

Diocese of New Westminster

*(Minutes of the Meeting of Diocesan Council held October 14th 2003,
at St. Alban's Parish Hall, Burnaby)*

- Present: The Right Rev. Michael Ingham (Chair), Ms. Ruth Anderson, The Rev. Rodney Andrews, The Rev. Charles Balfour, Ms. Margaret Briscall, The Rev. Randolph Bruce, Mr. George Cadman, Mr. Jack Calhoun, Mrs. Penny Charlesworth, Ms. Kathy Derksen, The Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Ms. Bonnie Fulton, Mr. Robert Gauthier, Mr. Peter Hare, The Ven. Ronald Harrison, Ms. Beth Johnson, Ms. Muriel Kerr, The Rev. Dawn McDonald, Mr. Glen Mitchell, The Ven. Andrew Pike, The Rev. Paula Porter Leggett, The Ven. David Retter, The Ven. Louis Rivers, Mr. David Rushton, Ms. Marcia Sauder, Mr. Jim Stewart, The Ven. John Struthers, Mr. Roger Sweeny, The Rev. Helen Tervo, Mr. Alexander Wilson.
- Regrets: The Rev. Michael Batten, Ms. Ashley Brear, The Ven. Barbara Clay, The Rev. Kevin Dixon, Phoebe Hamilton, Mrs. Wendy Harris, The Rev. John Mash, Mr. Donald Paul, The Ven. Beverley Stewart.
- Absent: The Rev. Ken Baker, Mrs. Anne Field, Mr. Basil Izumi.
- Staff: Mr. Neale Adams, The Rev. Paul Borthistle, Ms. Andrea Rosgen, The Rev. Shirley Stockdill, Mr. Michael Wellwood.
- Guests: Ms. Cheryl Chang, Mr. David Chapman, Mr. Dave Denault, Ms. Judy McDermid, Mr. Larry McDermid, The Rev. Arthur Nash, Ms. Elizabeth Anne Roosien, Mrs. Linda Seale, The Rev. Stephanie Shepard, Mr. Bill Stewart, The Rev. Craig Tanksley, The Rev. James Wagner, Ms. Anne Weiland, The Rev. Paul Woehrl.

1. OPENING:

The Bishop welcomed everyone to Diocesan Council and thanked the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Mr. Peter Hare and other members of St. Alban's for their hospitality. The Bishop welcomed the many guests who were present for this meeting. The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer, especially remembering the Primates of the Anglican Communion about to assemble in London.

The Rev. Randolph Bruce, Regional Dean of Burnaby, spoke about his Deanery and introduced the following clergy who in turn spoke about special activities and projects in their parishes: The Rev. Arthur Nash, St. Margaret of Scotland; the Rev. Craig Tanksley, St. Alban; The Rev. Stephanie Shepard, St. Timothy; and back to the Rev. Randolph Bruce, All Saints.

2. PRESENT/REGRETS:

Regrets were received (see above) and a sign-in sheet was distributed.

3. MINUTES:

In the Minutes of the September 9th meeting, the Regulation regarding the Parish of St. Martin, North Vancouver should have been numbered P-11 (not P-10).

Motion **Moved:** **Ms. Margaret Briscall**
 Seconded: **The Ven. David Retter**

THAT the Minutes of the September 9th, 2003 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, ABBOTSFORD

The Chancellor reviewed the history of the Abbotsford Mission which was named the Church of the Holy Cross. The Rev, James Wagner (Priest in Charge) and Mr. Larry McDermid (People's Warden) spoke on behalf of the Mission Parish. Questions and discussion followed. The Bishop thanked them and other members of Holy Cross for coming and meeting with us.

5. ITEMS FOR ACTION

5.1. No Debate Motions

THAT Diocesan Council accepts and adopts approval of the results of a June 26, 2003 polling of its members, as reflected in the motion published below:

THAT the motion passed by Diocesan Council at its February 11, 2003 meeting regarding the New Community of Christ the King and St. Nicolas be rescinded and replaced by the following:

THAT the New Community of Christ the King and St. Nicolas be permitted to draw upon the St. Nicolas Rectory Fund to pay for refurbishing of the Christ the King site, which will be used for combined worship once the repairs are completed. Such amount is to be limited to total draws not exceeding \$165,000 of which any amount in excess of \$100,000 is to be reimbursed from the sale proceeds of the St. Nicolas Church property. Proof of appropriate parish approvals allowing the increase from the prior limit of \$100,000 to \$165,000 is to be filed prior to funds in excess of \$100,000 being released or expended.

