

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE GENERAL SYNOD
JUNE 19 – 25, 2007**

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2007

Opening Service

Following a First Nations' Greeting and Smudging Ceremony on the west bank of the Red River, the Thirty-Eighth Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada convened in The Cathedral of St. John, Winnipeg, Manitoba, at 7:30 p.m. On behalf of the Credentials Committee, Chancellor Ronald Stevenson reported that a sufficient number of each Order was present to constitute the Synod: Order of Bishops – 40, Order of Clergy – 110, Order of Laity – 135. The President of the Synod, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate, declared that the Thirty-Eighth Session of the General Synod was duly constituted.

Act 1

Greetings were received from:

The Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba
Councillor Brenda Leipsic, Deputy Mayor of the City of Winnipeg
Mr. Douglas Martindale, MLA, Premier's Office

Presidential Address

Archbishop Hutchison delivered the address and presided at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. (*See Appendix A*)

A reception followed at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, hosted by the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

Morning Prayer took place in the Plenary Hall.

The Primate, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, was in the Chair and called the meeting to order.

Orders of the Day

Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Chair of the Agenda Committee, reviewed the Orders of the Day.

Moved by: Rev. Christopher Pratt

Seconded by: Bishop Barry Clarke

That the Orders of the Day for June 20, 2007, be accepted.

CARRIED
Act 2

No Debate List

Canon Dr. Martin Hendy, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, reviewed the procedure for placing resolutions on the No Debate List. He presented the following list (as at June 20th):

A060	Motion to Close Debate
A080	Amendment to Canon VIII – GS Pension & Benefit
A081	Amendment to Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan
A082	Canon XVII – The Licensing of Clergy
A260	Amendment to Regulations of Canon VIII – GS Pension Plan
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A262	Amendment to Regulations of Canon XII – Continuing Education Plan
A160	Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements
A161	Appointment of Auditors
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A043	The Constitution – Merger of Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committees
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A181	Mandate of new Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee
A044	Composition of Communications and Information Resources Committee
A042	Membership of Standing Committees
A023	Election... National Indigenous Anglican Bishop – 1 st Reading
A024	Membership of NIAB in General Synod
A025	Re the Bishop Ordinary – 1 st Reading
A263	Amendment to Long Term Disability Plan Pre 2005 Document
A264	Adoption of new LTD Plan and subsequent amendments to Regulations
A021	Amending Procedures – 1 st Reading
A022	Procedures for Enacting Canons, etc. – 1 st Reading
A020	Declaration of Principles – Eligibility of Clergy – 2 nd Reading
A040	Constitution – Eligibility of Clergy
A041	Constitution – Voting in the Council of General Synod
A220	FWM – Anglican Orthodox Relations
A221	FWM – Code of Ethics
A222	FWM – Ecumenical Participation in Ordination (<i>later removed from list</i>)
A223	FWM – French Translation of Liturgical Texts

A225	FWM – Interfaith Education and Dialogue
A250	PIM – Companion Diocese Relationships
A251	PIM – Sri Lanka
A252	PIM – Philippines
A253	PIM – Darfur/Sudan
A280	PIM – Partnership for Life

Introductions

The Primate made the following introductions:

Head Table

Mr. Justice Ronald Stevenson, Chancellor
 Mrs. Susan Winn, Deputy Prolocutor
 Dean Peter Elliott, Prolocutor
 Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate
 Archdeacon Michael Pollesel, General Secretary
 Ms. Patricia Henshaw, Recording Secretary

Chairs and Members of Sessional Committees

Agenda Committee:	Mrs. Barbara Burrows, Chair
Resolutions Committee:	Canon Dr. Martin Hendy, Chair
Expenditures Committee:	Mrs. Judy Darling, Chair
Nominating Committee:	Bishop Susan Moxley, Chair
Worship Committee:	Dean Peter Wall, Chair
Honorary Secretaries:	Mrs. Margaret Jenniex, Honorary Lay Secretary Ms. Kathy Hartsook, Honorary Assistant Lay Secretary Rev. Canon John Alfred Steele, Honorary Clerical Secretary Rev. Karen Chalk, Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary
Assessors:	Mr. Justice Brian Burrows, Coordinator Dr. Beth Bilson, Saskatoon Canon Robert Falby, Toronto Mr. David Jones, Edmonton Rev. Alan Perry, Montreal

Partners

Ecumenical Partners: The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary
The Canadian Council of Churches

The Rev. Sonja Free *and*
The Rev. Paul Johnson
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Dr. Gail Allan, Ecumenical Officer
The United Church of Canada

Most Rev. Emilius Goulet, Archbishop of St. Boniface
The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Rev. Petero Sabune
The Episcopal Church

It was noted that the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, would attend the installation of the new Primate on June 25, 2007.

