in 2021 and 21,018 in 2020. We welcome students from Sorrento Elementary for many events and activities. We are a hub for isolated seniors as part of BC's Community Response Network. We welcome the 4H and host many events with our neighbours. We join with St Mary's Anglican / United (across the highway from our Centre), the Diocese of Kootenay, the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon and the Anglican Church of Canada in a variety of initiatives from eco-justice to youth engagement.

Reconciliation and engagement

Building loving and just relationships with our Secwepemc neighbours, with the natural world around us, and with the diverse groups of humans is a core value of the Sorrento Centre. We are hosting a major Secwepemc cultural festival in early September, featuring artisans and knowledge-holders. We have a "land-based" theme this year – including an introduction to forest-bathing in September. The Executive Director of the Sorrento Centre, Rev. Michael Shapcott, is the new President of the Community of the Cross of Nails Canada, part of a global reconciliation community based at Coventry Cathedral in England. Michael is leading a reconciliation workshop at an international gathering in Coventry in late May.

Good stewardship of our people, buildings and lands

The Sorrento Centre seeks to be an excellent employer and, in recent years, has moved towards a living wage for staff – including youth staff. We have small maintenance projects throughout our 24-acre main campus and our 7-acre natural farm. Our new farmer Angelo Fiachetti is bringing the fallow fields back to life and new growth of seedlings in our greenhouse. Our lands and gardens are blooming with new life – the crocuses were the first in early April, with hyacinth and tulip not far behind.

By the numbers:

The Sorrento Centre is well-managed financially and operationally in the face of recent financial uncertainties. Our unadjusted year-end numbers for 2022 include:

- Total revenue up 5% to \$1.6 million, including a 64% increase in earned income from events.
- Total expenses up 11% to \$1.6 million, including a 54% increase in food costs.
- We ended the year posting a modest surplus of \$2,504, a remarkable achievement considering the financial hammering that the Centre has taken in recent years.
- The final numbers will come in the annual independent financial review, expected in May.

Your support can bring joy to our beloved Centre:

Donors large and small help us in a hundred ways. We are renovating our under-5 kids space (Red Barn campaign), offering subsidies to low and moderate income guests, supporting initiatives from the Secwepemc cultural festival to new youth staff housing. The 52 gleaming solar panels on Spes Bona – which provide an abundance of clean, green energy – were funded by donors, including SASCUCU Credit Union. Some donors make a one-time gift, others a monthly donation. Some offer \$25 and others \$100,000 or more. We receive bequests and gifts from estates. We are grateful for the financial support of the Diocese of New Westminster – and for diocesan support for special projects, like our on-line homefulness event. More information on donations here: <https://sorrentocentre.ca/monthly-giving-makes-sense/>

We aspire to be a holy place of transformation for learning, healing and belonging and a gathering place for all. We are grateful for the enthusiastic support of so many friends in these difficult times.

In gratitude,

The Rev'd Michael Shapcott
Executive Director, Sorrento Centre

Report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

Bishop and Members of Synod:

Prior to the revision of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order approved by the Diocesan Synod in 2019 and 2021, the Committee on Constitution and Canons was a sessional committee, convened prior to Synod to review any proposals involving the revision and interpretation of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order. It became clear that (1) the

Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order required a systematic and thorough review with an eye to clarity, concision and the current context of the Diocese and (2) the Committee needed to have a more established place in the synodical processes of the Diocese.

Diocesan Synod approved a revision to Article 2 of the Constitution (Article 2.13) which allowed the Committee to make “such corrections and alterations to the Constitution and Canons as it considers necessary provided that such correction or alteration relates only to matters of form and not to matters of substance”. A new Canon 13 was enacted creating the Constitution and Canons Committee as a Standing Committee of the Synod and empowering the Committee to review any draft Regulations prior to consideration by Diocesan Council.

The Committee is guided by the principle that the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order of the Diocese exist “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4.12). To this end the Committee works to ensure that the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order, as well as any Regulations that shall be considered by the Synod or Diocesan Council from time to time, provide fair, transparent, responsible and accountable governance for the community of faith we know as the Diocese of New Westminster.

During the last biennium the primary work of the Committee, being guided by the principle described above, has been the production of a revised Diocesan Handbook containing (i) the current Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order; (ii) the current Regulations of the Diocese, and (iii) current Policies of the Diocese. This work has been completed and the Handbook is available at: <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/canons>.

Much of this work has been accomplished through the dedicated and persevering work of our recently retired Chair, the Venerable G. Douglas Fenton, sometime Executive Archdeacon and Archdeacon of Vancouver. The Diocese owes a profound debt of gratitude to Archdeacon Fenton for his work and the Committee is stronger for the leadership he has given to it.

The Synod of 2023 will be asked to make two revisions to the Canons using the new provision of Article 2.12 of the Constitution which permits the Synod to make a revision of the Act of Incorporation, the Constitution or the Canons in one sitting if the resolution receives a two-thirds majority. Previously all such changes required two readings, a provision better suited to annual synods but less suited to our current biennial model. The Bishop may withhold consent and bring the resolution for reconsideration at the next synod if the Bishop believes this to be desirable. The two revisions to the Canons are as follows:

- Synod will be asked to revise Canon 1 to include a ‘paramountcy’ provision which establishes formally what is already our practice, e.g., that any Parish bylaw which is inconsistent with or contrary to the Act of Incorporation, the Constitution, Canons and/or Rules of Order of the Diocese has no effect.
- Synod will also be asked to revise Canon 2 to limit the number of nominators of any candidate in an episcopal election to four members of Synod – two lay, two ordained – by striking the phrase ‘at least’ where it appears in this paragraph of the current Canon. This is a change recommended by the Report on the Episcopal Election chaired by the Vice Chancellor and received by Diocesan Council in May

2021. It is conceivable that Synod 2025 will receive further recommendations for revisions to the episcopal election process.

The Committee has recently circulated ‘The Church Wardens’ and Trustees’ Manual’ for review by the clergy, wardens and trustees of the Diocese. We are aware that there are questions arising from the presence in the Diocese of two models of parish incorporation, one where the Parish Council is coterminous with the Trustees, another where the Trustees and Parish Council are separate bodies. This has caused some uncertainties regarding the relationship between Parish Councils and Trustees as well as the role of Treasurers. Since this ‘Manual’ is not a constitutional or canonical document, the Committee will propose any revisions to the Diocesan Council. The current Manual is available at the [diocesan website](#).

The present Chair of the Committee is Archdeacon Richard Geoffrey Leggett of Holy Trinity Cathedral in New Westminster. The other members are:

Mr. Andrew Campbell (Saint James’ Vancouver)

Ms. Jennifer Dezell ODNW (Legal Assessor *ex officio*)

Ms. Sharon Grove ODNW (Holy Trinity Vancouver)

The Rev’d Katherine Hough (Saint Augustine’s Marpole)

Mr. Donald Paul ODNW (Registrar *ex officio*)

Mr. Kevin Smith ODNW (Vice Chancellor)

Respectfully submitted by the Ven. Richard Geoffrey Leggett, Ph.D. (Chair)

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Property

Bishop John and Members of Synod,

From 2021 through 2022, some of the issues dealt with by the Finance and Properties Committee were:

- Recommendation to endorse grant requests to the Anglican Foundation from Parishes in the Diocese
- Review of capital grants and loan requests from Parishes throughout the Diocese
- Providing advice and financial support to Parishes
- Providing advice for assessment relief for parishes and review of assessment relief applications from parishes
- Review of the property development requests from Parishes.
- Review of the clergy compensation for 2022-2023
- Review and approval of leases by Parishes longer than 1 year for approval by the Diocesan Council
- Review of parishes’ requests to release a portion of their CTF Restricted Capital
- Review of the diocesan application for a government wage subsidy

- Review of the policies and procedures relating to the selling of rectories
- Amendments to the Parish Loan Policy
- Amendments to the Policy for the Retired Clergy Benefits
- Amendments to the existing asset mix of PH&N Investment portfolio per the recommendation of the Investments Committee
- Approval of the amendments to the CTF Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures
- Manage the audit of Diocesan financial statements.
- Prepare a revised budget for 2023.
- Preparation and review of budgets for 2022
- Preparation of the Vision budget for 2024 and 2025
- Consulting with parishes to review their finances and help them plan for their future.

Amongst its activities is a monthly overview of the Diocesan operating budget and actual expenses, and a quarterly review of the performance of our Consolidated Trust Funds.

The committee's membership is large, diverse, and blessed by very capable and dedicated minds: John Geddes, Ken Storozuk ODNW, the Revd Helen Dunn, The Ven. Richard Leggett, The Revd Ruth Monette and Registrar Don Paul ODNW. Director of Finance Shailene Caparas serves as staff support. Our committee would like to remember our long-time member Susan Chortyk ODNW who passed away in November of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Hardy ODNW
Diocesan Treasurer,
Chair Finance and Properties Committee

Report of the Standing Committee of Mission and Ministry Development

The aim of the Department for Mission and Ministry Development is to provide greater institutional support to parishes that creates a more efficient, practical, and tailored approach to meeting the present needs of and building capacity within parishes in the areas of Social and Environmental Justice, Parish Development, Christian Formation and Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

The aim of the Standing Committee on Mission and Ministry is to champion and steward the priorities of the Diocese as a framework for all activities related to Mission & Ministry set by Synod, Diocesan Council, and/or the Bishop.

Together these groups:

- review and make recommendations to Diocesan Council about important development projects together with the Standing Committee on Management, Finance and Property
- Assist in the generation of new ideas that foster innovative approaches to ministry
- Support the work of parish development in the diocese
- Engage with parishes about mission and ministry

Since Synod 2021 several developments have taken place to respond to the requests of Synod and meet the needs of parishes. We have done so by:

- securing funding for Hospital Chaplaincy to continue at the Vancouver General Hospital while supporting parishes that seek to expand Hospital Chaplaincy in other parts of the Diocese
- hiring a 40% staff person to serve as the Missioner for Climate to further facilitate the aims of the Climate Emergency Implementation Working Group
- supporting the work of the Taskforce on Homelessness and Housing Affordability
- offering direct support to parishes in areas of Christian Formation, Parish Development, Property Development through recommendations to Diocesan Council, training and funding.
- strengthening capacity within parishes through the development of both training and human resources at the Synod Office in Parish Development, Christian Formation and Children, Youth and Family ministry. The most recent developments have been the restructuring of the role of the Missioner for Christian formation to include the role of Director of the Learning Centre and the hiring of a part time Missioner for Youth.
- supporting Innovative Ministries and New Models of Ministry within parishes. During the pandemic several parishes entered a discernment process for closure, merger, growth, and planting. This resulted in 4 closures, 2 mergers, 2 plants and a number of parishes deciding to explore sharing parish resources, beginning new ministry initiatives and revitalizing old ones.

Humbly Submitted,

The Rev. Tellison Glover
Director of Mission and Ministry Development

Report of the Street Outreach Initiative

Part 1. SITREP—Situation Report from the Street

Growing Desperation

As Street Outreach Initiative (SOI) approaches our 19th year of frontline operations in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES), living conditions for our street-involved brothers and sisters here have never been as desperate or discouraging as now. Given the already diminished standards of life for so many here, conditions are extreme.