THAT the total amount that may be drawn from the St. Nicolas Rectory Fund (net of any reimbursement from the sale of the St. Nicolas church) for support or clergy remuneration during the period of 2003 to 2005 and for refurbishing of the Christ the King site shall not exceed \$300,000 at any time.

THAT Diocesan Council recommend the appointment of a small task force, with the Chair to be appointed by the Bishop and the nominations of members to be brought to the next meeting of Diocesan Council, to plan an appropriate celebration of our 125th anniversary as a Diocese; and that this Task Force bring their recommendations for approval to the January 2004 meeting of Diocesan Council and then proceed to plan for the event(s) for November 2004.

Motion **Moved:** **The Chancellor**
 Seconded: **The Ven. Louis Rivers**

That the above motions be approved.

CARRIED

5.2. Church of the Holy Cross, Abbotsford

Motion **Moved:** **The Chancellor**
 Seconded: **The Rev. Randolph Bruce**

THAT Diocesan Council rescind Resolution DC 4.1 (April 10, 2001) and recommend to the Bishop immediate termination of the Mission Church of the Holy Cross, Abbotsford as a Mission Parish of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Motion **Moved:** **The Rev. Charles Balfour**
 Seconded: **The Rev. Dawn McDonald**

THAT the above motion be tabled for three months.

DEFEATED

Vote on the original motion:

CARRIED

Because they are members of the Board of Discipline, Ms. Marcia Sauder and the Ven. Andrew Pike abstained from voting on the above motions.

The Bishop responded that he had received the recommendation in the above motion but was not yet ready to make a decision. He spoke about the order and structure of our Church as established in the episcopate and Canon Law as far back as the 7th century.

5.3. St. Matthew, Abbotsford

Motion **Moved:** **The Chancellor**
 Seconded: **The Ven. David Retter**

THAT further discussion regarding the petition from a group of parishioners at the Parish of St. Matthew, Abbotsford be tabled to the November meeting.

CARRIED

5.4. St. Timothy, Burnaby

Motion **Moved:** **The Chancellor**
 Seconded: **Mr. Jim Stewart**

1. THAT Diocesan Council recommends to the Bishop that he should grant the request of the Congregation to merge into one Parish under the name of *The Parish of St. Timothy* provided such name is acceptable to the Bishop.
2. THAT Diocesan Council approves:
 - (a) the holding of assets of the existing parishes of *Parish of St. Nicolas* (Inc. No. PAR-36) and *The Parish of Christ the King, The Anglican Church of Canada* (Inc. No. PAR-26) (collectively the "Existing Parishes") in trust on behalf of the new Parish and the Diocese pending the completion of the process of determination of what part, if any, of the assets of the merged parish shall be paid into the New Development Fund, and
 - (b) approves in principle the closing of the two current parishes subject to item (a) and the aforesaid process of termination being completed, assets then being transferred to the new parish and the New Development Fund in accordance with that determination and the new parish having obtained a charitable tax number.
3. THAT Diocesan Council approves in principle the incorporation of the new parish subject to receipt, review and approval of acceptable forms of declaration of incorporation and bylaws and subject to the approval of the Bishop also being granted.

[For the Petition to the Bishop, see Appendix A.]

