

NUMBER FOUR

Saturday, June 23, 2007

Election of Deputy Prolocutor

Ballots were distributed.

Resolutions

Resolution A023 (first reading): Declaration of Principles - Election of National Indigenous Anglican Bishop (NIAB). The resolution would place matters relating to the NIAB within the authority of General Synod. The motion received a two-thirds majority in both the house of clergy and laity and the order of bishops and was **carried**.

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Results of first ballot voting

Ms. Heather Dixon – 45
Canon Robert Falby – 112
Mr. Matt Koovisk – 40
Captain Rob Marsh – 51
Ms. Sheila Vanderputten – 26
Sheila Vanderputten was removed from the **Second Ballot**. Needed to elect: 138 votes

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Results of second ballot voting

Ms. Heather Dixon – 37
Canon Robert Falby – 144
Matt Koovisk – 35
Rob Marsh – 63
Canon Robert Falby was elected.

Resolution A024 (first reading): Declaration of Principles – Membership of NIAB in the House of Bishops and General Synod. The motion received a two-thirds majority in both the house of laity and the order of bishops and was **carried**.

Resolution A025 (first reading): Declaration of Principles -- Election of Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces. The motion received a two-thirds majority in both the house of laity and the order of bishops and was **carried**.

The St. Michael Report

Bishop Victoria Matthews outlined the work of the Primate's Theological Commission with particular reference to doctrine – core doctrine, *adiaphora*, the possibility of changing doctrine.

Resolution A184: *The St. Michael Report* – acceptance of the conclusion of the Report that the blessings of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine, but not core doctrine.

The resolution was **amended** to add the after the word “credal” the following: “and should not be a communion- breaking issue.” The motion as amended was **carried** in both houses.

Governance

Resolution A021 (first reading): Amendment of the Declaration of Principles to make membership and procedures easier to amend. Debate was suspended for **Noon Prayers** followed by **Diocesan Caucuses** led by

overseas partner the Rt. Rev. Patrick Mwachiko, Diocese of Masasi, and **Information Dialogues.**

Afternoon Sitting

Ruling on Resolution A003: A procedural resolution was put to allow debate on Resolution A003 immediately after the report of the Committee of the Whole. A two-thirds majority was required. The motion was **defeated** in both the house of clergy and laity and in the order of bishops.

Committee of the Whole – Blessing of Same Sex Unions

Motion: that the Synod move into Committee of the Whole: **carried** in the house of clergy and laity and in the order of bishops.

Motion: that the Synod move out of the Committee of the Whole: **carried** in the house of clergy of laity and in the order of Bishops. Members of Synod re-convened in provincial caucuses.

Evening Sitting

Resolution A185 (revised): Voting requirement for Resolutions A186 and A187. Subsequently a procedural motion – suspension of Rule of Order 23(a) in relation to Resolution 185. The procedural motion received a two-thirds majority in both the house of laity and the order of bishops and was **carried**.

Amendment to **Resolution A185 (revised):** delete “sixty percent” and replacing with “two-thirds” and requiring approval of a vote “by orders at two successive General Synods” and “if requested, affirmative vote of two-thirds of the dioceses.” The amendment was **defeated** in both the house of clergy and laity and the order of bishops. Debate continued. The motion was put; two-thirds majority required in both the house of clergy and laity and the order of bishops. The motion was **defeated** in the house of clergy and laity and **carried** in the house of bishops. The motion was **defeated**.

Procedural Motion: that 18(e) be suspended for A186 and A187 and that for both, the vote be by secret ballot. The motion required a two-thirds majority and was **defeated** in both the house of clergy and laity and the order of bishops.

Resolution A186: Blessings of Same Sex Unions – Core Doctrine of ACC. Motion to refer to the Primate’s Theological Commission. The referral motion was **carried** in the order of bishops and **defeated** in the house of clergy and laity. The motion was therefore **defeated**. Debate continued.

Motion: that the debate be closed. The motion required a two-thirds majority and was **defeated** in the house of clergy and laity.

The chair suspended debate.

Motion: that the agenda be changed to allow debate to continue. The motion required a two-thirds majority. The motion was **defeated** in the house of clergy and laity and in the order of bishops.

Presentation from Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Bishop Fred Hiltz informed Synod that General Synod 2010 will be in Halifax in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The theme: *A Journey Just Begun*. Members viewed a video presentation.

Night Prayers (Jazz Vespers) concluded the evening.