Homelessness

There are more than 1,000 people without homes in the DTES and adjacent districts; and 2,095 homeless in the City of Vancouver. Province and City both, have invested in supportive and low-cost housing; purchasing extant hotels and motels, and converting these to low-income housing, and rapid-assemble modular residences. This does not even make a dent in housing the more than 3,234 currently homeless in our Diocese.

Tent City

The story of the Hastings St Tent Encampment is a case study in human desperation resulting from citizen and governmental indifference to the humanity of the vulnerable. It bears retelling. From March 2022 to April 2023, a tent encampment sprang up on the sidewalks of East Hastings Street, from Jackson to Abbott Streets. City Council permitted it to stand.

Storage for camper's personal belongings was arranged at Aboriginal Front Door. The VANDU Organization were contracted to remove litter and garbage. Portable toilets were installed. Charitable organizations provided occasional hot meals.

This encampment of ~ 200 marginalized brothers and sisters, utterly desperate for housing, had an inadvertent but negative impact on thousands of other marginalized and disadvantaged residents, already living in the DTES.

From months working in the midst of this settlement, our team observed several things. The sidewalks became difficult to navigate, and at places impassible for the many disabled DTES residents who use wheelchairs. Assaults, homicides, and weapons seizures increased significantly, raising tension in an already vulnerable community. After many years of street rounds, suddenly we were encountering yellow crime scene tape almost daily.

Street involved residents who used to gather and socialize on Hastings Street, day-in and day-out, ceased to meet there, many becoming isolated. Community services offices were blocked entirely by tents. Employees were threatened when seeking to clear doors. Fires set understandably, to avoid death by exposure in the cold and freezing rain, spread to tents, and

fronts of residences, businesses, and service providers. Repeated propane tank explosions occurred in a high-density environment.

The front steps of St James Church were daily obstructed. And fires were set repeatedly in all doorways, by human beings in need of heat to simply survive. In seeking to open doors for liturgies and programs, staff and volunteers frequently received verbal abuse, and sometimes threats. Fires were repeatedly set at the foot of ancient dried-out oak front doors. For the moment, the front doors of St James Church are barricaded by fencing during the week, in order to prevent more fires.

Two groups: desperate campers, and the vulnerable residents already living here, were effectively pitted against each other. Not by design, but by culpable neglect. Creating massive stress, fear, disorder and suffering, for the most vulnerable.

All of it caused, not by those freezing to death on the sidewalk, but by a collective unwillingness to value their lives and respect their inherent dignity in the image of God. We, as individuals and a society, could clearly have seen this systemic human disaster coming, if we had cared enough about others to look.

In the end, having offered housing or shelter options, police and city staff forcibly removed shelters and property that had not already been removed. Searing images of this action are emblematic of the greater systemic failure.

Even now we can act together. When we act, God acts.

Violence

There is a marked escalation of assaults, stabbings, shootings, and homicides in our District, since our 2020 report. Crimes committed mostly against vulnerable street involved citizens and visible minorities. In recent months SOI team members now review reports of violent attacks in the neighborhood, to best plan our street routes; noting volatile areas where we exercise heightened awareness. Note—This increased propensity for violence is not at all typical of or natural to the DTES.

Mental Illness

There are more vulnerable residents with severe untreated mental illness than ever before, unhoused and suffering on the street and in shelters. Having abandoned psychiatric hospitals in the 1980s, four decades later, there is a vast need of supportive housing for thousands with complex needs and/or mental illness. Currently there are, by factors of ten, more mentally ill neighbours than residential treatment places available to them. Those without shelter are left to suffer debilitating psychiatric symptoms, social isolation, hunger, exposure, and violence.

Drug Addiction

Many residents use opioids, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, alcohol, and other lethal and addictive drugs. More affordable than heroin and cocaine, drugs like fentanyl and crystal-meth have become “drugs of choice” on the street. The lives of addicted men and women are desperate. Circumstances associated with a life in addiction include homelessness, extreme poverty, psychiatric instability, chronic illness, and isolation from family, friends, and other community members. In the course of Street Rounds (2 to 2.5 hours), it is not uncommon for us to do 4 to 5 “wellness checks” on numerous persons we encounter unconscious on the street.

Addiction Recovery

There are only a very few options for affordable Detox and Recovery programmes. Expanded capacity for both services is desperately needed and would make a revolutionary difference to all our communities. As we continually fail to invest in addiction treatment in the present term, the suffering of the addicted, and those who love them, is only prolonged and worsened, the overdose deaths continue, and the cost of caring for medical emergencies and comorbidities over the long term, becomes astronomical. When will we do the math of human wellbeing and compassion?

Overdose Deaths

For those in addiction, the toxic illicit drug supply continues to pose a life and death gamble each time they use. As mentioned above, we continually do wellness checks, and regularly identify people who are overdosed and not breathing. We call 911, summoning paramedics and, together with whoever else is present, initiate care providing Naloxone, heart compressions, and breaths, until first responders arrive.

From early on, SOI has supported the harm reduction movement, which has saved the lives of thousands of our parishioners. Along with addiction recovery options, careful provision of medically supplied opioids for individual patients, can make a difference here. Yet, we choose the term “verified supply”, as opposed to “safe supply”. For, whether an opioid is adulterated or pure—a potential life and death question—any substance with the power to derail and forever alter the course of a sacred human life, can never be described as “safe” or “safe supply”.

Communicable Diseases

Epidemiology of the local population suggest that, when compared to other populations in the GVRD, the DTES community is over-representative of:

- Bacterial infections, including—Tuberculosis, Dysentery, Pneumonia, Shigila, and “superbugs” like MRSA
- Viral infections, including—HIV, Hep-C, CMV

Summary

In this the oldest neighbourhood of the City of Vancouver, life circumstances for street involved residents have never been as forbidding or as desperate as they are now.

Part 2. Progress Report—Pastoral & Programmatic Interventions

On-Street Presence

The heart of the Street Outreach is the on-street presence of street outreach clergy and frontline volunteers, present among the residents of this community, wherever they gather. Encounters occur on sidewalks, streets, alleys, and in community centres, cafes, saloons, and the parks of our Downtown Eastside.

We purposely go outside the church building, walking “Rounds” of the neighbourhood, out and about on the sidewalks, meeting people and listening to them, and offering practical help, and pastoral and sacramental care, in an environment often characterized by chaos and loneliness.

We take a genuine interest in the lives and stories of our brothers and sisters here. We walk a particular “track” that proceeds through those city blocks where the greatest number of personal encounters occur. Building relationships, whether readily or over the long term, we seek to assist in areas where our specialties make a specific difference. We purposely do not duplicate those services already available.

On Street Partners

Various partners join Fr Matthew on many of the Street Rounds. These include Deacon Joyce Lochter and longtime community members Nelson Oliver and Elder Kelvin Bee ODNW. On Friday afternoons, St James’ Assistant Curate, Mother Amanda Ruston is seconded to on-street or other Street Outreach operations. In her time with the Outreach, Mother Amanda has developed both the skills and the rapport, critical to on-street apostolate; skills learned only through risk, vulnerability, and hard lessons.

Off Street Pastoral Counsel & Trauma Care

Fr Matthew and Dn Joyce Lochter RCC also work in numerous off-street contexts: directly

with individuals struggling with mental illness, addiction, or trauma; meeting with families confronted by these things; blessing homes where there is instability; doing street rounds; providing trauma skills workshops; or collaborating on resources for trauma survivors. Trauma is the leading issue which presents in these situations, an area where both Dn Joyce and Fr Matthew have graduate training. Deacon Joyce is a registered clinical counselor, extending her skills beyond typical pastoral matters. She offers pastoral care quietly, mostly unseen by others, yet with significant positive impacts in the lives of those she works with.

“Member List” & Ethnic Diversity

The Outreach maintains a comprehensive “member list” of regular contacts and frontline partners we know by name. We use this list for follow-up, contact info, and daily prayer. Presently, the Outreach keeps an eye out for about 519 individuals from diverse backgrounds with whom we have directly worked, and those with whom we have developed relationships. We pray also for our members departed. In 18½ years we have lost 102 members from earlier lists and countless other friends to death; too many of these, before their time.

Our “contact group” is ethnically diverse (figures are rounded).

- White / Caucasian 55%
- Indigenous / First Nations, Metis, & Innu Peoples 25%
- Latino / Latina 8%
- Black / African Descent 5%
- Asian 5%
- South Asian 2%
- Pacific Islands 1%
- Middle Eastern / North African 1%

Demographic and ethnographic information is valuable, guiding us in better understanding our community, and how we can reach out to specific groups and generations most effectively.

It helps to know for instance, that Aboriginal residents over the age of 55, include a significant number of Indian Residential School (IRS) and Sixties Scoop Survivors; while Aboriginals of later generations may be living with Legacies of the IRS or 60’s Scoop.

Caucasian males over 60 are often pensioners, who have retired from work in natural resource extraction (timber, mining, fisheries) or large scale construction projects (ironworkers, crane and concrete workers, laborers). Some have work-related disabilities.

Latino and Latina residents over age 50, include many UNHCR Refugees from the Dirty Wars in Central and South America (late 1960’s—90’s). They may have backgrounds as activists, guerillas, political prisoners, soldiers, police, or death squad members. Sometimes former enemies encounter each other in person on the street. While Latinos/Latinas under forty may have come in search of employment or in flight from gang and cartel violence. Some of them are undocumented.

Those of Middle Eastern or (North) African descent may have higher incidences of combat experience (Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan, Sudan, Somalia), political incarceration (Iran, Syria), famine (Sudan, Ethiopia, Darfur, etcetera), child soldiering (Congo, Somalia) or refugee-related experiences (all of the above).

Each of these groups are at higher risk of Complex Trauma or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Funerals and Requiem Masses

St James Church and Street Outreach Initiative are present for families and community members at difficult times. Fr Matthew and the St James Clergy Team offer Funerals, Memorial Services, and Requiem Masses for community members and family and friends who mourn them. Elder Kelvin Bee often joins Fr Matthew for funerals of Aboriginal residents. Too often, over the past decade, we have buried youth, young adults, and others dying from opioid overdose.

Extra Mural Memorial Services & Masses

The Outreach Priest presided at numerous memorial services outside the doors of St James, at Community Residences in the DTES. Offering Memorial Services in Shelters and Residences throughout the DTES, and one outdoor Memorial Service in Oppenheimer Park.

The Street Outreach Priest and team members were also present for two Portland Hotel Society (PHS) residences, collaborating with staff in Memorial Services for the many residents who had died since the start of the Pandemic, yet had had no Service. At a Memorial Service at the Portland Hotel in September 2021 we remembered nine (9) brothers and sisters; and in October it was fifteen (15) at the Alexander Street Community.

Fr Matthew continues to celebrate Seasonal Masses quarterly at the Victory House residence for adults with special needs.

Addictions Recovery

The Outreach Priest worked with eleven individuals in the past two years as they completed their 5th Step in the 12 Step recovery program. This occurs in focused meetings of up to 90 minutes, where recovering persons review and acknowledge the nature of past errors and wrongs, in order to clear the conscience, and make room for a new and unencumbered future. These are some of the highest leveraged minutes of Outreach endeavour, in resourcing people as they re-shape their lives and trajectories.

Techniques for use in Street Involved Populations with Trauma Histories

SOI co-sponsored three trauma skills development workshops with professionals in trauma intervention, Dr Marv Westwood (UBC Centre for Group Counselling and Trauma, and the UBC Veterans' Program) and Lyn Langley (Emerita, Langara College). Gradually, with their assistance, a toolkit of techniques is in development—Brief Reparative Interventions—for street specific encounters, which are the opposite of pastoral or clinical controlled environments.

