

## **Announcement**

Dean Peter Wall advised Synod that the Rev. Canon Susan Johnson had been elected National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

## **Evening Prayer**

The session concluded with prayers in the Taizé tradition.

## **Saturday, June 23, 2007**

### **Orders of the Day**

Mrs. Barbara Burrows presented the Orders of the Day.

### **Election of Deputy Prolocutor**

Ballots were distributed and collected.

## **Resolutions**

### **Declaration of Principles – Jurisdiction of the General Synod – National Indigenous Anglican Bishop**

Moved by:               Rev. Canon Murray Still  
Seconded by:           Bishop David Ashdown

That *first reading* be given to the Resolution that section 6 of the Declaration of Principles be amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of clause p) and adding a new clause r) as follows:

- r) the appointment, election, confirmation, consecration and resignation of a National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**  
*Act 30*

## **Election of Deputy Prolocutor – Results of the First Ballot**

Ms. Heather Dixon	45
Canon Robert Falby	112
Mr. Matt Koovisk	40
Captain Rob Marsh	51
Mrs. Sheila Vanderputten	<u>26</u>
Total number of ballots cast	<u>274</u>

The name of the nominee with the lowest number of votes was dropped, leaving four names on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. Ballots were distributed and collected.

## **Declaration of Principles – Membership of National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in the General Synod**

Moved by: Archdeacon Larry Beardy  
Seconded by: Rev. Canon Murray Still

That *first reading* be given to the Resolution that section 3 b) of the Declaration of Principles be amended by adding a new clause vii) as follows:

vii) the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS WITHOUT DEBATE**

*Act 31*

## **Declaration of Principles – Jurisdiction of the General Synod – Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces**

Moved by: Archdeacon Karl McLean  
Seconded by: Rev. Canon John Fletcher

That *first reading* be given to the Resolution that section 6 of the Declaration of Principles be amended by adding a new clause s) as follows:

s) the appointment, election, confirmation, consecration and resignation of a Bishop Ordinary having jurisdiction over the chaplains of the Anglican Church of Canada on duty with the Canadian Forces.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act 32*

## St. Michael Report

Moved by: Archdeacon Dennis Drainville  
Seconded by: Mrs. Barbara Burrows

That this General Synod accept the conclusion of the Primate's Theological Commission's *St. Michael Report* that the blessing of same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine, but is not core doctrine in the sense of being credal.

### *Amendment*

Moved by: Bishop James Cowan  
Seconded by: Mr. George Power

That the following words be added after the word 'credal' –  
... *and should not be a communion-breaking issue.*

**CARRIED**

*The amended motion was then put and -*

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
*Act 33*

## Recognition of Bishop Victoria Matthews

Archbishop John Clarke requested Synod members to *recognize* Bishop Matthews' leadership on this report. He noted that she had travelled across Canada presenting the document to various Synods and gatherings and was a great gift to the Canadian Church. Members responded with a standing ovation.

## Election of Deputy Prolocutor – *Results of the Second Ballot*

Ms. Heather Dixon	37
Canon Robert Falby	144
Mr. Matt Koovisk	35
Captain Rob Marsh	63
Total number of ballots cast	<u>279</u>

The Primate declared that *Canon Robert Falby* was elected Deputy Prolocutor.

*Act 34*

## **Governance**

Synod members viewed a video entitled – *A Look at Governance*.

## **Declaration of Principles and Constitution – Amending Procedures**

Moved by: Canon Robert Falby  
Seconded by: Bishop Susan Moxley

That *first reading* be given to the resolution that the Declaration of Principles be amended by:

- 1) deleting sections 3, 4 and 5 thereof ;
- 2) renumbering sections 6 to 11 to be sections 3 to 8; *and*
- 3) amending all cross-references to sections 6, 7 and 8 to refer to sections 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

## **Suspension of Debate**

Debate was suspended by the Primate.

## **Noon Prayer**

The session concluded with prayer, led by Bishop Patrick Mwachiko, Diocese of Masasi.