Overseas Partners: The Rt. Rev. Pie Ntukamazina
Diocese of Bujumbura, Burundi

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Mwachiko
Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania

Anglican Communion: The Rev. Canon Philip Groves
Facilitator for the Listening Process

Indigenous Partners

Visitors: The Most Rev. Dr. John Sentamu
Archbishop of York and Primate of England

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Straub, General Secretary, *and*
Ms. Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of
Deputies The Episcopal Church

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General
The Anglican Communion

Mr. Robert J. Suderman, General Secretary
The Mennonite Church in Canada

Dr. Susan Brown
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Courtesies of the General Synod

Moved by: Bishop James Cowan
Seconded by: Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins

That the *Courtesies of the General Synod* be extended to the Partners and Visitors noted above, to the Directors of General Synod at the National Office and to:

Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt	Past Chair, Ecojustice Committee
Dr. Patricia Bays	Chair, Windsor Report Response Committee
Mr. George Campbell	Chair, Rupert's Land Native Council
Mr. Deo Moreno	Member, Anti Racism Group
Ms. Monica Patten	Chair, Financial Management and Development Committee

CARRIED
Act 3

Greetings

Archbishop Emilius Goulet of St. Boniface brought greetings from the Roman and Eastern Catholic Churches and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He concluded by wishing the Synod and its members *'good luck'*.

Host Diocese Welcome

Mr. George Campbell, Chair of the Rupert's Land Native Council, and the Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop of Rupert's Land, welcomed everyone to the diocese.

Point of Order

Archbishop John Clarke rose on a *point of order* to note the omission of Archbishop Fred Crabbe from the list of Memorials to Deceased Members in the Convening Circular. Archbishop Hutchison also noted the omission of Archdeacon John McMulkin and Mr. Tom Abel. These names were added to the list.

Resolutions

Minutes of the 37th Session of the General Synod

Moved by: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That the minutes of the 37th Session of the General Synod, held in St. Catharines, Ontario, May 28 – June 4, 2004, be adopted as printed in the Journal and as approved by the Certification of Minutes Committee.

CARRIED
Act 4

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: Mrs. Barbara Burrows
Seconded by: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel

That the Draft Agenda #9 be adopted.

CARRIED
Act 5

Reception of Reports

Moved by: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That the reports printed in the Convening Circular be received.

CARRIED
Act 6

Reception of Notices of Motion and Memorials

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel

That the Notices of Motion and Memorials, as amended, and as printed in the Convening Circular be received.

CARRIED
Act 7

Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott
Seconded by: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel

That the Nominating Committee be responsible for arranging balloting and appointing scrutineers in any election where such is required.

CARRIED
Act 8

Rules of Order and Procedure

The Primate reminded members that, in accordance with the Rules of Order and Procedure, Section 18(a) – “*When the question is put, every member present, except the presiding officer, shall be required to vote on the same...*”.

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Bishop Donald Phillips

That Rule 16 of the Rules of Order and Procedure be amended by deleting paragraph e), re-lettering paragraphs f) to j) to be paragraphs k) to o) and adding the following new paragraphs e) to j):

- e) A member who intends to propose an amendment to a motion that is being debated may give the presiding officer written notice of such intention with the text of the intended amendment.
- f) When a motion or an amending motion has been made and seconded any member who has not spoken on the motion or amendment may move that the debate be closed and a vote taken on the motion or the amendment.
- g) The presiding officer shall not accept a motion that the debate be closed,
 - i. if any member who has given the presiding officer written notice of intention to propose an amendment has not had an opportunity to do so, or
 - ii. if in the opinion of the presiding officer the motion that the debate be closed is an abuse of the rules or would deny members of the Synod of an adequate opportunity for discussion.
- h) When the presiding officer accepts a motion that the debate be closed that motion, when seconded, shall be decided without debate.
- i) A motion that the debate be closed, to be carried, requires a two-thirds majority of the Order of Bishops, and a two-thirds majority of the Orders of Clergy and Laity voting together.
- j) When a motion that the debate be closed is carried the presiding officer shall immediately call the question on the motion or amendment before the Synod. When a motion that the debate be closed is lost, discussion shall continue on the motion or amendment before the Synod.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 9