Ceremony for “The 215”

In May 2021, our nation and our neighbourhood were stunned by the identification of the remains of 215 persons at an IRS School in Kamloops. There is an extraordinarily high proportion of Aboriginal persons, including IRS and Sixties Scoop Survivors in the DTES. Elders and Indigenous community leaders came together to offer a ceremony of remembrance on the Front Steps of St James Church (SJC). SOI coordinated with Aboriginal leaders and SJC leaders, who offered facility and technical support. Instrumental to this were Elders Kelvin Bee and Jerry Adams, among other Indigenous leaders, both members of SJC.

In response to the Organizers' invitation, Bishop John Stevens, the Aboriginal Justice Missioner Kerry Baisley, the Rector and Clergy of SJC, and clergy colleagues, all made a point of being present. The Ceremony was offered on the Front Steps of St James Church, where children's shoes and clothing were lovingly arrayed. Indigenous Community Leaders offered words, prayers, dancing, and songs—all of which spoke to the grief in peoples' hearts. Bishop John acknowledged the Church's role in the IRS system, and our Diocese's commitment to the healing of Survivors, and to walking in respectful solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. True to the terrible reality of children who never returned home, grief and anger was also expressed; at an Event that was honest, difficult, and entirely compelling.

Appointment of Street Outreach Elder

Early in 2022, with the permission of Bishop John Stephens, Elder Kelvin Bee ODNW, was appointed Elder to the SOI. Elder Kelvin and Fr Matthew have worked together often over the years. This appointment recognizes the wisdom, effort, and cultural expertise, Elder Kelvin contributes to the Street Outreach and the community of St James Church. Among other shared activities, Elder and Priest walk Rounds of the community.

Inter-Organizational Collaboration

Vancouver Infectious Diseases Centre

The medical team of the VIDC joined us in 2021 and 2022, offering Covid testing, and later, a Pop-Up Liver Clinic at SJC. Established by epidemiologist Dr Brian Conway—an Anglican physician and researcher in community medical care for the addicted—the VIDC is a one-stop “shop” for our relatives living with addiction; offering user-friendly medical care, blood tests, liver tests in minutes, medications, nutritional supplies, and community referrals, *all at one place*. We are grateful that VIDC has just in March opened a clinic in the parish, a block away.

Watari Counselling and Support Services

SOI and SJC continue to collaborate with Watari on numerous community projects. SJC hosted Watari’s fresh meal preparation in the Crypt Kitchen throughout 2021-22 in a very successful collaboration. SOI and Watari have partnered-up numerous times, providing hospitality and liturgy when a death has touched our community members.

Union Gospel Mission

SOI collaborates as requested with UGM’s Addiction Treatment workers, in working with men in its recovery program (see “Addictions Recovery, above).

Veterans’ Transition Program

We have begun an exploratory trial, in collaboration with Dr Marv Westwood, whereby Canadian Forces Veterans living with trauma join Fr Matthew on certain Street Rounds. Having witnessed and participated in life-and-death apocalyptic realities, and traumatized in other ways, these veterans, long to make a positive difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. The first trial has started well.

Parish Training Roadshow

SOI’s “Responding With the Agitated Person” workshop, visited Christ Church Cathedral last autumn, for our fifth time together since 2004. We presented basic information, hip-pocket skills, and creative approaches, to responding when someone is in crisis, in or around church facilities, or during the liturgy, to forty volunteers and staff. At the request of Synod Office, SOI will offer this workshop in June of 2023 to the clergy of our Diocese.

VST in DTES

In Spring 2022, SOI had the privilege of offering a graduate course entitled “Inner Urban Apostolate”. So classes could be held in the DTES, St James kindly hosted us. Fr Matthew offered sessions on topics including: Ground Truths, History of a Neighbourhood, Street as

Ecosystem, Trauma—Complex and PTSD, Addiction, Mental Illness, Indian Residential School Legacy, Aboriginal and Female Voices of the DTES (with Dr Marjorie Fee), and Developing a Business Plan for funding Unconventional Ministries. Five guest speakers rounded out the course. Pope Francis’s teaching document, *Evangelii gaudium*, guided students on our call to encounter the Lord, not primarily through people who “have it all together”; but in encounters with marginalized persons, who bring complex and often inconvenient needs, yet who call out to us, as fellow humans and followers of Christ, to see and include them.

Website

Administrator Kelly Habarugira collaborated with three other MBA students to conduct a branding survey for the Street Outreach Initiative. Using this information, Kelly created a website that is a digital embodiment of SOI’s brand. It details our history, services, and resources. And offers a way to make a financial contribution to our work. The website name is long, making three words into one: www.streetoutreachinitiative.net.

Note: the email domain remains as it is: name@streetoutreach.net

Paranormal Response

Occasionally, residents approach SOI about a spirit or ghost present in their residence. Sometimes this is related to mental health or addictions issues. Yet it is true that the DTES has a history of transience, trauma, racial hatred, crime, domestic violence, stranger violence, human exploitation, suicide and homicide; all of which can leave a residue. Fr Matthew and a clergy colleague can and do respond with a Rite of Blessing & Protection of a Home.

Staff Changes

Having completed her MBA, Outreach Project Administrator, Ms Kelly Habarugira, left the Outreach for fulltime work. In her time with us, Kelly implemented numerous improvements in our business practices and constructed SOI’s first ever Website. After a thorough search, SOI has hired Mr Luis Beltran, also an MBA student; whose numerous gifts already benefit the Outreach.

Part 3. Team Effort

The Street Outreach Initiative is much larger than one priest. Numerous individuals and organizations are a part the effort—including parish, diocese, and community.

We thank the Rector, Wardens, Clergy, Trustees, and the gifted Staff Members of St James Church, providing instrumental support in myriad ways. We thank the Bishop of New Westminster for his ongoing attention to the DTES and its residents, and for his support of this Apostolate. We thank the Synod Office Staff, Payroll Administrator, Director of Finance, Accounting Clerk, Communications Officer, Missioner for Aboriginal Justice, Administrative Assistant, and Building Manager. Finally, this Outreach depends on an Advisory Group of wise and committed Anglicans with a vision for God's Reign—Judy Graves, Judy Hager, Pamela McElheran, Dn Steve Bailey, Peggy Smyth, Ross Hornby, and Robert Dickson—for their invaluable guidance, advice, and efforts.

Bit by bit, one step at a time, together we are making a difference.

Respectfully submitted by

The Reverend Father Matthew Johnson
Street Outreach Priest, Downtown Eastside

Report of the Vancouver School of Theology

Thoughtful, engaged and generous Christian leaders

VST is called to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church and the world. Our graduates are thoughtful people, reflective about how to interact with the large issues of our time out of the deep resources of faith. Our students are engaged, willing to get involved in the world, not just wait for the next one. Our theological ethos is designed to nurture practitioners who give their lives for God and the gospel. Our graduates are generous, inclusive people, able to find friends with whom to collaborate for the love of God and the good of the world. We go deep with God in Christ and so wide with the world God loves.

The academic year 2022-2023 was a year of transition. We moved back into our building as the base of operations and instruction once again. Classes were held this year in a hybrid (in-person and online) format. Before the pandemic turned endemic about 25% of student were online. This academic year saw online numbers increase to about half of the class. We are doing a great deal to have first rate and up-to-date technology and pedagogy for these students so that their classroom experience is participatory and excellent. Our library leadership is engaged in the development of online resources to support the research needs of our online and commuting students. Some courses are still taught in an intensive in-person format, particularly pastoral courses. Housing expenses for those occasions are underwritten by VST to 50% of costs through the generosity of donors.

Faculty/Anglican faculty

Anglican faculty include The Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred, The Rev. Dr. Rob James and Dr. Mari Joerstad. Anglican lecturers include The Very Rev. Peter Elliot and Bishop Melissa Skelton. Local Anglican clergy regularly visit classes and give worship leadership. We are currently seeking two new faculty members and we expect that one will be Anglican. Archdeacon Philippa Pride served on the search committee for the next incumbent of the Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation.

VST was busy in preparation for our Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accreditation visit in March of 2023. VST is accreditation by both the Province of British Columbia and ATS. The processes for accreditation ensure high institutional governance, fiscal and academic standards.

Faculty are productive as scholars and pastors, regularly publishing significant monographs and articles for the life of the church now. A book launch will be held in the fall of 2023. Currently the faculty is producing of volume of sermons on the Ten Commandments for publication in 2023. The Rev. Dr. Rob James (Anglican) and The Rev. Dr. Hyuk Cho (United Church) began as professors of denominational studies and formation at VST in August of 2022. We expect two searches underway for (1) the Butler Chair in Homiletics and Hermeneutics and (2) Director of Theological Field Education will be complete and new professors in place for the fall of 2023. That will complete our complement of 11 Faculty members, supplemented by Sessional lectures. VST has committed itself to holding a course every semester taught by an Indigenous Instructor.

VST board/employees

Mr. Michael Francis completes his term as VST Chair of the Board after nine years. We have been incredibly blessed by his wise, cheerful and enthusiastic leadership. We are glad that Bishop David Lehmann will become the Board Chair and The Rev. Dr. Jean Morris Vice-Chair in May of 2023. Ms. Catherine Evans is the Chancellor at VST. Other Anglican members of the Board include Bishop Melissa Skelton, The Rev. Jessica Schaap and Mrs. Judy Hagar. Ms. Frances Picherack finished her term this year. We expect to add two Anglican members of the Board effective fall 2023. We are a theological school preparing leadership for the United, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches and our board membership reflects that ecumenical composition and more.

Partnerships

VST extends its reach and magnifies its impact through strategic partnerships. In addition to our core relationships with our Affiliate (Anglican and United) and Associate (Presbyterian) denominations, we work with UBC, the Sauder School of Business, the schools in the theological neighbourhood on the campus of UBC, Huron College at Western University,

Durham University in the UK, St Mark's College at UBC, The Canadian Chinese School of Theology in Vancouver, and the University of Pretoria to deliver educational programs from BA to Ph.D. Our relationships with Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia, and St Andrew's, Quezon City, Philippines (Episcopal), continue with visiting faculty teaching in our summer school and making guest appearances in classes. These agreements help us deliver a theological education that is contextually appropriate and global in its awareness. We are planning for students and faculty to engage with our partners in Asia in a more rigorous fashion now that travel is more easily possible.

Grants/Finances/Foundation

Vancouver School of Theology has achieved a balanced operating budget for eight years in a row. In addition, we have allocated annual surpluses to capital expenses and maintenance. Our employees have received increases in each of the past seven years based on COLA, equity and performance standards. Our CFO and Vice-President, Ms. Shari Coltart, gives excellent leadership to the fiscal undertakings of the school in conjunction with the Audit and Finance subcommittee of the Board, chaired by Mr. Michael Francis. The VST Foundation is chaired by The Venerable Ronald Harrison and provides a significant revenue stream for the operations of the school drawn at 4%, and the case of this coming fiscal year 5%. We have undertaken to provide more student support, in addition to current scholarships, in the form of bursaries of up to 70% for students with financial need. We anticipate that significant additions to our endowment will be required to support the mission of VST – to educate and form thoughtful, engaged and generous Christian leaders - in the coming years. We are working toward that end. Other ACC representatives on the Foundation Board include Frances Picherack, whose term is now complete, and Douglas Rae. We are grateful for the service of Russell Smith, who sadly passed away this year. New members of the Foundation will be appointed the fall of 2023.

