

Evensong

A choral evensong concluded the session.

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Joint Anglican / Lutheran Day

Anglicans and Lutherans were welcomed to the Winnipeg Convention Centre by the Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett . The theme for the day was *'Water'* – the water of baptism and issues relating to water in today's world. Everyone participated in the Celebration of the Eucharist and combined table groups discussed what they knew, or didn't know, about each other's churches.

The theme speaker was Dr. Sallie McFague, Distinguished Theologian in Residence at the Vancouver School of Theology, well known as an eco-theologian and activist in the movement to "green" the Church.

National Aboriginal Day

This "Day" was celebrated by nine Canadian church organizations commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the signing of the 1987 ecumenical statement entitled "A New Covenant".

At a ceremony held during the Joint Anglican / Lutheran Meeting, Church leaders (including Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Raymond Schultz and Roman Catholic Archbishop James Weisgerber) renewed their commitment to the Covenant in support of aboriginal peoples' continuing struggle for justice and self-determination.

In Memoriam – Mr. Joseph Harvey

The Primate advised that Mr. Joseph Harvey, an exhibitor at General Synod from Split Lake in the Diocese of Keewatin, had died suddenly in a Winnipeg Hospital at 12.15 p.m. today. Synod members observed one minute of silence in his memory and a prayer was offered for his life and service. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Welcome to Partners

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Mwachiko

The Director of Partnerships, Dr. Eleanor Johnson, introduced and welcomed Bishop Mwachiko from the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania, and he addressed Synod members. *(See Appendix H)*

The Rt. Rev. Pie and Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina

Ms. Cheryl Curtis, the Director of PWRDF, introduced Pie Ntukamazina, Bishop of Bujumbura, Burundi. He thanked the Anglican Church of Canada for its continuing support during times when his country was “in trouble”, noting that “a good friend” is someone who appears when you are in danger.

Mrs. Ntukamazina reported on the work of the Mothers’ Union, which is undertaking educational, medical, restoration and recovery work following the Civil War in Burundi.

The Primate thanked everyone for their presentations.

Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the First Ballot

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews	79
Archdeacon Bruce Bryant-Scott	15
Dean Terry Dance	20
Ms. Heather Dixon	11
Canon Robert Falby	59
Ms. Suzanne Lawson	47
Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett	28
Dean James Merrett	7
Rev. Robert Towler	<u>18</u>
Total number of ballots	<u>284</u>

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped and Archdeacon Bryant-Scott and Ms. Dixon requested that their names be removed, leaving six names on the 2nd ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Resolution

Report of the Windsor Report Response Group

Moved by: Bishop Colin Johnson
Seconded by: Archdeacon Peter Fenty

That this General Synod endorse the report of the Windsor Report Response Group, as adopted by the Council of General Synod (March 2007), and that the following be forwarded, along with the report, to the Anglican Communion Office and the Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The Anglican Church of Canada:

1. reaffirms its commitment to full membership and participation in the life, witness and structures of the Anglican Communion;
2. reaffirms its commitment to the Lambeth Quadrilateral, as received by our church in 1893;
3. expresses its desire and readiness to continue our participation in the ongoing life of the Communion through partnerships and visits, theological and biblical study, in order to foster Communion relationships, including the Listening Process and the development and possible adoption of an Anglican Covenant;
4. reaffirms its mutual responsibility and interdependence with our Anglican sisters and brothers in furthering the mission of the church;
5. notes that, in response to the Windsor Report, the Diocese of New Westminster expressed regret, and the House of Bishops effected a moratorium on the blessing of same-sex unions;
6. calls upon those archbishops and other bishops who believe that it is their conscientious duty to intervene in Provinces, dioceses and parishes other than their own to implement paragraph 155 of the Windsor Report and to seek an accommodation with the bishops of the dioceses whose parishes they have taken into their own care; and
7. commits itself to participation in the Listening Process and to share with member churches of the Communion the study of human sexuality which continues to take place, in the light of Scripture, tradition and reason.

Amendment

Moved by: Rev. Henry Dunbar
Seconded by: Rev. Gene Packwood

That the word ‘endorse’ in paragraph 1 be changed to ‘receive’.

