

Daily Report

June 8, 2010

Archdeacon Harry Huskins of Algoma Diocese was elected as deputy prolocutor on the third ballot, four votes ahead of Archdeacon Lynne Corfield of Niagara Diocese. The other candidates were Archdeacon PJ Hobbs of Ottawa, Dean Iain Luke of Athabasca, Rev. Canon Alan T Perry of Montreal, and Rev. Canon John Alfred Steele of British Columbia. This is Archdeacon Huskins' second consecutive term in the position.

A group of young Christians of various denominations received an extended standing ovation for the opening presentation of the musical drama *Roots Among the Rocks*. The collection of humorous and heart-tugging vignettes represented diverse personal explorations of Christianity. The show will go on the road this summer, beginning in St. John's, NL, and travelling across Canada.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz welcomed to the podium the Right Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. She presides over nine Anglican provinces with 110 dioceses in 16 countries, including the United States, Columbia, Haiti and other Caribbean countries, Taiwan and Micronesia, and in mainland Europe. Archbishop Hiltz noted that Bishop Jefferts-Schori was instrumental arranging a \$100,000 gift from her

church to the Canadian church to help with the residential schools settlement.

The Presiding Bishop talked about the shared history and mission of the American and Canadian churches, and the opportunity for stronger deeper partnerships between them. She described some of the new ministry underway in The Episcopal Church. She closed with a wish for "fair winds and following seas."

General Synod bid farewell to Bishop Suheil Dawani and his wife Shafeeqa, who leave Wednesday. They were presented with a framed picture of Peggy's Cove and a nativity scene will be sent to them for placement in the Bethlehem peace centre.

The prolocutor reported on the human sexuality discernment discussions held Monday. The 15 sessions averaged 19 people each, with some declining participation because they did not feel it was safe experience and others because they felt they had talked enough. Participants said they were relieved that the conversations were respectful, and felt the discernment process was helpful.

They wanted to decide the issue, but they also wanted to protect the church's togetherness.

Printed copies of the report were distributed following the morning plenary session, and posted on the web.

Synod members collected boxed lunches before attending provincial caucus meetings in the early afternoon. Then they were being bused to a service at St. Paul's in the Parade Ground downtown.

Members had the rest of the afternoon to explore Halifax, before attending the evening's *Come Along Side* banquet, hosted by the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island at Pier 21 – once a major immigrant entry point to Canada.