## **Diocesan Caucuses**

Members of Synod met in diocesan groups in order to select nominees for the Council of General Synod for consideration by Provincial Caucuses in the afternoon.

## **Information Dialogues**

Members attended their choice of several Information Dialogues, designed to provide a brief overview of the work of Committees and Council and allow time for questions and answers.

Anti-Racism Working Group

- *An opportunity to experience some of the exercises used in the training module.*

#### Communications and Information Resources

- *A review of work done in the past triennium and a look at priorities for the next three years.*

#### Council of the North

- *An opportunity to hear about this vital aspect of the mission of the Anglican Church of Canada.*

#### Financial Management and Development

- *An informed discussion relating to the financial affairs of the Church – past, present and future..*

#### Faith, Worship and Ministry

- *Theological Education & Formation for Ordained Ministry*

#### Partners in Mission / Ecojustice Committee

- *The merger of these two committees.*

#### Pension Committee

- *A brief presentation on the work of the Pension Committee.*

#### Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

- *A brief presentation on the work of PWRDF.*

## No Debate List

The following resolutions were added to this list:

C001	Targets for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions
C004	Public Meetings
C005	Budget for Youth Initiatives
C006	Anti-Racism Education
C007	Anti-Racism Education

## Resolutions

Amendments to Resolution A187 were noted (*i.e. A187A and A187B*).

## Motion to Revise Agenda

Moved by: Archdeacon Vicars Hodge  
Seconded by: Ms. Shara Golden

That the agenda be revised to move resolution C003 (*re the blessing of same sex unions*) up on the agenda so that it is debated immediately following the *Committee of the Whole* this afternoon.

The resolution was referred to the Assessors for review. The Assessors agreed that the resolution could be placed before Synod and advised that a two-thirds majority was required.

*The motion was then put and –*

**DEFEATED**  
*Act 35*

## Committee of the Whole

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

That this General Synod move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the *Blessing of Same-Sex Unions*.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 36*

The session opened with Prayer and the Primate invited Archdeacon Karl McLean and Ms. Dorothy Davies-Flindall to lead the discussion on the three resolutions adopted by the Council of the General Synod – A185, A186 and A187. (*See Appendices I and J*)

The Committee of the Whole discussed the *Blessing of Same-Sex Unions*.

Moved by: Dean Peter Elliott  
Seconded by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson

That this General Synod rise from the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 37*

## Provincial Caucuses

Members of Synod met in provincial groups in order to nominate members to the Council of the General Synod for the 2007-2010 triennium.

## Resolutions

### Suspension of Rule of Order 23(a) re Resolution A185

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson  
Seconded by: Archbishop Caleb Lawrence

That Rule of Order 23(a) be suspended in relation to Resolution A185.

#### *Point of Order*

The Rev. Canon James Robinson raised a point of order. He submitted that this motion was *out of order* because the proposed action was required to be taken by enactment of a Canon. The Assessors advised that the point raised was *not* a point of order, although it may be a question as to the validity of the enactment, if passed. A two-thirds majority was required. The Primate ruled that the point raised was not a point of order.

*The resolution was then put and -*

**CARRIED**  
*Act 38*

### Voting Requirement for Resolutions A186 and A187 Regarding Revised Resolution A185

Moved by: Chancellor Ronald Stevenson  
Seconded by: Archbishop Caleb Lawrence

1. That, with respect to resolutions A186 and A187, and pursuant to Rule 23, the requirement of Rules of Order 18(b), 19 and 20(c) that a majority of votes be required for passing a motion, and Rule of Order 20(d) concerning a tied vote in a vote by dioceses, be suspended, and
2. That resolutions A186 and A187 be deemed to have been carried only if they receive the affirmative votes of sixty percent of the members of each Order present and voting and, if a vote by dioceses is requested, only if they receive the affirmative votes of sixty percent of the dioceses whose votes are counted.

#### *Amendment*

Moved by: Archdeacon Vicars Hodge  
Seconded by: Ms. Sheila Vanderputten

That the words “*sixty percent*” be deleted in both places where they appear and replaced with the words “*two thirds*” and then add after the word “*voting*”, the words “*at two successive General Synods*”.