1. That the following words be added at the end of item #1:
and commits to adhere to the principles and provisions of the Windsor Report, and urges all dioceses to do so, including:
 - a) *upholding Lambeth Resolution 1.10 as the current standard of Anglican teaching on the matter; and*
 - b) *upholding a moratorium on the blessing of same sex unions.*
2. That the following new paragraph #6 be added and the paragraphs #6 and #7 be renumbered as #7 and #8 as follows:
 6. *shall urge all dioceses, notwithstanding the previous practice of any diocese, to comply with the moratorium.*

Suspension of Debate

Debate was suspended by the Primate to permit the reporting of the results of the 2nd ballot for the Prolocutor.

Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the Second Ballot

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews	109
Dean Terry Dance	16
Canon Robert Falby	74
Ms. Suzanne Lawson	58
Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett	21
Rev. Robert Towler	<u>13</u>
Total number of ballots	<u>291</u>

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped and Dean Dance requested that his name be removed from the 3rd ballot, leaving four names on the ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Resolutions

Report of the Windsor Report Response Group

Debate resumed on the amendment (as above).

The amendment was then put and -

DEFEATED

The original resolution was then put and -

CARRIED

Act 26

Point of Personal Privilege

Bishop Michael Ingham rose to correct misinformation stated earlier in Synod – i.e. he advised that Resolution B001 re *Blessing couples in covenanted same-sex unions* was **not** submitted by him but had been submitted by the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of New Westminster. The Rev. David Parsons apologized to Bishop Ingham for his error.

Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the Third Ballot

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews	131
Canon Robert Falby	90
Ms. Suzanne Lawson	60
Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett	<u>9</u>
Total number of ballots cast	<u>290</u>

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped and Ms. Lawson requested that her name be removed from the 4th ballot, leaving two names on the ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Resolutions

ACC-13 Resolution 4

Bishop Moxley advised that this resolution had been deferred pending revision.

Council of the North Grants – Resources

Moved by: Archbishop Terrence Buckle
Seconded by: Bishop David Ashdown

That the General Synod undertake to provide the necessary resources in stewardship and congregational development to assist all Council of the North dioceses to move as close as possible to self-sufficiency.

CARRIED
Act 27

Election of the Prolocutor – Results of the Fourth Ballot

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews	156
Canon Robert Falby	<u>133</u>
Total number of ballots	<u>289</u>

The Primate declared that the *Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews* was elected Prolocutor.

Act 28

Dr. Andrews is the President and Vice-Chancellor of Thorneloe University in Sudbury, Ontario, in the Diocese of Algoma.

Ms. Bonnie Anderson extended appreciation to retiring Prolocutor, Dean Peter Elliott, for his service and friendship and presented an invitation to Dr. Andrews to attend the next Episcopal Church National Convention.

Dean Elliott congratulated Dr. Andrews and thanked all nominees for the position of Prolocutor for allowing their names to stand for election.

Nominations for the Position of Deputy Prolocutor

Bishop Moxley called for nominations for this position and announced that the deadline was 9.00 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2007.

Review of Election Procedures for the Primatial Election

Dean Elliott reviewed in detail the procedures for the election of the new Primate, which would take place on Friday, June 22nd in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Winnipeg.

Evening Prayer

The session concluded with prayer and song, led by the Rev. Arthur Anderson (and others) of the Peguis First Nation, Manitoba.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2007

Primatial Election

Members gathered in the Church of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated with Archbishop Andrew Hutchison presiding and Archbishop Tom Morgan preaching.

Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, General Synod reconvened with the Prolocutor, Dean Elliott, in the Chair. The Order of Bishops withdrew. The Order of Clergy was seated on the left and the Order of Laity was seated on the right. Ballot books were distributed to clergy and lay members.

The Prolocutor appointed the following and gave instructions on the balloting procedure:

Lay Scrutineers	Clergy Scrutineers	Assessors
Ms. Kathy Derksen Dr. David Gould Captain Rob Marsh	Rev. Canon Maureen Crerar Archdeacon Dennis Drainville Archdeacon Patricia Johnston	Dr. Beth Bilson Canon Robert Falby