VST has completed the expenditure of a Luce Grant for Indigenous Ministry (\$400,000 US) through the Teaching House that Moves Around. The program will continue for another two years, in Northwest Communities in British Columbia, funded by a grant (\$225,000) through the United Church of Canada, and in Saskatchewan, funded by the Anglican Foundation of Canada (\$15,000). This important ministry is a continuation of a 35-year commitment to Indigenous Ministry by the Vancouver School of Theology through its Indigenous Studies Program, currently under the direction of The Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred. Dr. Aldred's contract with VST was renewed for another three years this year. We are blessed by his work among us.

Several significant gifts were received by VST in the recent past through the robust efforts of our Advancement team. The Lilly Endowment awarded the school a \$1 million (US) phase two grant to retool and revitalize Field Education. We were successful also in phase one of this program in which we received \$60,000 (CAD) to do research on field education. We envision spending around \$500,000.00 this coming year for program development and as

stipends for students doing field education. Our Sauder School of Business program is completely endowed so that students can learn finance, adaptive leadership, leading in times of transition, coaching and mentoring, as well as leading through transition **in addition** to their theological education. They receive the Sauder Certificate in Leadership Excellence through the completion of this program. VST has established a Project for Congregation Flourishing through Community Engagement with a grant of \$250,000 (US) from Murdock Trust. This grant is in its final year and resources are being collected, curated and shared with churches in a variety of modalities. Mr. Chris Pullenayegem is directing this project. Significant gifts from the Anglican Foundation of Canada (\$15,000.00) and a British Foundation (\$15,000.00) to fund an Indigenous Summer School program with particular attention to youth and children were received. In the fall of 2022, a consultation on Truth and Reconciliation was hosted at VST, funded by Anglican, United and Presbyterian Churches, that involved representatives from Canada, South Africa and Norway (the Sámi people).

In 2022-2023, VST received over \$300,000.00 to endow the O’Driscoll Forum in Preaching and the Arts. This program, named in honour of The Rev. Canon Herbert and Paula O’Driscoll, will take place each summer at VST in conjunction with the Summer School program. It is modelled after the College of Preachers which took place at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC., to which Canon O’Driscoll gave leadership. It gives preachers and liturgical leaders a chance to “workshop” with each other under the direction of a master preacher and liturgical artist. This year, summer 2023, the initial Forum will be facilitated by Bishop Todd Townsend and Ms. Louise Peters. The Anglican Foundation made a significant donation for start up costs for this program (\$15,000.00). <https://vst.edu/odriscollforum/>

Renovations in our Epiphany chapel to green the space, update the technology and refresh the building are in motion. The roof has been replaced, students online can now share in services through participative technology and the sound and lighting systems in the building have been completely replaced. All windows and doors will be replaced when the space is not in use this summer. This project is fully funded through a \$1.1 million legacy gift.

Academic Enrollment

The headcount at VST for 2022-2023 is 176, course registrations are 717 and our FTE is 78. Our enrollment, while below the record numbers during COVID-19, is still very strong and amongst the highest in the history of the school. The largest area of growth at the school in recent years is the numbers of student doing research degrees. In the past 5 years, we have over a 500% increase. New professorial hires will be made with a view to support this growth. M.Div. students are still the largest cohort, followed by MATS, MAPPL and TH.M. students.

Of the three historic partners of the school, the United Church/United Church of Christ has the largest cohort at 43/6 students, the Anglican/Episcopalian have 27/7 students and the Presbyterian/Reformed 24/8. VST continues to expand its ecumenical bandwidth, in keeping with the vision of its founders. 35 students at VST come from other Christian denominations, including Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Baptist, Orthodox, Alliance, Mennonite

and Quaker. 4 students are enrolled in the Ph.D. program, which VST offers in partnership with Durham University, UK. The first student from our joint BA program with St Mark's College has begun courses in the M.Div. at VST. This combined program reduces the overall time to complete both degrees by one year.

VST has a robust online recruitment program, engages online recruitment services, holds a VST Sunday, once a year, in which 40 churches across Canada participate, and hosts an Explorers Weekend at the school where students experience life as a student for a few days. Our Coordinator of Recruitment, Mr. Sam Andri, provides outstanding leadership. We are grateful to congregations where our students are welcomed. We are experiencing an extraordinary influx of applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. VST has taken a Students First approach to the application process and is working hard at simplifying processes and supporting applications, including providing online seminars with legal and immigration experts for potential students.

Special Lectures/Summer School 2022

Vancouver School of Theology welcomed a series of outstanding lecturers in 2022 and 2023. The Somerville lecturer in September of 2022 was The Rev. Julian Davis Reid, a popular Chicago Jazz Musician, who led us in a retreat entitled: "Notes of Rest." Art Historian and Anglican Theologian Dr. Chloë Reddaway was our G. Peter Kaye Lecturer. She addressed the topic of "The Problem of Painting Christ: Strange Responses to the Greatest Artistic Challenge" in February of 2023. Our Visiting Distinguished Scholar for July of 2023 will be Prof. Jehu J. Hanciles who will teach a course entitled, "Beyond Empire: Rethinking the History of Global Christianity" and give a public lecture in our summer school on the theme of "Global Migration and Christian Witness."

All these lectures are fully funded through generous funding restricted for these events and held in the VST Foundation. All these lectures are recorded and available through our YouTube channel. Summer School 2023 will be held July 3-14 in hybrid format with VST welcoming outstanding scholars, church leaders and students from around the world. <https://vst.edu/vst-summer-school/> VST is bringing Andrew Root to campus for the Cork Lecture/Workshop: Friday, August 11 - "Why Were All So Exhausted: The Church in a Time Crisis" and Saturday, August 12 - "Ministry Inside the Immanent Frame: The Task of Speaking of God in a Secular Age."

Convocation 2022

On May 11 we conferred degrees and certificates on 40 students. Our convocation was held at Shaughnessy Heights United Church, Vancouver. Eight students received the Sauder School of Business Certificate in Leadership Excellence. We presented the TEG (thoughtful, engaged and generous) Christian Leader Award to the Rev. Alecia Greenfield, a VST alumni and an

Anglican Priest. This award of \$4,000.00 is to encourage excellent leadership by clergy in the earlier years of ministry. VST awarded an honorary doctorate to The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary of the United Church of Canada, this year. Dr. Blair was also our convocation speaker.

Vancouver School of Theology is grateful for our relationship with the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit will be with and among you at your Synod meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Richard Topping, President

Report of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry

In 2022, the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry (WANM) celebrated 14 years of continuous service to the homeless and disenfranchised neighbours on Vancouver's west side. Each Saturday, a team of Street Outreach volunteers canvas the streets from West 10th to Granville and points in between, providing packages of toiletries, food, clothing, tarps and sleeping bags to those in need. Additionally, laminated cards with information on other services available in the community, such as housing forms, help with taxes, and showers program, are distributed.

An indoor team of volunteers at all four parishes is an invaluable source of assistance to the weekly street outreach teams. The indoor team members pack and provide the necessities delivered on the weekly outings, including fresh sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs and fruit. The delivery of these necessities allows members of the WANM an opportunity to build trust and caring relationships with our street friends and direct them to other aspects of the ministry.

In 2022, Dr. Stephanie Chu provided medical services at St. Augustine's Marpole, and a team of WANM volunteers offered social services. Additionally, after a three 1/2-year hiatus due to COVID, the WANM restarted its Mobile Care Unit services at Kits Showers. Medical services, under the leadership of Dr. Janet McKeown, and social services, such as housing applications, ID replacement, taxes, immigration issues, transportation vouchers, etc., are provided by a social services team of WANM volunteers. The Kits Showers Program is a natural adjunct for the WANM's street outreach volunteers to direct those they serve on the city's west side.

In June 2022, the WANM held its annual meeting at St. Anselm's, where volunteers were celebrated and thanked for their service. The yearly meeting also encourages those not connected with the ministry to attend and learn more about the past year's activities and volunteer opportunities available. Throughout the year, the WANM Board also worked on finalizing the organization's Terms of Reference and Procedures and Protocols documents.

The WANM also continues to communicate and connect with Vancouver City Council about their housing strategy for unhoused or under-housed individuals, including assisting with the city’s annual Homeless Count mapping process—which did not occur in 2022 due to COVID restrictions. WANM volunteers were part of the city’s Homeless Mapping count in 2023.

The 2020 Count found 2,095 residents experiencing homelessness (compared to 2,223 in 2019): 547 people were living unsheltered on the street, and 1,548 people were staying in sheltered locations, including emergency shelters, detox centers, transition houses, and hospitals, with no fixed address (NFA). WANM volunteers will participate in the city’s Homeless Count in January 2023.

As Shirin Theophilus at St. Anselm’s wrote in their parish’s 2023 Vestry Report: “Our homeless ministry volunteers are commended for their difficult journey with the other, for entering their places of pain, offering friendship and encouragement, even when there is rejection or no response, as we enter our 15th year of ministry. We rejoice that our ministry is grounded in our lived Christian theology.”

For more information about this ministry, please get in touch with one of the Board of Management co-chairs at ministrymcu@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by

Joan Stewart, Co-chair WANM Board of Management

2022 Board of Management:

Co-chairs Rev’d. Alex Wilson, St. Anselm’s & Joan Stewart, ODNW, St. John’s Shaughnessy; Rev’d. Terry Dirbas, St. John’s Shaughnessy; Rev’d. Lorne Manweiler, St. Philip’s Dunbar; Rev’d. Liz Hamel, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Helen’s Point Grey; Rhona Thornton, St. Philip’s Dunbar; Shirin Theophilus, ODNW, St. Anselm’s

Minutes of the 121st Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster

121st Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster
(on Zoom)

Saturday, May 15, 2021

- 1) 8:00 am to 8:35 am Registration
Synod delegates logged onto Synod via Zoom.
- 2) 8:35 am Call to Order
Bishop John welcomes Delegates and provides further instructions regarding virtual voting.
- 3) Territorial Acknowledgement and Blessing Song
Xwechtaal (Dennis Joseph), Elder of the Squamish First Nation, welcomes all synod delegates to the ancestral and unceded territories of the Squamish, Ilseil-Waututh, and Musqueam First Nations.
- 4) Morning Prayer & Bishop's Address
In his homily, Bishop John preached on the relationship between science and theology and how this relationship can strengthen our action regarding tackling the Climate Emergency and other pressing justice issues of our time.
- 5) Call to Order
Bishop John formally calls the 121st Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster to order.
- 6) 9:15 am Constitution of Synod
George Cadman (ODNW), the Chancellor of the Diocese, informed the Synod that we have 294 delegates registered: 123 clergy, 171 laity. We have quorum to continue with the business of Synod.
- 7) Instructions regarding Addressing Synod
Delegates wishing to address synod must send an email to SpeakAtSynod@vancouver.anglican.ca to be recognized in order to speak. During resolutions, the originator of the resolution has five minutes to speak, the seconder and any others speaking have three minutes to speak. One of the Secretaries of Synod

will put up a warning sign if a speaker has 30 seconds left remaining to speak. Once a speaker's time is expired, they will be muted.

8) Regrets.