**DEFEATED**

***Point of Privilege***

Ms. Janet Neubauer requested permission for Synod members to pray before the vote on the following resolution and the Primate granted this request.

***Resolution A185 (Revised) was then put and –***

**DEFEATED**  
***Act 39***

**Blessing of Same Sex Unions – Core Doctrine of the ACC  
Regarding Suspension of Rule of Order 18(e)**

Moved by: Mr. Matthew Terlinski  
Seconded by: Ms. Jennifer Andreas

That Rule of Order 18 e) be suspended for the purpose of Resolution A186 and that the votes on Resolution A186 be done by secret ballot.

**DEFEATED**  
***Act 40***

**Blessing of Same Sex Unions – Core Doctrine of the ACC**

Moved by: Ms. Dorothy Davies-Flindall  
Seconded by: Archdeacon Dennis Drainville

That this General Synod resolves that the blessing of same-sex unions is consistent with the core doctrine of The Anglican Church of Canada.

***Friendly Amendment***

A suggestion from the Rev. Jean Brenton-Hickman to change the word '*consistent*' to "not in conflict" was accepted by the mover and seconder. The resolution now reads:

That this General Synod resolves that the blessing of same-sex unions is not in conflict with the core doctrine of The Anglican Church of Canada.

Mr. David Embury requested that the Primate announce the vote totals for this amended resolution and this was agreed.



### ***Motion to Refer***

Moved by: Bishop Ronald Ferris  
Seconded by: Ms. Shara Golden

That this resolution be referred to the Primate for forwarding to the Primate's Theological Commission.

**DEFEATED**

### ***Motion to Put the Question***

Moved by: Rev. Antonio Osorio  
Seconded by: Mr. Dion Lewis

That the question be put.

**DEFEATED**

Discussion on the amended resolution resumed.

### **Suspension of Debate**

At 8.45 p.m. the Primate suspended debate on resolution A186. Members already in line at the microphones were requested to provide their names to the Synod secretaries.

### **Motion to Revise Agenda**

Moved by: Archdeacon Marion Vincett  
Seconded by: Ms. Carol Summers

That the agenda be revised to permit Synod members to continue debating this resolution.

**DEFEATED**

### **Nova Scotia and PEI Video**

Bishop Fred Hiltz (Primate-Elect) and all Synod members from Nova Scotia and PEI welcomed everyone to Nova Scotia for the General Synod in 2010.

Synod members viewed a video presentation – *A Journey Just Begun 1710–2010 – Come Journey with Us* – and sang *Farewell to Nova Scotia*.

## Night Prayer

The evening concluded with Jazz Vespers.

## Sunday, June 24, 2007

### The Holy Eucharist

Bishop Susan Moxley presided at the Eucharist in the Plenary Hall and the Rev. Lily Bell was the homilist.

The Primate noted that it was St. Jean Baptiste Day. He also advised that Bishop Ralph Spence (Niagara) would leave Synod on Monday as he had been invited to Rideau Hall in Ottawa to be installed as the Albion Herald Extraordinary.

### Orders of the Day

Mrs. Barbara Burrows presented the Orders of the Day.

The list of outstanding resolutions for consideration was noted and A190 and A224 were added.  
*[Note – these two additional resolutions were omitted by error from the list.]*

**Partners Reflections** – Mrs. Barbara Burrows advised that Dr. Gail Allan, United Church of Canada, would give a reflection instead of the Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, Canadian Council of Churches.

## Nominating Committee – Council of General Synod 2007-2010

Bishop Moxley presented the report of members elected to Council by the Provincial Caucuses.

*Act 41*

## THE COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD

Primate	The Most. Rev. Fred Hiltz
Prolocutor	Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Deputy Prolocutor	Canon (Lay) Robert Falby, Q.C.
Chancellor	The Hon. Ronald Stevenson
General Secretary	The Ven. Michael Pollesel (non voting)
ELCIC Partner	To be decided.
TEC Partner	The Rev. Canon Petero Sabune
PWRDF Representative	The Rev. Ed Lewis