



Daily Report

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Marie Wilson, of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, received a prolonged standing ovation for her presentation on the commission's work with survivors of the residential schools. Her address included references to the hurt suffered by indigenous people who were the subjects of government policies to "assimilate and Christianize" and "remove the Indian from the child." She asked Synod members to imagine themselves in the places of people whose children were taken away, some as young as two. Some never returned.

She noted that residential schools were established before Confederation, and the last did not close until 1996.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was not set up to blame or find fault, but to compile "the history we never learned" and make it available to everyone.

The commission will hold seven national events, beginning with a June 16-19 event in Winnipeg, and 2011 events in Inuvik and the Atlantic region.

A resolution to affirm six goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada carried unanimously. The resolution asks the General Secretary and the Council of General Synod to provide the Anglican Church of Canada with the resources to participate in the commission over the next five years; and reaffirm the goals of equipping leaders. It also recommends that the church co-

host training and awareness events over the next three years.

Currently, the church has budgeted up to \$35,000 for events and commission support.

Thanks were offered to the various supporters of General Synod by the comedy team of Bishop Percy Coffin and Margie Jenniex. They managed to spoof everyone, including the Primate "Head Honcho," and Acting General Secretary Sam Carriere "Pigeon." "By galley groups and Romper Room we found ourselves a mate," went a line of Bishop Coffin's poetry. Foolishness aside, they noted that Synod 2010 had made history in its decisions and in the tenor of its debate.

The closing Eucharist was celebrated by Susan Johnson, the National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Archbishop Fred Hiltz preached.

Announcements for the sprint to the finish included notes about departure times, checkout, and meal tickets.

The General Synod logo above the head table and the centrepiece boats were made by Melinda Robb. The sails representing the Synod theme were made by Carole Aglard, under the direction of Melinda Robb. Members with sticky notes under their chairs were offered the centrepieces to take home.

The 39th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada was prorogued at 11:35 a.m.