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The Lord Bishop	The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville
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PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS

DEANERY OF QUÉBEC:

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity	Québec
St. Michael	Québec (Sillery)
St. Paul	St. Malachie
Christ Church	Valcartier
Trinity Church	Québec (Ste-Foy)
St. James	Lac Beauport
St. Peter	Stoneham
St. Bartholomew	Bourg-Louis
St. John the Evangelist	Portneuf
St. George	Metis Beach
St. James the Apostle	Cacouna
St. Bartholomew	Rivière-du-Loup
St. Mary's Chapel	Ile d'Orléans
Holy Trinity	Maple Grove
St. Mark	Kinnear's Mills
Ascension	Inverness
Christ Church	Lower Ireland
St. James	Leeds

Deanery of the North Shore:

St. Andrew & St. George	Baie-Comeau
All Saints	Sept-Iles
St. John	Kawawachikamach
St. Clement's West	
St. Philip	Kegaska
St. Michael and All Angels	Chevery
Christ Church	Harrington Harbour
St. Andrew	La Tabatière
St. Clement	Mutton Bay
St. Clement's East	
St. Paul the Apostle	St. Paul's River
St. Peter	Old Fort Bay
St. Christopher	Bradore Bay
St. Augustine	St. Augustine

DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS:

St. Anne	Richmond
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Greater Parish of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Augustine	Danville
Holy Trinity	Denison's Mills
Holy Trinity	Kirkdale

St. George	Ayer's Cliff
St. Stephen	Coaticook
St. George	Drummondville
St. James the Less	Compton
St. Matthias	Fitch Bay
St. James	Hatley
Christ Church	Stanstead
Church of the Epiphany	Way's Mills
All Saints	Hereford
St. George	Georgeville
St. Luke	Magog

Parish of Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria

St. John	Brookbury
St. Paul	Bury
Christ Church	Canterbury
St. Barnabas	Lac Megantic
St. Lawrence	Lawrence
St. Peter	Cookshire
St. Paul	Marbleton

St. George	Lennoxville
St. Barnabas	Milby
St. John	Waterville
Christ Church	Eustis
The Advent	Sherbrooke
St. Barnabas	North Hatley
St. Peter	Sherbrooke
St. Martin's Chapel	Lennoxville
St. Mark's Chapel	Lennoxville
St. Paul	Sydenham

DEANERY OF GASPÉ:

Greater Parish of Gaspé

St. Paul	Gaspé
St. John and St. Philip	Sandy Beach
St. James	Wakeham
St. Andrew	York
St. Matthew	Peninsula
St. Paul	Barachois
St. Peter	Malbay
St. Paul	Percé

Magdalen Islands

All Saints' Memorial	Entry Island
Holy Trinity	Grosse Isle
St. Peter's by the Sea	Old Harry

New Carlisle & New Richmond

St. Andrew	New Carlisle
St. Peter	Paspebiac
St. James	Hopetown
St. Mary Magdalene	New Richmond

Chaleur Bay

St. James	Port Daniel
St. Paul	Shigawake

DEANERY OF ST-LAURENT:

Tous les Saints	Québec
St. Stephen	Grand'Mère
St. John the Divine	Thetford Mines
St. James	Trois-Rivières
St. Mark	Acton Vale

MEMBERS OF SYNOD

Officers

The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville	Bishop
Me. David Blair	Chancellor
Me Malcolm McLeod	Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Michael Boden	Treasurer
Canon Stephen Kohner	Secretary of Synod
Mr. James Sweeny	Registrar

DEANERY OF QUÉBEC

(names appear in alphabetical order)

Laity:

Heather Beaumont	St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis
Charles Bogue	St. Peter, Stoneham
Ann Chapman	Parish of Quebec
Erin Clarke	St. Michael, Sillery
Joan Gibb	Trinity, Ste-Foy
Canon Graham Jackson	Lay Incumbent of Bourg-Louis and Portneuf
Mary Jean Martin	Parish of Quebec
Eileen McLaughlin	St. Paul, St. Malachie
Rosemary Minnich	St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf

Clergy:

The Ven. Garth Bulmer	Executive Archdeacon
The Reverend Jeffrey Metcalfe	
The Ven. Bruce Myers	Archdeacon of Quebec
The Rev. Sarah Priebe	Assistant Curate, St. Michael, Sillery
The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner	Dean and Rector of Quebec
	St. Peter, Stoneham
	Christ Church, Valcartier
The Rev. Darla Sloan	Coordinator of Pastoral Care
The Rev. Edward Stretch	Trinity Church, Ste-Foy

DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS:

(names appear in alphabetical order)

Laity:

Katherine Archer
E. Jane Bishop
Sandra Gallichon
Phyllis Gauthier
John Hoblyn
Bernard Hodge
Marilyn Mastine
John Rasmussen
William Rowe
Ruth Sheeran
Kate Taylor
Maureen Taylor
Marsha Wallis
Brian Wharry
David Woodard

St. George, Drummondville
St. Paul, Bury
St. George, Lennoxville
St. James, Hatley
St. George, Georgeville
St. Peter, Cookshire
St. Augustine, Danville
St. Barnabas, North Hatley
St. Luke, Magog
St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University
Advent, Sherbrooke
Holy Trinity, Kirkdale
St. George, Ayer's Cliff
St. Matthias, Fitch Bay
Christ Church, Stanstead

Clergy:

The Reverend Ruth Charleau

The Reverend Canon Wanda Dillabough

The Reverend Rose Mary Howe

The Venerable David Oliver

The Reverend Fred Richardson

The Venerable Dean E. Ross

The Venerable Edward Simonton

The Venerable Heather Thomson

The Reverend Canon Ron West

The Reverend Barbara Wintle

St. James, Compton

S. John, Waterville

Christ Church, Eustis

Greater Parish of St. Francis Assisi

Parish of Eaton Dudswell Victoria

Border Parish

St. Barnabas, North Hatley

St. Luke, Magog

St. George, Georgeville

Archdeacon of St. Francis

St. George, Lennoxville

St. Barnabas, Milby

St. Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University

St. Peter, Sherbrooke

St. George, Ayer's Cliff

St. Stephen, Coaticook

St. James, Hatley

DEANERY OF GASPÉ

(names appear in alphabetical order)

Laity:

Glenn Alexander	St. Paul, Gaspé
Gracie Annett	St. Andrew, York
Elma Baird	St. John and St. Philip, Sandy Beach
Christine Beebe-Mullin	St. Matthew, Peninsula
Shirley Boyle	St. Luke, Corner of the Beach
Kerry Dickson	Holy Trinity, Grosse Isle
Lorna Duguay	St. James, Hopetown
Janet Harvey	St. Paul, Barachois
Dorothy Hottot	St. James, Port Daniel
Edith Mackenzie	St. Paul, Shigawake
Phyllis Misson	St. Peter, Malbay
Paula Shannon	St. James, Wakeham

Clergy:

The Venerable Randy Murray	Parish of New Carlisle & New Richmond
	Archdeacon of Gaspé
The Reverend Wendy Telfer	Greater Parish of Gaspé

DEANERY OF THE NORTH SHORE

(names appear in alphabetical order)

Laity:

Dale Keats	St. Paul the Apostle, St. Paul's River
Canon Stephen Kohner	Lay Incumbent of St. Andrew & St. George, Baie-Comeau
Silas Nabinicaboo	St. John, Kawawachikamach
Susan Nabinicaboo	St. John, Kawawachikamach
Rowena Osborne	Christ Church, Harrington Harbour
Mary Spingle	St. Peter, Old Fort Bay
Linda Stubbert	Lay Incumbent of All Saints, Sept Iles

Clergy:

The Reverend Francie Keats	Parish of St. Clement's East
The Very Reverend Michael Pitts	Archdeacon of the North Shore
The Rev. Martha Spence	St. John's, Kawawachikamach

DEANERY OF ST-LAURENT:

(names appear in alphabetical order)

Laity:

Rugero Eloi Iradukundo

Youth Representative

Richard Jones

Tous les Saints, Québec

Joan McCammon

St. John the Divine, Thetford Mines

Clergy :

Le Révérend Michel Royer

La Paroisse de Tous les Saints

Le Révérend Yves Samson

St. James, Trois-Rivières

St. George, Drummondville

Le Vénérable Pierre Voyer

La Paroisse de Tous les Saints

Archidiacre de St-Laurent

Postulant for Ordination:

Mrs. Gene Ross

INVITED GUESTS:

(in alphabetical order)

Mrs. Ruth Corston

Observer

The Right Reverend Tom Corston

Observer, Diocese of Moosonee

Ms. Marie-Sol Gaudreau

Executive Director

The Venerable Michael Johnson

Observer, Diocese of Montreal

Ms. Sherry Knox

Executive Assistant, Synod Office

Dr. Mary Jo Leddy

Guest Speaker

Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina

Diocese of Bujumbura

**THE 83RD (ORDINARY) SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF QUÉBEC**

November 2, 3, 4, 2012

Forêt Montmorency, Québec

The Eight-third (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec was summoned by the President, the Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Quebec, to meet on the second, third, and fourth of November in the year of our Lord two-thousand and twelve.

The opening Eucharist was celebrated at 3p.m. Friday, November 2 in the chapel at Forêt Montmorency by the Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville. During the Eucharist, Bishop Dennis welcomed everyone and read his charge. Following this, members of Synod discussed the Bishop's Charge in small groups and then proceeded to supper.

Synod was called to order by Bishop Drainville at 6p.m. The meeting was opened in prayer.

The Secretary read out the names of all clerics entitled to seats, and entered in the Journal the names of those clerics present.

The Secretary then called out the names of the lay delegates duly appointed, and, the roll having been called, entered in the Journal the names of those delegates present.

The Secretary declared that there were no defective certificates.

The Treasurer of Synod presented a list of those congregations in good standing in respect of their contribution to the Synod Funds, together with a list of those congregations at present in arrears, and the Secretary of Synod affixed thereto the names of the respective delegates.

Congregations in arrears and not considered to be in good standing because alternate arrangements were not made with the Treasurer of Synod (as of October 31st) were:

Congregation:	Due to Synod:
All Saints Memorial, Entry Island	\$273.86
St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Old Harry	\$2,426.17
St. James, Trois-Rivières	\$27,193.62
St. James, Lac Beauport	\$1,480.21
St. James the Less, Compton	\$644.51
Ste. Anne, Richmond	\$2,347.61
Holy Trinity, Denison's Mills	\$1,634.26
St. Peter's On the Rock, Cap à l'Aigle	\$2,500.10
Total	\$38,500.34

The Secretary advised the Bishop that there was quorum.

The Nominating Committee presented its first report.

Bishop Drainville announced that he had appointed the Reverend Canon Wanda Dillabough as a canon of the Cathedral. In addition, the bishop has appointed Louisa Blair as his personal chaplain.

Motion: Privileges of the House #1

DS-12-01

It was moved by S. Kohner and seconded by D. Blair that the Privileges of the House be granted to Marie-Sol Gaudreau, Executive Director.

CARRIED

Motion: Privileges of the House #2

DS-12-02

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by M. Boden that the Privileges of the House be granted to Dr. Mary-Jo Leddy, Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina the Right Reverend Tom Corston, and the Venerable Michael Johnson.