Amendments to Canon VIII – The General Synod Pension and Benefit Plans

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon VIII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 10

The amended Canon VIII is attached. (See Appendix B)

Amendments to Canon XII – The Continuing Education Plan

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to Canon XII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the Canon.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 11

The amendment to Canon XII is attached. (See Appendix C)

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII – The General Synod Pension and Benefit Plan

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon VIII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 12

The amended Regulations are attached. (See Appendix D)

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX – The Lay Retirement Plan

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon IX as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 13

The amendments to the Regulations are attached. (See Appendix E)

Amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII – The Continuing Education Plan

Moved by: Bishop Philip Poole
Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

That this General Synod approve the amendments to the Regulations of Canon XII as approved by the Council of General Synod by deleting the underlined portions and adding the bold portions as shown on the attached copy of the Regulations.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 14

The amended Regulations are attached. (See Appendix F)

No Debate List

The following resolutions were removed from this list:

A021, A022, A023, A082 and A181.

Canon XVII – The Licensing of Clergy – Second Reading

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Joyce Sanchez

That *second reading* be given to the Resolution that Canon XVII - The Licensing of Clergy - be amended as follows :

1. by re-lettering sections 11 b) to 11 h) to be sections 11 d) to 11 j);
2. by adding two new sections as follows:

11 b) Although it is not possible to set out all the circumstances in which the bishop might make such a decision, they include financial difficulties in a parish, decline in parish membership, redeployment of human resources, and the licensee's inability to carry out his or her ministry.

11 c) Where the bishop is aware of circumstances that may establish that a licensee has committed an ecclesiastical offense under Canon XVIII, the bishop may not revoke a license instead of making, or referring to the court having jurisdiction, a determination of whether an ecclesiastical offense has been committed.

3. by amending section 11 i), as re-lettered, to read as follows:

11 i) The arbitration board shall provide an opportunity to the licensee and the bishop to make submissions in writing and orally and to respond to the submissions of the other party. It shall determine the length of notice or the amount of pay and benefits in lieu of notice to be given to the licensee including, where appropriate, financial and vocational counselling, and shall take into account prevailing practices in the secular community. The decision of the arbitration board shall be in writing and is final and binding on the licensee and the bishop.

Motion to Table

Moved by: Archdeacon Bruce Bryant-Scott
Seconded by: Archdeacon Marion Vincett

That consideration of the motion be tabled until clarification is received at a later time in the Synod.

DEFEATED

The resolution was then put and -

CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS
Act 15

Merger of Eco-Justice and Partners in Mission Committees

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Mr. Bill Mous

That this General Synod approve the merger of the Eco-Justice Committee and the Partners in Mission Committee to create a new Standing Committee to be named the Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 16

**Amendment to the Constitution, Section 39
Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee**

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Captain Rob Marsh

That section 39 of the Constitution of the General Synod be amended as follows:

(i) by amending subclause (a)(ii) to read “Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee”;

(ii) by deleting subclause (a)(iii) and renumbering subclauses (a)(iv), (v) and (vi) to be subclauses (a)(iii), (iv), and (v);

(iii) by deleting the words “and the Eco-Justice Committee” and the word “each” from clause (b);

(iv) by amending clause (c) to read as follows:

c) The Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee shall consist of twenty-one members:

i) 12 members shall be elected by the General Synod

ii) at least 8 of the 12 members elected by the General Synod shall be members of the General Synod and one of those shall be a member of the Council of the General Synod

iii) 6 members shall be appointed by the Primate

iv) of the 18 members elected by the General Synod and appointed by the Primate at least 2 shall be Indigenous persons and at least 2 shall be youths or young adults

v) 1 member shall be appointed by an overseas partner church designated by the Committee

vi) 1 member shall be appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

vii) 1 member shall be appointed by a Canadian ecumenical partner church designated by the Committee.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 17

Membership for the New Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Mr. Bill Mous

That this General Synod approve the following membership for the new Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.