The Ven. Douglas Fenton, Executive Archdeacon, noted the following delegates who have forwarded their regrets regarding being unable to attend this synod:

Clergy: The Rev. Dixie Black, the Rev. Canon Jonathan LLoyd, the Rev. Vivian Seegers, the Rev. Gordon Shields, the Rev. Eric Stroo, the Ven. John Struthers, the Rev. Welby Walker.

Laity: Doug Loney, Bob McCall, Lorie Ouellette, Jean Senior, Dylan Wong

9) Privileges of Synod

MOTION: Moved: The Venerable Douglas Fenton

Seconded: The Chancellor

THAT privileges of Synod (voice but no vote) be given to the following:

Mr Dennis Joseph

Ms Susanne Stockdill, ODNW

Postulants:

Mr Neil Seedhouse

Ms Martha Cameron

Mr Jason Wood

Diocesan Staff:

Mr Kerry Baisley, ODNW

Ms Shailene Caparas

Mr Joselito Manolo

Mr Randy Murray

Mr Elias Neto

Ms Lauren Pinkney

Mr Marché Riley

Mr Bill Siksay

Ms Michele van Teunenbroek

Ms Prashanthi Yadavalli

10) Introduction of New Clergy

The Ven. Douglas Fenton welcomed new clergy to the Diocese since the 119th Synod (newly ordained, newly arrived):

Deacons:

The Rev. Taras Pakholchuk

The Rev. Amanda Ruston

The Rev. Leah Skuro

Priests:

The Rev. Philip Barker
The Rev. Simbarashe Basvi
The Rev. Stephen Black
The Rev. Alecia Greenfield
The Rev. Katherine Hough
The Rev. Lorie Martin
The Rev. Bill Mok
The Rev. Timothy Morgan
The Rev. Patrick John O'Maoil Mheana
The Rev. Christopher Pappas
The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney
The Rev. André Stephany
The Rev. Adam Yates

11) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved: The Clerical Secretary

Seconded: The Lay Secretary

That the Agenda for the 121st Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster be approved

CARRIED

12) Reports of Sessional Committees

- a) Resolutions: Jennifer Dezell, ODNW, Legal Assessor for the Diocese
Jennifer explained that new resolutions may be introduced from the floor of Synod as long as they have both a mover and a seconder and have followed the other requirements stated in the Rules of Order.
- b) Nominations: Susanne Stockdill, ODNW.
Susanne thanked the members of the Nominations Committee for all their work leading up to Synod.
- c) Memorials: The Rev. Simbarashe Basvi.
- d) The Rev. Simbarashe Basvi commended to Almighty God the souls of all the faithful departed and especially those former members of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster who died since the 119th Session of Synod and read their names.
- Muthiah David Appavoo, Priest (National House of Bishops List)
 - Gordon William Dominey, Priest
 - Jill Hanney, ODNW
 - David Geoffrey Hawkins, Priest
 - Jack Griffiths, ODNW
 - Gwenith (Gwen) Mary Lamacraft, ODNW

- John Milroy, ODNW
- James Allen Penrice, Priest
- Margaret Ramsay
- Willoughby Trevelyan (Treve) Roberts
- John Frederick Sovereign, Priest
- Dennis Yonge

May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory, Amen.

e) Messages from Synod

MOTION: Moved: The Rev. Bill Mok

Seconded: The Ven. Douglas Fenton

CARRIED

THAT in accordance with our customs, this Synod send greetings to the following:

Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada

The Administrator of the Government of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honorable Richard Wagner

The Prime Minister of Canada: the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau

The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia: the Honorable Janet Austin

The Premier of British Columbia: the Honorable John Horgan

The Hereditary, Elected, and grassroots leadership of:

Tla A'min First Nation

shíshálh Nation (Sechelt)

Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation

Tsleil Waututh Nation

Musqueam Band

Hwlitsum First Nation

Katzie First Nation

Kwikwetlem First Nation

Matsqui First Nation

Qayqayt First Nation (Kaykat)

Semiahmoo First Nation

Tsawwassen First Nation

Kwantlen First Nation

Stó:lō Nation

Stó:lō Tribal Council

Sumas First Nation

The Peters Band

Sts'ailes Nation

Skwah First Nation

Yale First Nation

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Right Honorable Justin Welby
The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls
The National Indigenous Bishop, the Most Revd Mark MacDonald
The National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Revd Susan Johnson

The retired bishops of the diocese:

The Most Revd Douglas Hambidge
The Right Revd Michael Ingham
The Most Revd Melissa Skelton

The bishops of the dioceses and ecclesiastical jurisdictions in British Columbia and Yukon:

Bishop of Caledonia, the Right Rev. David Lehman
Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon, the Right Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame
Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon and Archbishop of Kootenay, the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton
Bishop of the Territory of the People, the Right Rev. Lincoln McKeon
Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia, the Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

The bishop of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Rev. Greg Mohr

The bishop of our neighbouring Diocese of Olympia of The Episcopal Church, the Right Rev. Gregory Rickel

The bishop of our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, the Right Reverend Brent Alawas

Our Ecumenical Partners:

The President of the Executive Committee for the Canadian Council of Churches, the Rev. Stephan Kendall

The President of the Pacific Mountain Conference of the United Church of Canada, The Rev. Blair Odney

The Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, the Most Rev. Michael Miller

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev.

Victor Kim

These greetings come from the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations.

13) Minutes of the 119th Synod and 120th Electoral Synod

MOTION: Moved: The Clerical Secretary
Seconded: The Lay Secretary

THAT the Minutes of the 119th and 120th Synods be approved.

CARRIED

14) Receipt of Written Reports

MOTION: Moved: Ms. Francis Fagan, ODNW

Seconded: The Rev. Philip Cochrane

THAT the Written Reports of the Convening Circular of the 121st Synod be approved.

CARRIED

15) Diocesan Elections

The Chancellor addressed Synod on online voting procedure, with the slideshow indicating each vote.

The Chancellor explained the following regarding the elections of Officers of the Diocese

- The Vice Chancellor, Mr. Kevin Smith (ODNW), will serve as Returning Officer
- There will be three elections of Archdeaconry representatives of Diocesan Council that only delegates of those archdeaconries will be eligible to vote
- The rest of the elections (where there were more nominees than positions available) will be open to all synod delegates

The following positions were to be voted on:

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Capilano): Ian Thomas, Rob Dickson, Meg Stephens (one to be elected)

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Granville): The Rev. Alex Wilson, the Rev. Melanie Calabrigo (one to be elected)

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Lougheed): The Rev. Timothy Morgan, the Rev. David Taylor (one to be elected)

Court of the Diocese: Phil Colvin, Margaret Briscall, ODNW, Janet McIntosh, Andrew Campbell (three to be elected)

Clergy Members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on

Appointments:

The Rev. Helen Dunn, the Rev. Canon Kevin Hunt, the Rev. Ruth Monette, the Rev. Karin Fulcher, the Rev. Stephen Rowe (three to be elected)

Lay Members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments: Brenda Coburn, Charlotte French, Hope Sealy, Caspar Zuzek (three to be elected)

Clerical Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund:
The Rev. Christine Rowe, the Rev. Sharon Smith, the Rev. Miranda Sutherland, the Ven Luisito Engnan (three to be elected)

Clergy Delegates to General Synod: The Rev. Marnie Peterson, the Rev. Robin Ruder-Celiz, the Rev. Laurel Dahill, the Rev. Lindsey Hills, the Ven. Luisito Engnan, the Rev. Philip Cochrane (three to be elected)

Clergy Delegates to Provincial Synod: The Ven. Stephanie Shepard, the Rev. Katherine Hough, the Rev. Andrew Halladay, The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz (two to be elected)

Lay Delegates to Provincial Synod: Rob Dickson, Irene Pang, Jane Hope (three to be elected)

[The number of clerical and lay representatives to Provincial Synod was corrected after the end of Synod. The elected were listed in order of votes received.]

Balloting commenced virtually for Synod delegates.

16) Report of Returning Officer

When voting was completed and tabulated, the Returning Officer presented the following results:

Lay Representative of Archdeaconry of Capilano for Diocesan Council: Rob Dickson

Clergy Representative of Archdeaconry of Granville: The Rev. Alex Wilson

Clergy Representative of Archdeaconry of Lougheed: The Rev. David Taylor

The Lay Members of the Court of the Diocese: Phil Colvin, Margaret Briscall, Janet McIntosh

Clergy Representatives of the Bishop's Committee on Appointments: The Rev. Helen Dunn, the Rev. Stephen Rowe, the Rev. Ruth Monette

Lay Representatives of the Bishop's Committee on Appointments: Brenda Coburn, Charlotte French, Hope Sealy

Clergy Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund: The Rev. Christine Rowe, the Ven. Luisito Engnan

Clergy Delegates to General Synod: The Rev. Marnie Peterson, the Rev. Laurel Dahill,

The Ven. Luisito Engnan

Clergy Delegate to Provincial Synod: The Rev. Andrew Halladay, The Ven Stephanie Shepard *[Corrected following Synod to add a clerical member in order of those who received the greatest number of votes.]*

Lay Delegate to Provincial Synod: Irene Pang, Jane Hope, Robert Dickson
[Corrected following Synod to add a clerical member in order of those who received the greatest number of votes.]

The following were elected by acclamation:

Diocesan Treasurer: Bob Hardy, ODNW

Clergy Secretary of Synod: The Rev. Justin Cheng

Lay Secretary of Synod: Belinda Kishimoto

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Burrard) The Rev. Philip Cochrane

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Burrard) Teofilo Bosaing

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Capilano): The Rev. Patrick Blaney

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Fraser) The Rev. Robin Ruder-Celiz

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Fraser): Len Reimer

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Granville): Willow Martin Seedhouse

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Lougheed): Ann Turner

Clergy Representative to Diocesan Council (Westminster): The Rev. James Duckett

Lay Representative to Diocesan Council (Westminster): Warren Ballard

Youth Representative to Diocesan Council: Zachary Groves

Youth Representative to Diocesan Council: Vacant

Anglian Initiatives Fund Lay Administrators: Jane Osler, Gerard Parrott

Lay Representatives to General Synod: Lauren Pinkney, Jane Hope, Danila Severin

Youth Representative to General Synod: Clare Urquhart

Youth Representative to Provincial Synod: Levi Saunders

Clergy Members of the Court of the Diocese of New Westminster: The Rev. Lindsay Hills, The Rev. David Price, the Rev. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

- 17) PRESENTATION: “Say Yes to Kids” Anglican Foundation of Canada (Rob Dickson)
2021 is considered the “Year of No,” but this year, the Anglican Foundation invites people to say “Yes” to support children and young people. From April 16th to June 30th, the Anglican Foundation aims to raise \$100,000 to support children/young people in a post-pandemic world. Ministries supported include homework clubs, nutrition, exercise and mental health support. This is planned to be the largest one-time contribution that AFC will give for young people. As of today (May 15th), over \$20,000 has already been raised, and with a matching grant, the total amount of funds present is \$40,000.

Please either contact Rob Dickson via the Synod Office or visit
<https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/kids/> to contribute.

- 18) PRESENTATION: The Audited Financial Statements of the Diocese of New Westminster (Bob Hardy, ODNW)

Bob first thanked Shailene Caparas, the Director of Finance at Synod Office and all other Synod Officestaff for providing support to the Auditors.