CARRIED

Bishop Drainville asked the Secretary to read the names of members appointed by the Bishop to the various Sessional Committees of Synod (names appear in alphabetical order).

Agenda Committee

G. Bulmer and the Officers of Synod

Nominating Committee

G. Annett, A. Chapman, F. Keats, F. Richardson, Y. Samson and J. Sweeny
(Chair)

Resolutions Committee

J. Sweeny, D. Blair/M. McLeod, S. Priebe, M. Mastine

Committee on the Bishop's Charge

Members of Synod

Scrutineers

G. Alexander, P. Gauthier, W. Telfer, J. Metcalfe

Vote of Thanks Committee

S. Kohner and K. Dickson

J. Sweeny declared that the deadline for nominations was set for 9a.m. and the deadline for all motions for 2p.m on Saturday, November 3rd.

Bishop Drainville called for a moment of silence to remember those members of Synod who had died since the last meeting of Synod. These included: the Venerable Stuart Martin, the Reverend Bob Castle and Mrs. Liliane Turnbull.

Motion: Approval of the Agenda**DS-12-03**

It was moved by Y. Samson and seconded by F. Richardson that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

Motion: Reading of the Minutes of the 82nd Ordinary Synod**DS-12-04**

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by D. Blair that Synod dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 82nd (Ordinary) Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Québec.

CARRIED

Motion: Adoption of the Minutes of the 82nd Ordinary Synod**DS-12-05**

It was moved by B. Myers and seconded by F. Keats that Synod adopt the minutes of the 82nd (Ordinary) Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

CARRIED

Synod received the following Diocesan reports
(see appended documents):

- Diocesan Executive Council report as submitted by S. Kohner
- The Treasurer's report as submitted by M. Boden
- The *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* Report as submitted by R. Murray
- The Diocesan Registrar, Archivist and Property Manager Report as submitted by J. Sweeny
- Deanery Reports:
 - Doyenné du St-Laurent: P. Voyer, M. Royer
 - St. Francis: R. Sheeran
 - Quebec: J. Gibb
 - North Shore: S. Kohner
 - Gaspé: F. Aird
- The Diocesan Warden of Lay Readers report as submitted by G. Jackson
- The Diocesan Historian's report as submitted by MEB Reisner
- The Anglican Church Women report as submitted by M. Mastine
- The Archdeacon Missioner's report as submitted by the Venerable David Oliver
- The Diocesan Missioner for Communications' report as presented by the Venerable Bruce Myers

S. Kohner presented three notices of motions: Canonical Amendments, Bill C-31 and Same-Gender Blessings.

Bishop Drainville introduced Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina, wife of Bishop Pie of Bujumbura. Bishop Pie was attending national church meetings in Toronto but will be present in the Diocese of Quebec as of Monday. Clavera spoke of a number of projects and initiatives in her home diocese of Bujumbura. Bishop Dennis presented her a \$15,000 cheque from our Diocese to the Diocese of Bujumbura as a gift to assist with repairs to church and school buildings in the wake of violent storms in the region.

J. Sweeny and Bishop Drainville then proceeded to animate an information session regarding the proposed canonical amendments. The need to make substantial changes comes from the attempt to deal with diocesan governance issues. A question and answer period ensued.

Following a brief “Inspire Me!” presentation by S. Kohner, electronic greetings from Bishop Mark Strange of our companion Diocese of Moray, Ross, and Caithness and evening prayers, Synod was adjourned for the evening.

Saturday, November 3, 2012

Following morning worship led by D. Oliver, Y. Samson and R. Murray, Bishop Drainville introduced Dr. Mary Jo Leddy. She led Synod in a Bible study session on Acts 10, pointing out how vital it is to read scripture so as to allow the Holy Spirit to move us in different ways, sometimes realizing that something different is possible.

The second session of Synod was called to order. Bishop Drainville introduced Me Malcolm McLeod, thanking him for his work as Vice-Chancellor over the past couple of years.

M. Boden and M-S Gaudreau proceeded to introduce the Synod budget. M. Boden provided an example of the now-defunct Quebec Ladies’ Protestant Home that faced decline in the 1990s. They chose to close the institution after one hundred years of existence. The building was sold for about one million dollars, invested in pooled funds and is now able to generate \$250,000 per year on assets of \$7 million fifteen years later. During the presentation, he remarked that church-held non-pooled investments would be assessed at 18.5%, rather than the regular assessment of 16.5%, mission work should be funneled through the deanery via disbursements from Church Society and Synod. He noted that the key to a healthier financial situation is through investments in pooled funds. The management fee charged by Church Society is less than most mutual fund and brokerage fees and goes to serve the Diocese in a more appropriate manner in terms of serving the church as a whole.

Motion: Adoption of the Synod Budget for 2013-2014

DS-12-06

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by D. Blair that this Synod accepts the proposed 2013 and 2014 budgets as presented.

DS-12-07

It was moved by D. Oliver and seconded by R. Charleau that the 18.5% assessment rate on non-pooled funds assets held by congregations be separated from the budget, in order to be voted on separately.

DEFEATED

Synod returned to voting on **motion DS-12-06**

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by D. Blair that this Synod accepts the proposed 2013 and 2014 budgets as presented.

CARRIED

Bishop Drainville thanked the Synod staff who worked diligently on the preparation of the Synod budget.

He then proceeded to introduce the Right Reverend Tom Corston of the Diocese of Moosonee. Bishop Corston remarked on the prayer partnership that now exists between the two dioceses, his thanks for our diocese in taking on clergy payroll services, and plans to eventually dissolve the diocese and create the Moosonee Mission Area of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. He spoke of the many issues facing his diocese including a high rate of teen suicide, a huge geographical area and depleting financial capacity.