The Committee shall have 21 members as follows:

- 12 members shall be appointed by the General Synod, at least 8 of whom shall be members of General Synod, and one of whom shall be a member of the Council of General Synod;

- 6 members shall be appointed by the Primate;
- Of the 18 members appointed by General Synod or by the Primate, at least 2 shall be Indigenous persons, and at least 2 shall be youths or young adults.
- 1 member shall be appointed by an overseas partner church, designated by the committee;
- 1 member shall be appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada;
- 1 member shall be appointed by a Canadian ecumenical partner, designated by the Committee.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE

Act 18

Amendment to the Constitution, Section 39(f) – Composition of the Communications and Information Resources Committee

Moved by: Rev. Michael Thompson
 Seconded by: Rev. Canon John Fletcher

That section 39 f) of the Constitution of the General Synod be amended to read as follows:

- f) The **Communications and Information Resources Committee** shall consist of ten members:
- i) 8 of the members shall be elected by the General Synod
 - ii) at least 4 of the 8 members elected by the General Synod shall be members of the General Synod, of whom at least one shall be a member of the Council of the General Synod
 - iii) 2 members shall be appointed by the Primate, in consultation with the Director of Communications and Information Resources
 - iv) at least 2 of the members must be members of the Anglican Journal Board.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE

Act 19

Amendment to the Constitution, Section 39 g) – Membership of Standing Committees

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson
 Seconded by: Bishop Susan Moxley

That section 39 g) of the Constitution of the General Synod be amended to read as follows:

g) In nomination of persons to be elected or appointed to Standing Committees, geographic representation, expertise, experience and commitment to the ongoing life of the committee shall be the principal criteria. Consideration shall also be given to reflecting the diverse groups and individuals within the church and society. Consideration may be given to representation from churches in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 20

Mandate of New Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee

Moved by: Bishop Susan Moxley
Seconded by: Mr. Bill Mous

That this General Synod approve the following mandate for the new Partners in Mission & EcoJustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.

Mandate

The Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee shall:

- a) Engage itself and the wider church in biblical, theological and ethical reflection, listening for the Spirit and discerning God's mission for the church and the world.
- b) Create an ethos of ecojustice in our church life.
- c) Engage and nurture global relationships with Anglican and ecumenical partners.
- d) Oversee policies governing mission personnel programs and financial grants to partner organizations.
- e) Facilitate networks and build capacity for mission and justice throughout the church.
- f) Journey with Indigenous peoples as we seek healing and reconciliation, and stand with them in their struggle to protect their land and rights, including the right to self-determination.
- g) Receive, prioritize, and respond to social, environmental and ethical issues within Canada and globally, based on established church policy.
- h) Report to the Council of General Synod and recommend new policies and actions.
- i) Participate in national and international councils of Churches, such as the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Canadian Council of Churches, and in partner organizations such as KAIROS, Project Ploughshares, the Churches' Forum for Global Ministries, the Women's Inter Church Council, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections.

- j) Educate, inform and engage Canadian Anglicans to participate in mission and justice-making.
- k) Communicate with other standing committees, boards and councils of General Synod, with the PWRDF, and with the House of Bishops.
- l) Coordinate initiatives of the Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee with other standing committees of General Synod, such as the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee, with the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the board of PWRDF, the House of Bishops.

Friendly Amendments

The mover and seconder agreed to accept the following friendly amendments from the Rev. Chris Barrigar in b) and j) as underlined.

- b) Create an ethos of ecojustice and evangelism in our church life.
- j) Educate, inform and engage Canadian Anglicans to participate in mission, evangelism and justice-making.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
Act 21

Anti Racism Presentation

Mr. Deo Moreno and Bishop Jim Njegovan presented the report of the Anti Racism Working Group and introduced a dramatic presentation which included reflections on racism experienced by aboriginal people and non-white Canadians. Bishop Njegovan stated that *“there is more to racism than prejudice – it is discrimination, plus power and the misuse of power”*.

Synod members recited a *Litany of Commitment to Journey Together*,” affirming that the Anglican Church of Canada would strive to be a church that is “free of racism”.

The *Charter for Racial Justice*, approved by the Council of the General Synod at its Spring 2007 meeting, was distributed. It will serve as a guide for General Synod’s ongoing work on racial justice.

Nominating Committee Responsibilities

Bishop Susan Moxley outlined the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee and announced the following deadlines for nominations: Prolocutor – 7.00 p.m. and Standing Committees – 9.00 p.m. (both on June 20, 2007).

The Prolocutor assumed the Chair.

Resolutions

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby
Seconded by: Mrs. Judy Darling

That this General Synod approve the Auditors Report and the audited Financial Statements of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation for the fiscal year ended as at December 31, 2006.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 22

Appointment of Auditors

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby
Seconded by: Mrs. Judy Darling

That this General Synod approve the appointment of the chartered accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP as the Auditors for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund and the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation, for the fiscal year of 2007.