CARRIED

5.5. St. George, Fort Langley

Motion **Moved:** **Mr. Jim Stewart**
 Seconded: **The Chancellor**

1. THAT paragraph 2 of the Diocesan Council resolution of September 11, 2001 providing a long-term loan of \$100,000 and in interim loan of up to \$150,000 to the Parish of St. George, Fort Langley, none of which has been drawn upon, be cancelled and replaced with paragraph 2 of this resolution.
2. THAT Diocesan Council approves financing for the above construction in the form of a \$200,000 loan (the "Term Loan") from the New Development Fund and interim financing of \$195,000 (the "Interim Financing") from the New Development Fund on the following terms:
 - (a) Interim Financing is to be advanced against signed pledges. It may also be advanced against confirmed grants from charitable foundations where the grants are assured but the payments are delayed to a later date and such advance has been reviewed and approved by the Treasurer and Business Administrator;
 - (b) All financing is to be made on the basis of actual expenditures;
 - (c) The Parish shall repay Interim Financing from pledges as and when the pledges are received;
 - (d) The Parish shall apply all project GST rebates and all grants to reduce outstanding Interim Financing;
 - (e) Interest rates - on both loans the rate shall be the rate set for Standard Loans as described in the Diocesan Standard Loan Terms attached to and forming part of Regulation 11, all interest calculated and compounded monthly, not in advance;
 - (f) Any Interim Financing remaining balance at the end of three years from the date of first advance will be added to the Term Loan;
 - (g) The Term Loan is for a term of five years to be amortized over ten years from the date of completion of construction or final advance, whichever is sooner;
 - (h) Any balance of Interim Financing added to the Term Loan shall be amortized over the then remaining amortization period of the Term Loan;
 - (i) No monies to be advanced until loan agreements and security (mortgage, assignment of rents and general security agreement as per section 4 of the Standard Loan Terms) are in place in respect of the above loans and the grant(s) by way of forgivable loan.
3. THAT the "forgivable grant" of \$200,000 referred to in paragraph 1 of the Diocesan Council resolution of September 11, 2001 is in fact a grant by way of forgivable loan as described in the Diocesan Standard Loan Terms (the "First Forgivable Loan"). The resolution of September 11, 2001 is hereby amended accordingly.

4. THAT a grant by way of forgivable loan of up to \$50,000 (the "Supplemental Forgivable Loan") be provided to the Parish, on the basis of 50 cents for every dollar raised on a capital campaign, on funds raised through capital campaigns between August 1, 2003 and September 30, 2004 and pledged to be paid and collected on or before June 15, 2007.
5. THAT the following terms and conditions apply to the Supplemental Forgivable Loan and the First Forgivable Loan:
 - (a) Pledges used for the purpose of the First Forgivable Loan do not qualify for the purposes of the Supplemental Forgivable Loan.
 - (b) The proceeds of the Supplemental Forgivable Loan shall be utilized to directly pay down the Interim Financing.
 - (c) To the extent that the \$49,000 contingency fund is not used, the maximum authorized amount of the Supplemental Forgivable Loan will be reduced by 50 cents for every dollar of contingency not required; if more than the authorized amount is advanced to the parish, the same shall be due on demand and shall be treated as an additional interim loan.
 - (d) The Supplemental Forgivable Loan and the First Forgivable Loan shall, for the purposes of the Diocesan Standard Loan Terms, be deemed to be one forgivable loan (the "Total Forgivable Loan") and the amount forgiven by way of grant each year shall be based on the Total Forgivable Loan.
 - (e) The Total Forgivable Loan shall be paid from the New Development Fund.
 - (f) Section (i) of resolution 2 also applies to the Total Forgivable Loan, and the same shall be included in the loan agreement and security to be granted.
6. THAT the amount of the Term Loan and the Interim Financing may be amended up to \$50,000 by adding to one and taking the same sum away from the other, if requested by the Parish, with the approval of two of the Treasurer, Registrar and Business Administrator. The total of the Term Loan and Interim Financing shall not exceed \$395,000 without further approval of Diocesan Council.

CARRIED

5.6. Ministry Endorsement

Motion **Moved:** **Mr. Peter Hare**
 Seconded: **Mr. David Rushton**

THAT this Synod recognizes the need for, and endorses the ministry of, parishes which are called to serve homosexual and transgendered people who are living in turmoil stemming from their understanding that their lifestyle is contrary to biblical teaching and who are thus seeking to exit their homosexual/transgendered lifestyle and to find healing within the Christian community of such parishes.

DEFEATED

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

6.1. Diocesan Financial Statements

The Diocesan Financial Statements for September, 2003 were distributed but not discussed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7.1. Administration and Finance Committee:

Minutes for the September 23rd meeting were circulated.

7.2. Communications Committee:

No Minutes were circulated.

7.3. Ministry and Congregational Development Committee:

Minutes for the September 18th meeting were circulated.

7.4. Ordained Ministry Division:

Minutes for the October 2nd meeting were circulated.

7.5. Stewards in Action Ministry Committee:

No Minutes were circulated.