After a short break, Dr. Mary Jo Leddy, a writer, speaker, theologian and social activist, spoke to Synod on her experiences regarding a number of societal and church-related woes and how Christians can respond more effectively. She remarked on the essential need to live a vibrant, compelling, inspiring and passionate life. By knowing the meaning and purpose of your life, energy is produced along with a passionate sense of purpose. Our lives become busy by “doing”, rather than “being”. There is an essential shift that is necessary for people to focus their lives, mission and ministry, to be grateful for what we have been, received and what we are to be. What we have been given and who we are is oftentimes enough since we might be tempted to pursue a culture of materialism, a culture and sense of being that cannot ever be satisfied. Being attentive to your needs, the needs of others and the needs of the communities around you is at the core of a Christian life. She proposed that we remove some of the distractions from our lives. A short question and answer period followed.

Ballots were distributed for the Board of Triers and delegates to General Synod for the balloting to take place between 12:30p.m. and 2p.m. After breaking for lunch, Synod members returned to for the Third Session of Synod.

Motion: Constitutional Amendment (Article 7)

DS-12-08

It was moved by E. Stretch and seconded by S. Priebe that Article 7 of the Diocesan Constitution be amended to read:

“7. Synod shall consist of the Bishop, other Officers of Synod, clerics licensed by the Bishop and not under ecclesiastical censure, lay incumbents licensed by the Bishop, recognized postulants for ordination, and lay delegates, all of whom must be communicants.

Lay Delegates to Synod are elected by Parishes or Deaneries according to procedures provided for in the Canons, and such Lay Delegates, duly qualified and elected, and registered at Synod, shall remain Members of Synod until the next Session.

All Clerics duly licensed by the Bishop to a definite sphere of work in the Diocese shall be qualified to sit and vote in Synod. The actual number of Clerics and the selection of clerical delegates to Synod will be as provided for in the Canons.”

CARRIED

Note: As this is a constitutional amendment it has to be passed by two ordinary Synods. Therefore there is time between now and the next Synod to prepare the necessary changes in the Canons to allow for the Bishop and the Diocesan Executive Council to decide on a size for synods, the ratio of clergy to lay and the expanded role if any deaneries will play in the election of delegates lay or cleric.

Motion: Canonical Amendment - Canon 9: The Diocesan Co-ordinating Council and Joint Audit Committee DS-12-09

It was moved by J. Sweeny and seconded by Y. Samson that:

- i.** Rename Canon 9 to read “The Joint Audit Committee”
- ii.** Amend article 1 **to read, “1.** The Synod will participate in a coordinating infrastructure to assure the efficient running of the diocese. At the first meeting following each Ordinary Synod, the DEC shall elect their designated members”
- iii.** Delete article 2
- iv.** Renumber article 3 “The Joint Audit Committee” as article 2 and in C. replace with:
“2. The Joint Audit Committee
...
C. The Joint Audit Committee will report to the Synod’s Diocesan Executive Council, the Church Society and the Lord Bishop of Quebec Corporation Sole at least twice a year and as requested.”

CARRIED

Motion: Canonical Amendment - Canon 32: The Order of the Diocese of Quebec

DS-12-10

It was moved by D. Oliver and seconded by C. Schreiner that this Synod adopt a new canon as follows:

The Order of the Diocese of Quebec

1. The Order is to honour lay people who over the years have made contributions in time and energy to furthering the work of the Church within this diocese.
2. That once a year the Bishop will call upon each Deanery to nominate a candidate for appointment to the Order of the Diocese of Quebec.
3. The Bishop will consider those nominees and at his discretion may make a single appointment to the Order.
4. There is no requirement that an appointment be made every year.
5. In the first two years of existence of the Order the Bishop may, if he so chooses, make up to three addition appointments for a total of five.
6. Members are to be inducted into the Order by the Bishop at a diocesan event.

CARRIED

Motion: Canonical Amendment - Canon 18: Boundaries of Parishes

DS-12-11

It was moved by G. Bulmer and seconded by F. Keats that this Synod amend Canon 18 so as to read:

1. Failing documentary evidence to the contrary, Parish Boundaries shall be considered as those which have become generally accepted.
2.
 - A. The Clerics and Church-wardens of adjoining Parishes may come to agreement with the Bishop or his or her representative as to a redrawing or a clearer description of the boundaries of their Parishes.
 - B. Such an agreement shall be recorded as an Episcopal Act, and may be certified by the parties.
3. The Bishop may erect a new Parish out of part or all of one or more existing Parishes.
 - A. Before he or she doing so, the Bishop shall consult the Clerics, the Church-wardens and the Lay Delegates of the existing Parishes involved.

- B. The erection of the new Parish and / or the redrawing of its boundaries shall be recorded as an Episcopal Act, and may be certified by the parties.

CARRIED

Motion: Canonical Amendments:

- **Canon 1: Definitions and Interpretations**
- **Canon 4: Summoning Synod**
- **Canon 5: Procedures for the Election of Lay Delegates to Synod**
- **Canon 7: Duties of the Secretary of Synod**
- **Canon 8: The Diocesan Executive Council**
- **Canon 10: Parish Obligations**
- **Canon 11: Appointment of Incumbents**
- **Canon 14: Archdeaconries and Deaneries**
- **Canon 15: Vestry Meetings, Church-Wardens and Corporations**
- **Canon 16: Church Property**
- **Canon 23: Parish Records and Statistics**
- **Appendix A: Order and Proceedings at Meetings of Synod**

N. B.: THIS MOTION HAS 38 SECTIONS TO IT

DS-12-12

It was moved by M. Boden and seconded by G. Bulmer that Synod:

i. amends Canon 1 to read:

-K. "PARISH": A sub-division of the Diocese canonically defined as a separate entity for the purposes of the Anglican religion and the benefit of the Parishioners whether or not it is associated with one or more buildings, or no building, or with lands, tenements or territory.