CARRIED WITHOUT DEBATE
Act 23

The Primate resumed the Chair.

Greetings

The Most Rev. John Sentamu

The Archbishop of York and Primate of England addressed the members of Synod. His theme was "*More than Justice*". (See Appendix G)

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion addressed the members of Synod. He noted that one of his purposes for coming to Winnipeg was to learn about the Anglican Church of Canada. He was also interested in knowing what the Church's response would be to The Windsor Report. With respect to the Anglican Communion, he asked the question – "*How do I act responsibly with my fellow Christians in the Body of Christ?*" He urged members to celebrate the wonderful diversity of the Communion, rather than focusing on the stresses and strains *within* the Communion.

National Aboriginal Day – June 21, 2007

Archdeacon Sidney Black, Co-Chair of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, provided details with respect to the Ceremony taking place at the Convention Centre to mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of a document entitled – *A New Covenant: Towards the Constitutional Recognition and Protection of Aboriginal Self-Government in Canada*. Ms. Ethel Ahenakew, Diocese of Saskatoon, described her growth as an Anglican and affirmed the place of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada. She also reminded Synod members that “Canada is a treaty nation”.

The *Covenant* signed in 1987 pledged church organizations to support Aboriginal Peoples in Canada in their continued struggle for justice and self-determination. The signing on June 21st will be a renewal of that commitment.

Greetings

Ms. Bonnie Anderson

The President of the House of Deputies brought greetings from The Episcopal Church.

Council of the North

Following a welcoming drum song by the Sakeeng Drum Group, Bishop Anthony Burton, Chair, introduced the Council’s report. Through words, songs and images, the work was brought to life with examples of the commitment and vitality which Bishop Burton described as “*the soul of the Anglican Church*”.

The report included the following segments and each story was interspersed with a throat-singing performance by Inukshuk Aksalnik and Stephanie Adams of Rankin Inlet, Nunavut.

1. *Why we exist*
2. *Real People doing Real Ministry*
3. *Ministry of the Whole Church by the Whole Church*
4. *Redefining the Grants Criteria*
5. *Our Future Together*

The Rev. Bruce Myers advised Synod that northern ministry is struggling, that the number of paid incumbencies is shrinking and that staff positions are being reduced or eliminated.

The Rev. Lily Bell closed the presentation with prayer.

Resolutions

Council of the North – Support Grants

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

That the Council of the North support grants be fixed at the current level for the next five years (2007-2011 inclusive).

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed to accept an amendment from the Rev. Canon Christopher Pratt, as follows:

That the Council of the North Support Grants be no less than the current level for the next five years (2007-2011 inclusive).

CARRIED AS AMENDED
Act 24

Council of the North – Fund-Raising

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

That the Council of the North be given permission and encouraged to launch collective fund-raising activities to supplement the income received from the Council of the North Support Grants.

Friendly Amendment

The mover and seconder agreed to accept an amendment from Ms. Suzanne Lawson, as follows:

That the Council of the North be given permission and encouraged to launch collective fund-raising activities to supplement the income received from the Council of the North Support Grants, in full collaboration with the activities of the Office of Financial Development.

CARRIED AS AMENDED
Act 25

Conversations – Part One

Mrs. Barbara Burrows outlined the process, timeframe and locations for the following conversations and Synod members separated into groups.

1. Blessing of Same-Sex Unions / St. Michael Report
2. The Windsor Report
3. Governance

Conversations – Part Two

1. Blessing of Same-Sex Unions / St. Michael Report
2. The Windsor Report
3. Finance and Development

Members reconvened in Plenary. The Primate was in the Chair.

Nominations for the Position of Prolocutor

Bishop Susan Moxley described the election process and presented the following nominees:

Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

Dean Terry Dance

Canon Robert Falby

Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett

Rev. Robert Towler

Archdeacon Bruce Bryant-Scott

Ms. Heather Dixon

Ms. Suzanne Lawson

Dean James Merrett

The nominators were given the opportunity to briefly introduce their candidates to the membership and biographical information on each candidate was provided. All nominees introduced themselves to the members of Synod and ballots were distributed and collected.

Bishop Moxley advised that any candidate wishing to have his/her name withdrawn following any ballot was requested to advise the General Secretary.

Greetings

The Rev. Paul Johnson

An invitation was extended for everyone to attend the Joint Anglican/Lutheran Day on June 21st to celebrate six years of Full Communion between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. The Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett outlined the program for the event.

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*)