Canadian Government Wage Subsidy (CGWS):

The major item of note is the support the Diocese received from the Canadian Government Wage Subsidy (CGWS) to deal with the COVID-19 Pandemic. As of December 31st, \$1.6 million was received by the Diocese, with 1.4 million of this number going to Parishes. At their Vestry meetings, parishes must disclose how much \$ they received from this subsidy. Bob noted that the CGWS was subject to review by the CRA.

Consolidated Trust Fund: Our CTF is currently managed by *RBC Phillips Hager & North*. These investments currently amount to 90% of the total funds of the Diocese.

- \$36.9 million are held by individual parishes
- \$53.8 million are held by the Diocese

Assessment Relief/Clergy Salaries

Bob thanked everyone for supporting our parishes this year. He noted a decrease in assessment paid by parishes in 2020 (\$1.3 million to \$2 million) from 2019 (\$2,184,000.)

In 2020, there were five months where parishes (except parishes with over \$750,000 in investments) were not required to pay their assessments and two months where clergy salaries were paid directly by the Diocese; this was intended to provide much needed financial support to parishes.

The amount that the Diocese provided in terms of assessment relief and support to clergy salaries was \$721,000. This was slightly offset by the CGWS, which was intended for clergy salaries.

Altogether, \$1.37 million was spent to support parishes dealing with the Pandemic.

Bob noted that this support resulted in a decrease of money in the General Fund of the Diocese. However, we were able to earn money through our investments. As of December 2020, we have completely recovered the financial loss from the Pandemic and have earned \$5.188 million in unrealized gains and investment overall. He noted that this was due in part to financial decisions made in 2017.

Indigenous Ministry Fund

Bob also noted a transfer of \$787, 616 to the Indigenous Ministry Fund from the Mission and Ministry Fund. This was done in compliance with Resolution 5 that was passed at the 2019 regular Synod.

Anglican Initiatives Fund:

Bob noted the various funds listed in the Anglican Initiatives Fund.

Diocese Fair Share Fund: The top 50% contributing parishes contribute an extra 1.6% of their assessments to the Care Share Fund. Bob noted that this fund contributes to the

Vancouver Hospital chaplaincy and to the Street Outreach Initiative ministry. This year, the Diocesan Fair Share Fund did not receive five months of funding because of assessment relief.

Audit: The financial audit was ‘clean’ and the auditors found no errors or irregularities.

The Bishop thanked Bob Hardy for his presentation.

MOTION: Moved: Bob Hardy, ODNW, the Diocesan Treasurer
Seconded: The Rev. Ruth Monette

That the Audited Financial Statements of the Diocese of New Westminster for 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

19) Chancellor’s Reminder to Synod

Delegates were reminded that in order to speak from the floor, they must email SpeakATSynod@vancouver.anglican.ca. Typing remarks/questions in the Chat on Zoom does not constitute speaking from the floor.

20) PRESENTATION: 2021 Budget and Vision Budgets 2022 & 2023 (Bob Hardy, ODNW)
Bob reviewed the amount of money in our different funds.

- Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF): The Diocese currently has \$53.8 million, with each individual fund having its own particular restrictions governing use.
- Anglican Initiatives Fund (AIF) \$2.6 million, they fund different ministries of the Diocese
- Restricted Funds: \$9.8 million, most of these funds have restrictions according to donors’ wishes.
- Property Fund: \$41.4 million, money raised from the sale of parishes

[Link to Narrative Budget](#)

Highlights:

- The projected revenue for the Diocese for 2021 is \$3.5 million
- In terms of new expenses, the Diocese plans on hiring a property development consultant to assist parishes in developing their properties.
- The Diocese will draw \$361, 811 from the Mission and Ministry Fund to balance the budget.
- With the assessment relief given to parishes, parish assessments now fund 47% of the current revenue. If the relief was not given to the parishes, parish assessments would have financed 65% of the revenue.

- The focus of future planning will centre on parish development, especially on finding sources of support for parishes beyond official parish development grants.

POINT OF ORDER: The Rev. Cameron Gutjahr

Requests that sufficient time be given to delegates in forwarding requests for speaking from the floor using the designated process.

QUESTION: The Rev. Laurel Dykstra

Laurel asked whether the transfer of money given to the Indigenous Ministry came from previously designated funds for Indigenous purposes or from the sale of properties acknowledged as unceded territory; is there currently money available for the national Indigenous church.

Bob Hardy confirmed that the transfer of money came from the sale of properties. The Diocese consulted with Indigenous leaders that this money would support the Indigenous Missioner of the Diocese and the Native Education College. He further stated that the Diocese is not currently funding the National Indigenous church and are waiting for further conversation with the National church. The committee responsible for this money will report to Diocesan Council on any updates from the conversation with the national church.

QUESTION: The Rev. Eileen Nurse

Eileen asked why there was a 50% increase in the cost of occupancy of 1410 Nanton Avenue (Synod Office) from 2019 to 2020.

Bob responded that the current lease on 1410 Nanton Avenue operates on five-year mandates, and on the sixth year, there is a renegotiation based on an analysis of the property. The Synod office is sub-leasing part of the property to sub-tenants to offset the occupancy costs.

QUESTION: The Rev. Paul Woehrlé

Paul inquired as to who the current leaseholder of the property was, to which the answer was St John, Shaughnessy Church.

QUESTION: Caitlin Reilley Beck

Caitlin inquired whether the staff hours of the Indigenous Missioner of the Diocese have been increased or reduced and which fund the Diocese is drawing upon to fund this position.

Bob Hardy stated that previously, the Diocese withdrew only \$20,000 from the Indigenous Ministry Fund to partly fund the Missioner as the Indigenous Ministry Fund only had \$60,000 in total. But since the last Diocesan Synod in 2019 passed Resolution 5,

and the Indigenous Ministry Fund received substantively more money, it can fund 100% of the Missioner's salary. As such, the Missioner's hours of work have increased.

MOTION: Moved: Bob Hardy, ODNW, the Diocesan Treasurer
Seconded: The Ven. Richard Leggett
That the 2021 Budget and Vision Budgets 2022 & 2023 be approved.

CARRIED

NOTE OF THANKS: Rob Dickson
Rob thanked Bob Hardy and the Finance and Property Committee for supporting parishes for the last 15 months. He also thanked the Rev. Cameron Gutjahr for raising the concern about delegates' ability to participate in Synod.

21) Report of the Episcopal Election Report (Kevin Smith, ODNW, Vice Chancellor)
Kevin stated that the report and a list of key findings are in the Synod Circular for delegates to read. These were presented to Diocesan Council and are being reviewed by the Constitutions and Canon Committee to consider its recommendations. Kevin thanked all delegates who completed the feedback survey and especially to those 17 delegates who the committee interviewed for feedback.

POINT OF ORDER: The Rev. Eileen Nurse
Eileen raised two questions:

- 1) Whether the Returning Officer can provide the names of the alternate delegates to the provincial and General Synods
- 2) How would we deal with synod resolutions if we have inadequate time to address them at this Synod.

In answer to (1), Kevin stated that the names of the alternate delegates will be mentioned in the final report of the Synod of election. The order of alternate delegates will be based on their individual vote totals.

In answer to (2), the Chancellor stated that if resolutions are not addressed at this synod, there is the option to refer them to Diocesan Council. However, Resolutions 4, 5 and 6 are canonical resolutions and therefore must be presented at Synod. If those resolutions are not heard at this Synod, there is the option of calling a special synod to review them.

22) Resolutions

RESOLUTION 1: Housing Affordability and Homelessness

Moved: The Rev. Alex Wilson
Seconded: Shirin Theophilus, ODNW

Shirin presented data regarding the increase of homelessness in the Lower Mainland. She stated that the focus should be on building homes for people, not simply provide people mere accommodations.

The Rev. Richard Leggett spoke in favour of the motion and noted that several parishes are already involved in this issue. In tackling homelessness and housing, Anglicans must be open to political activism/engagement, especially with local governments, noting that this activism is not the same as being partisan.

Jane Hope (Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver) offered a friendly amendment to include the term ‘gender’ to the resolution. In response, the Chancellor stated that ‘gender’ does not need to be included as it is already implied in the Diocese’s understanding of diversity.

The Rev. Melody Pearson (St George, Maple Ridge) asked whether the resolution produces a specific action required or was it about creating a task force. She asked whether this resolution risked duplicating work.

The Bishop responded that the resolution was about creating a task force.

The Rev. Alex Wilson closed the discussion by stating that the Diocese is called to act and use its incredible resources and assets to speak love to power on this issue.

VOTE: In favour 224
 Opposed 16
 Abstentions 10

Carried

RESOLUTION 2: Climate Emergency Response

Moved: The Rev. Alecia Greenfield

Seconded: The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride (on behalf of the Standing Committee of Mission and Ministry Development)

The Rev. Alecia Greenfield explained that the resolution and its document were presented at the pre-Synod Archdeaconry meetings. The most significant revision was regarding money available for legal support of non-violent resistance to climate change from these meetings. Youth, in particular, named this revision as important in the plan to stop climate change. In addition, several grammatical changes were made to comply with canonical policy. The Finance and Property Committee reviewed the resolution. It was deemed consistent with the financial situation of the Diocese, provided that the proposed staff person responsible for this file be hired in 2022. Alecia further clarified to Synod that this staff person would serve as an ‘animator,’ that is, a resource person to support

parishes, not a person responsible for doing all the work involved in this issue. Finally, she thanked all involved in the Diocese who provided their feedback and support.

POINT OF ORDER: The Rev. Paula Porter Leggett
Asked for clarification regarding what the acronym CEIG means in the resolution
Answer: CEIG: Climate Emergency Implementation Group

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION: Mover: The Rev. Allan Doerksen
Seconder: The Ven. Allan Carson

“I would like to move, seconded by the Ven. Allan Carson, Archdeacon of Lougheed, that the decision to hire a staff person in accordance with the original motion section 4 preamble be changed to read “Synod approve and direct the Diocese, subject to available funds, to hire a staff term person for a minimum of two years to assist parishes if, after six months from this date, parishes and deaneries have not found effective ways to enact the recommendations of this motion. This would be determined through consultation.”

The Rev. Allan Doerksen inquired if parishes and deaneries can do the initial work called by the resolution and if the Diocese would wait for six months before considering hiring a staff person. However, upon hearing that the Rev. Alecia explain that the staff person would not be hired until 2022, the mover and seconder withdrew the amendment.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

REMARKS: The Rev. Laurel Dykstra

The Rev. Laurel Dykstra forwarded the following response.

“As the mover of the in 2019 motion that initiated this work, I appreciate the work of the committee to pull together a comprehensive response that includes a practical, measurable and ongoing Climate response. As the priest of a ministry actively involved in Climate Justice work, I can hope for a stronger response, particularly regarding divestment and prioritizing grassroots Indigenous leadership, while endorsing this as an excellent start.”

QUESTION: The Rev. Paul Woehrle

The Rev. Paul Woehrle inquired as to whether the committee has consulted Indigenous leadership on this issue.

The Rev. Alecia Greenfield responded by stating that, in retrospect, the committee would have worked harder to involve indigenous leadership if they would have known more about the social justice aspects of these issues. The committee could have

involved Kerry Baisley, the Indigenous Missioner, in this process. Going forward, the committee would prioritize Indigenous representation.

Alecia also noted a recommendation from Jerry Adams, former Indigenous Missioner of the Diocese, to consider indigenous representation from urban areas.