-M. "VESTRY": A body constituted of all those Parishioners who declare themselves to be regular attendants in the Services of the Parish amongst whom they claim the right to vote.

-S. "CONGREGATION": one or more Churches recognized by the Bishop as a parish.

-Renumber the current "S" to "Y" as "T" to "Z" and add a new

S. "CHURCH": an assembly of Anglicans who meet for worship and are recognized by the Bishop."

U. "LAY DELEGATE": A member of the Anglican Church of Canada, of at least sixteen years of age, elected to represent a parish at Synod according to Statute Law as amended, and set out in the Constitution and Canons.”

R. "FAIR SHARE": That percentage of a parish’s income that is to be contributed to meet the Diocesan Budget as adopted by Synod or the Diocesan Executive Council.

ii. amends Canon 4, 3.B to read:

- B. the names of all Parishes and deaneries entitled to send delegates,

iii. amends Canon 5, Articles 2 and 3A, 3B, 3C and 3E and to delete 3D and renumber 3E as 3D to read:

2. Electors, being all Parishioners within the Parish, of full legal age who shall have declared themselves in writing at such meeting, to be “members of the Anglican Church of Canada, and to belong to no other religious denomination,” shall have the right of voting at the election.

3.

A. Every Parish having three hundred Communicants or more, shall be entitled to elect three Lay Delegates and their alternates;

B. Every Parish having one hundred and fifty Communicants but fewer than three hundred, shall be entitled to elect two Lay Delegates and their alternates;

C. Every Parish having fewer than one hundred and fifty Communicants, but not fewer than ten, shall be entitled to elect one Lay Delegate and his or her alternate;

D. A Certificate of the number of Communicants in a Parish shall be given by the Cleric in Charge to the Secretary of Synod, and shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting at which Lay Delegates are elected.

iv. amends Canon 5, article 5A to read:

A. Each Lay Delegate shall receive from the Chairperson of the meeting a Certificate of Election in the subjoined form:

"I hereby certify that the total number of communicants in this parish is as established by the Certificate produced under Canon 5, section 3, and that at a meeting of the Vestry of this Parish, held on the..... day of,the following person (persons), duly qualified, was (or were) elected Lay Delegate (or Delegates) to Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

Name

(Signed) (Presiding officer at Election)

Name of Parish:

v. amends Canon 7, Article 5 to read:

5. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of Synod and the Diocesan Executive Council. The Secretary shall send a copy of these minutes to the Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

vi. amends Canon 7 article 6 B, the word “Congregations” be deleted and replaced with the words “and the Church or Churches within that Parish.”

vii. amends Canon 8, Article 3.b to read:

B. Calculating the fair share that each Parish shall contribute to Synod Funds. This contribution shall be payable to the Synod of the Diocese in monthly instalments or as agreed between each Parish and the Treasurer of Synod.

viii. amends Canon 8, article 5 to read:

5. BOARDS & SUBCOMMITTEES

The DEC may set up subcommittees to carry out specific tasks.

ix. amends Canon 10 title to read:

PARISH OBLIGATIONS

x. amends Canon 10 article 1to read:

1. A Parish shall:
 - A. provide a stipend and travel expenses as laid down in the Diocesan Scale, or
 - B. apply for assistance from their Deanery Council or otherwise provide for the support of a cleric, whether full-time, part-time or non-stipendiary, in a mutually satisfactory manner
 - C. make monthly Fair Share payments to the Synod as per the contribution calculated by the Diocesan Executive Council.
 - D. Hold an annual vestry meeting to review the Parish’s audited annual financial statement, approve a budget and elect churchwardens as required by Canon 15;
 - E. Submit to Church House the annual reports as outlined in Canon 23;
 - F. Offer regular worship opportunity including the Holy Eucharist;

- G. Have the Parish's elected representative participate in all Deanery Council and Synod meetings;
- H. Maintain any buildings so as to provide a safe and secure environment for the worship, work and mission of the congregation
- I. Have well defined plans of Church stewardship and of the Parish's mission to the wider community.

xi. amends Canon 10, Article 2F to read:

- F. If these efforts fail to resolve the failure of the Parish to meet its obligations, or at any time when it is urgent to intervene for financial or other reasons, Canon 31 on Trusteeship may be instituted.

xii. amends Canon 11, Article 1D to read:

D. If the Bishop feels that a Parish would be better served by not having a vacancy filled immediately following the resignation of an Incumbent, the Bishop may appoint an interim Incumbent or Lay Incumbent for a period not to exceed eighteen months. In such cases the Board of Concurrence process will begin either:

- i. one year after the effective date of the resignation
- ii. or if the Bishop feels the parish is ready sooner than the one year period, within one month of when the Bishop advises the Churchwardens of the Parish to call a meeting to elect representatives to a Board of Concurrence.

xiii. amends Canon, Article 2D to read:

A. ELECTION

- i. When a vacancy occurs in a Parish, the Bishop shall advise the Churchwardens for the Parish, and instruct them to call meeting with a view to electing representatives to a single Board of Concurrence. The Bishop's notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the Diocesan Guidelines for Drawing Up a Parish Profile.
- ii. The Churchwardens shall see that this meeting is held within one month after the effective date of the resignation or as set out in 1) D) above.
- iii. The meeting shall be called and conducted in the same manner as Special Vestry Meetings.