7.6. Stewardship Development Committee:

No Minutes were circulated.

7.7. Diocesan Planned Giving Unit:

Minutes of the October 8th meeting were circulated.

7.8. Grants and Loans Committee

Minutes for the October 1st meeting were circulated.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Bonnie Fulton reported that Ashley Brear has recently been diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma for which she is currently undergoing treatment.

Motion **Moved:** **Ms. Bonnie Fulton**
 Seconded: **The Rev. Paula Porter Leggett**

THAT a message of love and prayers be sent to Ashley Brear from Diocesan Council.

CARRIED

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. and closed with the Grace.

9. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of Diocesan Council will be held on November 11th 2003,
at St. Augustine, Vancouver

Ms. Margaret Briscall
Lay Secretary

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE A

Petition

To: The Right Reverend Michael Colin Ingham,
Lord Bishop of New Westminster

Dear Father in God:

WHEREAS WE the people of the Parish of St Nicolas and the Parish of Christ the King have been worshipping together for some years under the name and style of the New Community of Christ the King and St. Nicolas (the two existing parishes herein jointly referred to as the "Congregation");

AND WHEREAS WE, with your permission and the permission of the Executive Committee of The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster ("Diocese of New Westminster" or "Diocese"), have both (a) renovated the Church of Christ the King at Kitchener Street and near Willingdon Avenue in Burnaby to become the new worship place and home of the Congregation and (b) sold the property upon which St Nicolas Church was located to another denomination;

AND WHEREAS the Diocese is the registered and beneficial owner of the parking lot at the Kitchener Street site and the long term use of the same by the Congregation is subject to further negotiations between the Diocese and the Congregation and the New Parish (as herein after defined);

AND WHEREAS we have through vestry meetings of both Parishes approved the requesting of your approval to rename the Church of Christ the King as the *Church of St. Timothy*;

AND WHEREAS we have through vestry meetings of both Parishes, by a majority in excess of 75% of each Vestry, approved the merger of the Parish of St Nicholas and the Parish of Christ the King into a new parish, subject to your approval in accordance with Canon 13, and we request the permission to so merge the Parishes under the name of

The Parish of St. Timothy, Burnaby.

Now Wherefore We Petition You:

1. To rename the Church of Christ the King as the *Church of St. Timothy*; and in that regard to re-dedicate the said church as the *Church of St. Timothy* on your visit to us scheduled for October 15, 2003;
2. To merge the existing Parish of St Nicholas and the existing Parish of Christ the King into one Parish (the "New Parish") in accordance with Division 4 of Canon 13 to be known as *The Parish of St. Timothy, Burnaby*;
3. To permit the transfer of all operating accounts of the Congregation to the new Parish;
4. To permit, after negotiations in accordance with Division 4 of Canon 13, the transfer of all capital accounts and other assets of the Congregation to the new Parish, except for those assets that we may, in negotiation with the Diocese, determine should be transferred to the New Development Fund of the Diocese of New Westminster in accordance with Division 4 of Canon 13;
5. To permit the New Parish to incorporate, subject to approval of the forms of Declaration of Incorporation and Bylaws by yourself and the Executive Committee of the Diocese;
6. To permit the *Parish of St Nicolas* (Inc. No. PAR-36) and *The Parish Of Christ The King, The Anglican Church Of Canada* (Inc. No. PAR-26) (collectively the "Existing Parishes") to hold assets in trust for the New Parish until the New Parish is incorporated and the assets may be transferred in an orderly fashion, subject to the granting of permission by yourself and The Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster to transfer such assets;
7. To permit the New Parish to apply to continue to use the income tax charitable registration number of the existing Parish of St Nicholas; and
8. To close each of the Existing Parishes, but only after:
 - a. the transfer of assets of the Congregation held by the Existing Parishes to the New Parish has been completed; and
 - b. the New Parish has obtained an income tax charitable registration number on its own or by transfer of the existing income tax charitable registration number from the Parish of St Nicholas to the New Parish.

AND WE, the Wardens and Incumbent the Parish of St Nicholas and the Parish of Christ the King worshipping under the name and style of the New Community of St. Nicholas and Christ the King have executed this Petition for and on behalf of, and with the authority of, the people of the Parish of St Nicholas and the Parish of Christ the King on this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three.

[Signatures]

Unapproved