QUESTION: The Rev. David Price

The Rev. David Price asked whether a task force will assist parishes in concrete steps to deal with climate change. The Rev. Alecia responded that the CEIG group and eventually the hired staff person would assist parishes.

REMARKS: The Rev. Tellison Glover

The Rev. Tellison Glover noted that electric charging stations are currently being installed at the Synod office.

VOTE:

In favour	231
Opposed	14
Abstentions	5

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 3: care+share 2021

Moved: The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride

Seconded: The Rev. Tellison Glover

The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride recommended to Synod that all nine parishes with active food ministries would each receive an equal amount of money raised for care+share by parishes across the Diocese.

VOTE:

In favour	243
Opposed	1
Abstentions	1

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 4: Amending Canon 8

Moved: The Ven. Richard Leggett

Seconded: Donald Paul, ODNW (on behalf of Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons)

The Ven. Richard Leggett stated that Canon 8's definition of "super-majority" must be amended to be consistent with how it is defined in the rest of the Constitution and Canons.

VOTE: In favour 225

Opposed 10
 Abstentions 9

CARRIED

The Chancellor noted that changes to the Canons require 2/3s majority support. The vote on the proposed amendment to canon 8 meets this requirement, and thus it has passed.

RESOLUTION 5: Amending Anglican Initiatives Fund Bylaws

Moved: The Ven. Douglas Fenton
 Seconded: Kevin Smith, ODNW *Vice-Chancellor*

RESOLUTION 6: Amending Anglican Initiatives Fund Regulation

Moved: The Ven. Douglas Fenton
 Seconded: Sharon Grove, ODNW

With the movers and seconders of Resolutions 5 and 6 in agreement, these two resolutions will be considered together. However, there would be a separate vote for each Resolution.

The Ven. Douglas Fenton informed Synod that these amendments were made following consultation with the Anglican Initiative Fund Administrators and were intended to improve clarity and be consistent with recent changes made to the Constitution, Canons and Regulations by the 2019 Synod.

Of note:

- The references to “loans” in sections 1.2 and 4.7 have been removed because the Administrators are not making loans from these funds.
- Another change proposed is to clarify that responsibility for fundraising belongs to the Administrators alone and not to other committees with the Diocese.

RESOLUTION 5

VOTE: In favor 243
 Opposed None
 Abstentions 7

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 6

VOTE: In favor 242
 Opposed 0
 Abstentions 7

CARRIED

23) EPISCOPAL CONSENT/ASSENT

Bishop John consents to the passage of the resolutions dealing with the canons and gives assent to the other resolutions.

24) VOTE OF THANKS: The Rev. Amanda Ruston

The Rev. Amanda Ruston thanks the following:

- Francis Fagan, ODNW and the Synod Committee
- Xwechtaal (Dennis Joseph) for the territorial acknowledgment and welcoming
- All the worship leaders, readers and all who participated in the morning liturgy, and the Rev. Adam Yates for creating the PowerPoint slides
- The Sessional Committees: Resolutions, Nominations, and Credentials
- Bob Hardy ODNW, Diocesan Treasurer
- George Cadman ODNW, Kevin Smith ODNW, Jennifer Dezell ODNW and Donald Paul ODNW The Legal Officers of the Diocese
- The Rev. Justin Cheng and Clare Urquhart, The Secretaries of Synod
- Kevin Smith ODNW, serving as Returning Officer for this Synod
- The Electronic Voting Team, *Data on the Spot*
- Randy Murray, Communications Officer of the Diocese
- Lauren Odile-Pinkney, the Administrative Assistant of the Diocese
- The Synod Office Staff
- All the Delegates and Alternate Delegates of Synod
- The Ven. Douglas Fenton, Executive Archdeacon
- The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop of New Westminster

The Rev. Amanda Ruston hopes that the next synod will be held in person.

25) Installation of Regional Deans

New Regional Dean for the Sea-to-Sky Deanery

The Rev. Cameron Gutjahr presented by the Ven. Stephen Muir

New Regional Dean for the Royal City/South Burnaby Deanery

The Rev. Gregory Jenkins presented by the Ven. Richard Leggett

26) Commissioning of Newly Elected Members holding Diocesan responsibilities (Diocesan Council representatives, Delegates to Provincial/General Synod, Synod Secretaries, Members of Various Committees)

27) Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Moved: Jennifer Dezell, ODNW

Seconded: Don Paul, ODNW

The Bishop adjourned Synod at 1:35 pm.

Resolutions

Resolution regarding Canonical Paramountcy Provision (Canon 1)

Rationale for this Motion

Some confusion has arisen regarding the effect of certain Parish bylaws which either have always been inconsistent with the Canons of the Diocese, or have become inconsistent as a result of the revisions to the Canons made by Synod in 2019.

The governing documents of and applicable to the Diocese have a hierarchical relationship in many ways. Our governing statute, The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster Incorporation Act, 1893 (as amended) provides for the creation of a Diocesan Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order. Those subsidiary documents cannot overrule the statute and any inconsistent provisions would be ultra vires.

Similarly, the Constitution and Canons apply to all Parishes in the Diocese. While Parishes may make bylaws, rules and regulations for the management of their own affairs (subject to the approval of Diocesan Council and the Bishop), such bylaws, rules and regulations cannot overrule the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, and any inconsistent provisions would also be ultra vires.

The Standing Committee on Constitution & Canons is therefore proposing the following amendment to the Canons to clarify the position and avoid confusion:

Resolution

Moved: Mr. Kevin Smith

Seconded: Mr. Donald Paul, ODNW

(On behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitutions and Canons)

Resolved that:

1. The words “and Effect” be added immediately following the word “Definitions” in the heading “Canon 1: Definitions”;
2. The sub-heading “Definitions” be added immediately above Canon 1.1;
3. The sub-heading “Effect” be added immediately following Canon 1.23; and
4. New Canon 1.24 be added as follows:

1.24 For the avoidance of doubt,

- a) nothing in these Canons may contravene any provision of The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster Incorporation Act, 1893 (as*

amended) (the “Act”) or the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster (the “Constitution”), and no Parish bylaw, rule, or regulation may contravene any provision of the Act, the Constitution or these Canons; and

b) in the event and to the extent of such contravention or inconsistency, the provision is of no force and effect.

NOTE: In order to be carried, this Resolution requires a two-thirds majority of the members of Synod present.

Resolution regarding revision of Canon 2.16

Rationale for this Motion

Canon 2.16 currently reads as follows: “2.16 Each nominee must be nominated by at least four members of Synod, at least two of whom shall be ordained members and at least two of whom shall be lay members. The names of the nominators shall be made public and no nominator may nominate more than one candidate. The Nominee must give their consent to their nomination to the Chair of the Episcopal Election Committee.”

In the Vice Chancellor’s review of the last Episcopal Election, presented to Diocesan Council in May 2021, the following recommendation was made:

That Canon 2.16 be revised as follows:

2.16 Each nominee must be nominated by ~~at least~~ four members of Synod, ~~at least~~ two of whom shall be ordained members and ~~at least~~ two of whom shall be lay members. The names of the nominators shall be made public and no nominator may nominate more than one candidate. A ~~The~~ nominee must give their written consent to their nomination to the Chair of the Episcopal Election Committee, which is signed by their nominators.

This motion is brought forward at the request of and on behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution & Canons

Resolution

Moved: The Ven. Richard Leggett

Seconded: Kevin Smith, ODNW

(on behalf of the Standing Committee on Constitution & Canons)

Resolved that:

Canon 2.16 be revised as follows:

1. In the first sentence, the phrase ‘at least’ be removed in all three instances, and
2. In the final sentence, ‘The nominee’ be revised to ‘A nominee’;
3. So that Canon 2.16 shall now read:

2.16 Each nominee must be nominated by four members of Synod, two of whom shall be ordained members and two of whom shall be lay members. The names of the nominators shall be made public and no nominator may nominate more than one candidate. A nominee must give their written consent to their nomination to the Chair of the Episcopal Election Committee, which is signed by their nominators.” Moved by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons

NOTE: In order to be carried, this Resolution requires a two-thirds majority of the members of Synod present.

Resolution from the Diocesan Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Affordability

Resolutions

Moved: The Rev. Alex Wilson

Seconded: The Rev. Simbarashe Basvi

Resolved that:

1. Synod declares that responding to the crises of Homelessness and Housing Affordability is a Diocesan ministry priority.
2. Synod receives and affirms in principle the Recommendations of the Report of the Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Affordability at the Diocesan, Regional, and Parish/Personal levels.
3. Synod directs the Diocese to establish a grant fund, subject to available funds, which can be accessed by parishes and worshipping communities to support crisis relief ministries that respond to immediate suffering and needs of the homeless and precariously housed through direct service as outlined in Recommendations 1&2 (up to \$5,000 per parish).

4. Synod approves and directs the Diocese, subject to available funds, to hire a Housing Animator as a staff term person to assist parishes, Archdeacons, and Regional Deans to implement the recommendations of the Task Force; namely, to:
 - a) Develop and maintain regional maps of Homelessness and Affordable Housing services and programs offered through churches, non-profits, Indigenous groups, and government agencies to facilitate communication, collaboration and effective service delivery.
 - b) Develop opportunities for partnerships in the community to deliver homeless and affordable housing services.
 - c) Identify, develop and recruit regional representatives to support the work and delivery of services to those affected.
 - d) Build effective teams, communication, and relationships to effect change in heart, mind, and policy, related to housing affordability and homelessness, across every political, professional, community, and personal level of our diocese.
 - e) Facilitate exchange of information among parish Outreach leaders.
 - f) Support parishes by arranging the provision of training and skill building in community advocacy.
 - g) Work with regional teams to respond, deploy, and advocate for homelessness and housing affordability.
 - h) Develop and maintain awareness and understanding of regional and local opportunities for advocacy on affordable housing issues and keeping Regional Deaneries abreast of such opportunities.
 - i) Arrange for the sharing of stories and experiences through Topic and other media.
 - j) Review applications for Diocesan “crisis relief” grants (up to \$5000) and monitor report-outs in annual vestry reports.
5. Synod directs the Bishop to develop, through the two standing committees of the Diocese and in consultation with parishes, a Diocesan Housing Vision that includes principles and policies regarding using church assets and properties to create an Affordable Housing Fund and Social Housing units.
6. Synod directs the Diocese to establish an Affordable Housing Implementation Committee to help bring these resolutions and recommendations to fruition.

Nominations

These are the nominations received by May 8th, 2023:

General Synod:

Clerical Representative (2025)



Name: The Reverend Robin Ruder-Celiz

Parish: St. Helen, Surrey

Current role in the parish: Rector

Number of years in current role: 1

Areas of Expertise: Nursing/Pastoral Care/Education.

Why are you letting your name stand: I am passionate about the church and like to be involved. I believe that building relationships and connections between the National Church, Diocese and local parish is valuable. We can all learn from one another. I have never been to

General Synod before, and value the opportunity to do so in 2025.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: In the Diocese of Kootenay I served on the Diocesan Court from 2009 to 2014.

Court of the Diocese:



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Why are you letting your name stand: I am a skilled critical thinker where I can listen carefully to all aspects in what can often be very complex situations. I am detail orientated while also holding up the larger vision and purpose. I bring to the role 13 years of ordained ministry

and a background in nursing.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: In the Diocese of Kootenay I served on the Diocesan Court from 2009 to 2014.