- iv. Only those qualified as members of the Vestry may vote in the election of the Board of Concurrence.
- v. Total membership of the Board of Concurrence shall be nine.
- vi. Where there are two or more churches in a Parish, each Church shall have at least one member on the Board.
- vii. In addition to 2.A) vi) and up to the limit set in 2.A) v) above, each Church may elect representatives in proportion to the number of parishioners from that Church within the total parish membership.
- viii. Should any Church in a Parish fail to elect representatives, those elected by the other Churches in that Parish shall form the Board of Concurrence.
- ix. When the Bishop considers it necessary, he or she may waive the requirement concerning the number of members of the Board.
- x. Each Board of Concurrence shall elect its own President. Immediately after the Members of the Board are elected the President shall so advise the Bishop. The Bishop shall then fix a date for a meeting of the Board.
- xi. The election and composition of the Board of Concurrence shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Vestry.

xiv. amends Canon 11, Article 3C to read:

C. the Parish fails to elect a Board of Concurrence within three months

xv. amends Canon 14, Articles 7 B. iii b and c as well as 7C to read:

iii. Parochial:

The parochial members shall consist of the following:

- a) the licensed clergy of the Deanery who are not members of Synod,
- b) an elected layperson from each Parish not already represented by a lay member of Synod.
- c) an elected lay person from a Parish where the person who attended Synod as the lay delegate from that Parish has died, has formally become a member of another vestry within the diocese or has moved their permanent residence outside the boundaries of the diocese of Quebec.";

C. Parochial members for category b) & c) in article 7 B iii above shall be elected at a special vestry meeting of the said Parish and shall serve until a new Deanery Council is formed following an Ordinary session of Synod.

xvi. amends Canon 14, Article 7 G. i to read:

i. foster a sense of community and interdependence among Parishes

xvii. amends Canon 14, Article 7 G. v to read:

v. publicize to the parishes within the Deanery the decisions taken at Diocesan Synod and at the Diocesan meetings, and facilitate the implementation of such decisions;

xviii. amends Canon 14, Article 7 G. vi to read:

vi. request application for financial aid from Parishes within the Deanery, evaluate and rank them, advise the Treasurer of Synod of the amounts granted thereby from the monies provided from the Diocesan budget, the names of the recipients, together with a detailed report on the evaluation process; Deanery Council may itself initiate or promote projects for ministry and mission in the Deanery, or entertain requests for financial aid from other Anglican bodies for such projects, to be evaluated and ranked along with the afore-mentioned requests;

xix. amends Canon 14, Article 7 I. iii to read:

iii. The Chairperson of each Task Force shall be a member of Deanery Council. In order to obtain the needed expertise, any or all of the members of a task Force may be appointed by the Deanery Council from the general membership of the parishes in the Deanery.

xx. amends Canon 14, Article 8 A. iii to read:

iii. All members, lay or clerical, who are members of the last Ordinary Synod shall be eligible for election.

xxi. amends Canon 15, Article 1 to read:

1. The date of the Annual Vestry Meeting shall be determined by the Corporation of each Parish, and according to Canon 17, after notice given thereof during Divine Service on the previous Sunday for the purpose of:-...

xxii. amends Canon 15, Article 2.A and B to read:

A. The Incumbent or the Churchwardens may call a Special Vestry meeting whenever they consider it necessary. Notice, including the purpose of the meeting, must be given at least eight days prior to the meeting including during Divine Service on the previous Sunday. Notice of the meeting must also be affixed to the outer doors of the Churches in the Parish.

B. An application may be made to the Incumbent or Churchwardens to hold a Special Vestry meeting. This application, signed by at least 6 members of the Vestry, must include the purpose of the meeting. If this application is accepted, notice is given as in A) above. If the Incumbent or Churchwardens refuse to call a meeting then one week after the application, six of the members who signed the application may proceed to call a Special Vestry meeting. A signed notice of this meeting shall be affixed to the outer doors of the churches in the Parish at least one week prior to the meeting.

xxiii. amends Canon 15, Article 3.B to read:

B. the other Churchwarden shall be appointed by the Incumbent of the said Parish;

xxiv. amends Canon 15, Article 7.B to read:

B. the resignation of a churchwarden tendered in writing to the Corporation, provision for his or her replacement shall be made within one month. To replace the elected churchwarden, a Special Vestry Meeting shall be held to elect a replacement. To replace the appointed churchwarden, the Incumbent shall appoint another and inform the parish at Divine Service immediately following the date of the appointment.

xxv. amends Canon 15, article 10 to read:

10. Churchwardens must be parishioners and vestry members of the parish for which they are elected or appointed and except in those cases of congregations that exist during a period of the year only, and which have been recognized by the Lord Bishop as such, cannot serve as a churchwardens for more than one parish concurrently.

xxvi. amends Canon 15, Article 11A, D, and E so the whole Article is to read:

11. In addition to their duties as members of the Corporation, and those duties required by law under the Church Temporalities Act, Churchwardens shall:

- A. inspect all property belonging to its Parish, and note any repairs required
- B. see to the collection of all dues pledged
- C. see that a book is kept in the vestry where, immediately after Divine Service, the amount of the offertory collection and any other pertinent information regarding services held are recorded.
- D. aid the Incumbent in informing the Parish of the various contributions which they are called upon to make for Church purposes

- E. see that the church property is insured at the expense of the Parish in accordance with the wishes of the Vestry meeting and Diocesan Synod requirements...

xxvii. amends Canon 15 Article 12 to be replaced and to now read:

DEPUTY CHURCHWARDENS

A Parish Vestry with more than one church may decide at their annual meeting elect one or more Deputy Churchwardens. The mandate of the position is to assist the Churchwardens by providing local leadership within the parish, advising the churchwardens of specific needs of the church and assisting them in the management of the property. Such Deputy Churchwardens must be 16 years of age, members of the church in which they are to serve and members of the Anglican Church of Canada. Deputy Churchwardens are not members of the Church Corporation, do not automatically have the right of succession on the death or resignation of one of the elected Churchwardens nor do they have any of the legal responsibilities or duties of the duly elected Churchwardens as listed in article 11 of this canon.

xxviii. amends Canon 15, Article 13 to read:

13. Except for those congregations otherwise provided for by letters patent issued prior to 6th October 1843, the Incumbent and Churchwardens of every Parish in this Diocese shall constitute a Corporation.

xxix. amends Canon 15, Article 14 to read:

14. Each Corporation so constituted shall use the name and style of "Incumbent and Churchwardens of said Parish or Church (designating the Church) at

xxx. amends Canon 15, article 15B and C to read:

Each Corporation shall:

- A. meet its fair share contribution to Synod funds;
- B. represent the interests of its Parish;
- C. manage all property and money belonging to its Parish;...

xxxi. amends Canon 15, Article 17 to read:

17. In order to provide more local engagement and leadership within the Parish each vestry is encouraged to have a Parish Council. The Parish Council shall meet together to discuss their shared financial responsibility within the Parish and to discuss their common purposes, goals and opportunities. The Parish Council will consist of the Incumbent, clergy licensed to the Parish, the Churchwardens, deputy Churchwardens if those exist in the parish, the lay members of Synod and others elected by the Vestry who shall also determine the total size of the Parish Council. In parishes with more than one church there should be a representative from each who could be one of those in the categories

already listed. No person shall be eligible for membership in the Parish Council except a member of such Vestry who has attained the age of 16 years. In the event that the members of the Vestry at the annual meeting are unwilling or unable to complete such election, or in the case of a vacancy in the Parish Council, any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Corporation. The members of the Parish Council shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Vestry or until their successors have been elected or appointed.

xxxii. amends Canon 15, Article 18 to read:

18. The Parish Council shall serve an advisory role to the Corporation of the Incumbent and Churchwardens with regard to the temporalities of the Church.

xxxiii. amends Canon 15, Article 19 by deleting it, re-numbering Article 20 as 19 to read:

19. Parish Councils have no legal standing and cannot pass motions binding on either the Vestry or the Corporation.

xxxiv. amends Canon 16, Articles 1A, 1B and 2 to read:

1 A. Church property in the Diocese, both lands and tenements, shall be vested in:

- i. the Bishop; or
- ii. Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec; or
- iii. the Corporation of the Congregation; or
- iv. the Bishop in trust or
- v. The Corporation of the Parish

B. Parishes acquiring new Church property shall have the Title Deeds registered in the name of the Bishop in trust for the Parish.

2. Parishes shall maintain their property in good order. The cost of maintenance and repair of church property regardless of who holds title shall be defrayed by each Parish or cure individually.

xxxv. amends Canon 16, Articles 4 and 5 to read:

4. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

The Corporation of any Parish may dispose of Church property registered in their name or in the name of the Bishop in Trust for them, provided that:

- A. The Parish expresses its consent at a regular Vestry Meeting, or one called especially for that purpose; and

- B. The Corporation of the Parish submits the Resolution of Consent together with details on the proposed sale to the Bishop; and
- C. The submission indicates how the Corporation wishes to use the proceeds of the sale; and
- D. The Bishop agrees with the uses of the proceeds as outlined in c. above and has given his written approval for the sale.

5. DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY WHEN A PARISH CLOSES

In the case of the closure of a Parish the proceeds from the liquidation of its assets registered in their name or in the name of the Bishop in Trust for them, shall be turned over to the Synod and after any arrears to the Synod and Church Society are paid, be invested in the diocesan pooled funds, and that the income be allocated for use the ongoing ministry of the diocese with a priority for ministry in the region.

xxxvi. amends Canon 23, Articles 2C, 3 and 4 to read:

2C. a list of the names of all families and individuals who are members of the Parish; and...

- 3. Not later than March 15th of every year, the Corporation of each Parish shall submit to Synod, through the Diocesan Office, a report on the full operation of the Parish and the election of Parish officers. This report shall contain a full Financial Statement and Balance Sheet adopted by the Annual Vestry Meeting and all other pertinent information and statistics in accordance with the requirements of the Diocesan Synod.
- 4. Not later than July 1st of each year, the corporation of each Parish shall deposit a copy of the duly completed Federal Charitable Return with the Synod Office.

xxxvii. amends Appendix A, Article 4E to read:

A. The Treasurer of the Synod shall present a list of those Parishes in good standing in respect of their contribution to the Synod Funds, together with a list of those Parishes at present in arrears, and the Secretary shall affix thereto the names of the respective Delegates. This list, amended by the Treasurer, to the date of sitting, shall be conclusive as to the right of any Delegate named therein to take his or her seat during the Session in so far as the qualification of payment to the Synod Funds is concerned.

xxxviii. That for clarity and consistency wherever in the diocesan canons the word “parish” appears the word “Parish” be substituted and wherever the word “church” appears the word “Church” be substituted. |

CARRIED

Bishop Drainville thanked the Constitutions and Canons Sub-Committee for their diligent and complex task of preparing and preparing these amendments.

The Venerable Michael Johnson of the Diocese of Montreal was invited to express his observations. He reviewed some initiatives of the Diocese of Montreal, noting how some are similar, in particular those regarding how to “be” mission and ministry.

S. Priebe and Y. Samson presented an INSPIRE ME! session regarding the Green Church Initiative. They called on parishes and deaneries to contribute ideas and resources.