Diocesan Council:

Burrard Archdeaconry (Clerical)



Name: The Reverend Amanda Ruston

Parish: St. James, Vancouver

Current role in the parish: Curate

Number of years in current role: 2

Areas of Expertise: Graphic Design and Illustration; Marketing/Communication.

Why are you letting your name stand: I believe that the health of the Church hinges on parishes being aware of themselves as part of a bigger picture, rather than operating solely as individuals. I hope that serving on

Diocesan Council will give me the opportunity to encourage this engagement as a body, and to participate in the life of the Church as we imagine and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling us to in our shared ministry together.

Granville Archdeaconry (Clerical)



Name: The Reverend Sung Wook James Hwang

Parish: St. John, Shaughnessy

Current role in the parish: Curate

Number of years in current role: ½ year

Areas of Expertise: Pastoral Counselling and Formation.

Why are you letting your name stand: As a newcomer to the Anglican Church, I would bring a fresh perspective while learning about the diocese. Also, I would like to contribute any insights from my previous experiences as a way of collecting wisdom during the Diocesan Council.

Granville Archdeaconry (Lay)



Name: Mr. Donald Thomson

Parish: St. Philip, Dunbar

Current role in the parish: Treasurer, Parish Council member, Finance Committee Chair, member of the diocesan Subcommittee on Audit, Financial Advisor.

Number of years in current role: 3

Areas of Expertise: Accounting.

FCPA, FCA – audit and national practice quality partner in an accounting firm, now retired.

Past member, Canada’s Auditing Standards Board

Past member, International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

Why are you letting your name stand: To learn and contribute to the diocese; Opportunity to become more aware of ways in which the diocese and parishes can work together and achieve synergies; Opportunity to become more familiar with diocesan issues to facilitate a strong contribution as a member of the diocesan Subcommittee on Audit.

Lougheed Archdeaconry (Clergy)



Name: The Reverend Laurel Dahill

Parish: St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge

Current role in the parish: Vicar, Dean of Golden Ears.

Number of years in current role: 5

Areas of Expertise: Congregational Development, Education, Workshop Design.

Why are you letting your name stand: I was asked to consider the position when it came available. I have experience serving on diocesan councils, executive councils, and diocesan committees that would be beneficial

to our diocesan community.

Lougheed Archdeaconry (Lay)



Name: Mrs. Ann Turner

Parish: St. George, Fort Langley

Current role in the parish: Council Member (2 yrs.) & recently re-elected at Vestry February 2023, Reader (4 yrs.), Eucharistic Minister (1 yr.), Co-Chair Outreach Committee (4 yrs.), Secretary ACW (3 yrs.)

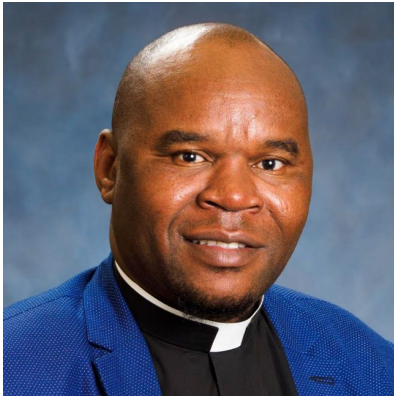
Number of years in current role: as listed above

Areas of Expertise: Teaching, Outreach and Team Building

Why are you letting your name stand: I was appointed as Lay Delegate – Archdeaconry of Lougheed, 2 years ago and would welcome the opportunity to continue in this role for another term.

As Lay Delegate, I am keenly aware that our diocese is in a period of recovery as we transition out of Covid 19. I believe it is important that we work collaboratively to set priorities to engage with our own and other parish communities in the formation and development of our faith ministry. Over the past two years I have learned much about the structures, standing committees, financial matters and funds that are available and fall under the direction of the Diocesan Council. At this time of complexity, I believe my skills as an active, respectful, and collaborative member of my parish would make me an asset to the Diocesan Council.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: Over the past 2 years, I have worked diligently to support a partnering between ACW and the Parish Outreach Committee to deepen our knowledge of community and national issues. Over a series of months, a variety of speakers presented on housing, homelessness and transitional housing, food shortages, end of life support services, and the work of PWRDF (nationally and internationally). I believe in a commitment to service and supporting all life through prayer, work, and stewardship.

Fraser Archdeaconry (Clerical)

Name: The Reverend Simbarashe Basvi

Parish: St. David, Tsawwassen

Current role in the parish: Rector

Number of years in current role: 2

Areas of Expertise: Integral Mission, Transformational Development, and Teaching

Why are you letting your name stand: I joined the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster in 2020 and I feel this is an opportunity for me to grow while I participate in the articulation of Diocesan Priorities together with others

in the Diocesan Council. I feel honoured to serve God through being a member of the Diocesan Council representing my Archdeaconry and fully carrying out the God-given mandate that comes through the Synod. I pray that I will contribute to the 'Growing of communities of faith in Jesus Christ to serve God's mission in the world.'

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: I have served as the Co-Chair of the Taskforce on Homelessness and Housing and this allowed me to understand some of the issues that are the heart of the Diocese at large. I come with experience from a different context of serving on the Diocesan Standing Committee but I am so eager to learn from my current context. I have a passion for Integral Mission and Transformational Development and a desire to see the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Church at work in the world.

Fraser Archdeaconry (Clerical)

Name: The Reverend Joseph James Dirbas

Parish: Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock

Current role in the parish: Rector

Number of years in current role: 1

Areas of Expertise: Liturgy, Communications, Finance.

Why are you letting your name stand: I would like to offer my gifts in service to the diocese. I am interested in the growth of the church and the sustaining of the Anglican tradition. I believe my experience and

background would be beneficial to the diocesan council.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: have been ordained priest for over 10 years. In my previous role as rector (in the diocese of the San Diego in the Episcopal Church) I served on many diocesan committees including Diocesan Executive Council, Finance Committee (chair), Bishop's Nominating Committee, Healthy Church

Working Group, Clergy Enrichment and Fellowship Committee (chair), and Diocesan Committee on Mission Share Pledge (co-chair). I also served as the Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer.

Capilano Archdeaconry (Lay)



Name: Ms. Meg Stevens

Parish: St. Hilda, Sechelt

Current role in the parish: Warden, Lay Delegate to Diocesan Council, Dismantling Racism Trainer Team (10 years)

Number of years in current role: 2

Areas of Expertise: Facilitation, Advocacy and Community Organizing

Why are you letting your name stand: Serving two years on Diocesan Council has enriched my parish ministry and my understanding of the potential of our diocese to serve our communities more fully. I hope to be more effective over this term if elected.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: I am active in my community on the issues of poverty and homelessness.

Westminster Archdeaconry (Lay)

Name: Ms. Deirdre Thornton

Parish: St. Alban, Burnaby

Current role in the parish: Warden, Synod Delegate, PWRDF Representative, Property Committee chair

Number of years in current role: 4

Areas of Expertise: Finance, HR, Team leadership and coaching

Why are you letting your name stand: I am interested in the bigger picture of the church at the Diocese level. We are entering an exciting time in the church. We have had to rethink our approach to so many of our projects and ministries. Supporting the Diocese leadership at this time is critical as we look at new possible directions for our efforts in parishes and our communities.

I feel I have the experience and background to capably support and add value as a member of Diocesan Council. I have been a member of 3 parishes in the Diocese over the years and have taken on various roles during that time. I am enthusiastic, a team player, and looking to engage with and promote new ideas and concepts.

Anglican Initiatives Fund

Clergy Administrator



Name: The Venerable Richard Geoffrey Leggett

Parish: Holy Trinity Cathedral

Current role in the parish: Vicar and Priest-In-Charge

Number of years in current role: 5

Areas of Expertise: Pastor, priest and teacher. Leadership in mission and ministry development. Diocesan finance and property management. Knowledge of and experience in national and international Anglican mission and ministry initiatives.

Why are you letting your name stand: We are in the midst of a significant transition in the life of our Diocese. Along with generational changes in leadership, we are asking fundamental questions about how we use the fiscal and physical resources of the Diocese to 'equip the saints for the work of ministry' and to nurture our role in God's mission. I believe that the Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund are playing and will continue to play an important role in determining how well we use our resources to enter into the next chapter of our history as a Diocese. I believe that my experience, knowledge and skills can contribute to making wise and bold decisions.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: Throughout my time as a priest of the Diocese I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of roles that have helped me develop a broad perspective on what God is doing among us. I know that our future is one that will involve a willingness to take some risks and to explore new possibilities.

Lay Administrator



Name: Shane Culver

Parish: St. Alban, Burnaby

Current role in the parish: Warden in previous 4 years.

Number of years in current role: 1

Areas of Expertise: Finance, HR, Team leadership and coaching.

Why are you letting your name stand: To assist the church in trying initiatives which facilitate getting it back into people's lives in our modern world.

Other information you feel relevant to your nomination: I hold a certificate in Conflict Resolution from the Justice Institute of BC.

Provincial Synod

Clergy Delegate



Name: The Reverend Justin Cheng

Parish: All Saints, Burnaby

Current role in the parish: Priest-In-Charge

Number of years in current role: 6

Areas of Expertise: Pastoral Care, Public Speaking, Effective listening and chairing of meetings, minute taking.

Why are you letting your name stand: I have been a priest in this Diocese for the past 6 years. I have been chair of the Anglican Canadian Asian Ministries group and also served as clerical secretary for the past three synods. I have increased in my understanding of this diocese, its needs and perspectives, and I believe I can represent it effectively at Provincial Synod. I also have had experience in the Diocese of BC, as I served as a priest there before coming here, and so I am mindful and attentive to perspectives from other dioceses other than New West and that will be an asset at Provincial Synod.

Memorials

Clergy

The Reverend Vivian Seegers, Priest, died June 2, 2021.
The Reverend Lawrence Siuyung Cheung, Priest, died August 3, 2021.
The Reverend Virginia Woods Briant, Priest, died August 16, 2021.
The Reverend Graeme Richard Brownlee, Priest, died November 8, 2021.
The Reverend Richard Dennis Morgan, Priest, died November 15, 2021.
The Reverend Evelyn Dorothy Wiseman, Priest, died January 8, 2022.
The Reverend Walter George Bayley, Priest, died February 20, 2022.
The Reverend Edward John Hulford, Priest, died July 30, 2022.
The Reverend Terence Meredith Allen, Priest, died August 20, 2022.
The Reverend Warren Harold Deacon, Priest, died October 6, 2022.
The Venerable John Austen Major (Jack), Priest, died February 3, 2023.
The Reverend Thomas Murray Anthony, Priest, died February 17, 2023.
The Reverend John Carter Blyth, Priest, died February 27, 2023.
The Reverend Len Dyer, Deacon, died May 2, 2023.

Lay

Janet Barclay, ODNW
Mary Christina Brown, ODNW
Lynann Burton, ODNW
Susan Chorytk, ODNW
Shirley Cook, ODNW
Roberta Irene Foxall, ODNW
Laura Goodwin, ODNW
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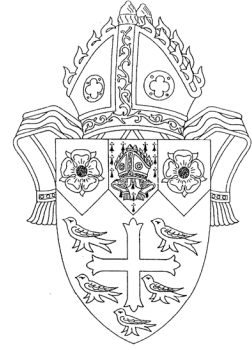
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