Darlene Sloan, coordinator of the Quebec City Hospital Ministry Pastoral Services, presented an INSPIRE ME! session, outlining the project initiatives, needs and goals.

Report of the Nominating Committee

J. Sweeny presented the following report:

Motion: Election Results: D.E.C.

DS-12-13

It was moved by E. Stretch and seconded by S. Priebe that, as presented, by the nominating committee, the following people be elected to the D.E.C.:

Gaspé Deanery:

Gracie Annett, the Reverend Wendy Telfer, and Janey Harvey (alternate)

North Shore Deanery:

Dale Keats, the Reverend Francie Keats, and Mary Spingle (alternate)

St. Francis Deanery:

Ruth Sheeran, the Venerable Edward Simonton, and Marilyn Mastine (alternate)

Doyenné du St-Laurent:

Le Révérend Yves Samson, Richard Jones, and Joan McCammon (alternate)

Quebec Deanery:

The Venerable Bruce Myers, Anne Chapman and Joan Gibb (alternate)

CARRIED

Motion: Diocesan Gazette Editorial Board Election and Cathedral Centenary Endowment Fund Election

DS-12-14

It was moved by B. Wharry and seconded by L. Stubbart that the Rev. Canon Fran Aird and the Rev. Jeffrey Metcalfe be elected to the *Diocesan Gazette* Board and that Joan Gibb and Erin Clarke be elected to the Cathedral Centenary Fund Committee

CARRIED

Motion: Lay Delegates to General Synod

DS-12-15

It was moved by D. Keats and seconded by G. Alexander that the lay members of Synod elect the following to be the Quebec diocesan delegates to the next General Synod:

- Anne Chapman
- Gracie Steamer-Annett
- James Sweeny
- Linda Stubbart (Alternate)

CARRIED

Report: Clerical Delegates to General Synod

J. Sweeny reported on the results of the clerical delegates to the next General Synod:

- Le Rév. Yves Samson
- The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner
- The Ven. Edward Simonton
- The Rev. Jeffery Metcalfe (Alternate)
- Le Ven. Pierre Voyer (Alternate)
- The Rev. Ruth Charleau (Alternate)
- The Ven. Randy Murray (Alternate)
- The Ven. David Oliver (Alternate)

J. Sweeny announced the following election result regarding the composition of the Board of Triers:

The Reverend Patsy Hayes, the Venerable Randy Murray, the Venerable Bruce Myers, the Rev. Dr. Canon Patricia Peacock, the Reverend Canon Frederick Richardson, le Rév. Michel Royer, the Very Rev. Christian Schreiner, the Venerable Heather Thomson, le Vénérable Pierre Voyer, and the Reverend Barbara Wintle.

Motion: Destruction of ballots**DS-12-16**

It was moved by G. Jackson and seconded by Y. Samson that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Dr. Mary Jo Leddy spoke to Synod regarding the gift of “radical gratitude”, how by doing good, we become good. She noted that one will never be ready enough, so “just go.” We are a summoned people and there needs to be an appropriate response of transforming one’s faith into action. She asked Synod, “What is your call?” and for people to find passion, energy, and focus in a fragmented culture where we find ourselves today.

After supper, Synod returned for its fourth session, being called to order by Bishop Drainville at 7:10p.m.

Motion: Cuts to Chaplains in Federal Penitentiaries**DS-12-17**

It was moved by H. Thomson and seconded by S. Gallichon that the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec implores the federal government of Canada not to go ahead with proposed cuts to the positions of part-time Christian and non-Christian chaplains in our federal penitentiaries. We urge the government to continue to fund these positions which help inmates with their rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

CARRIED**Motion: Bill C-31****DS-12-18**

It was moved by J. Metcalfe and seconded by M.J. Martin that this Synod:

a) call on the federal government to repeal those provisions of Bill C-31 changing Canada's refugee policy, which put at risk the security of those seeking refuge in our country, in particular but not limited to:

- i) The unqualified discretion given to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to unilaterally declare certain countries as "safe" and the same discretion given to the minister to declare refugee claimants as "irregular arrivals," resulting in penalties including, but not limited to, imprisonment;
- ii) The shortened timelines for the process of refugee determination which make access to legal counsel exceedingly difficult if not impossible;
- iii) The provision that denies access to Humanitarian and Compassionate appeals for a full year after a negative decision by the Immigration and

Refugee Board, by which time the refugee claimant will have been deported;

b) affirm the church's ancient practice of providing sanctuary for refugees unjustly facing a clear and present threat to their safety and security;

c) encourage the congregations of the diocese to study and otherwise explore the possibility of providing sanctuary to refugee claimants facing deportation under the provisions of Bill C-31, drawing on resources available from the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and other Christian communities.

CARRIED

Motion: Blessing of Same-Gender Unions

DS-12-19

It was moved by S. Priebe and seconded by R. Sheeran that this Synod support the Bishop's wish in his charge to Synod to permit the blessing of same-gender unions in the Diocese of Quebec and request that he establish a working group to advise him on implementation guidelines by the beginning of June 2013.

CARRIED

Motion: Vote of Thanks

DS-12-20

It was moved by K. Dickson and seconded by S. Kohner that this Synod express its sincere thanks to:

- ❖ The Rt. Reverend Dennis Drainville
- ❖ Me. David Blair, Chancellor
- ❖ Me. Malcolm McLeod, Vice-Chancellor
- ❖ Mr. Mike Boden, Treasurer
- ❖ Mr. James Sweeny, Registrar and Property Manager
- ❖ Canon Stephen Kohner, Secretary
- ❖ Executive Director Marie-Sol Gaudreau
- ❖ Ms. Sherry Knox, Executive Assistant
- ❖ Bookkeepers and Emma Earle and Imelda Tagle
- ❖ The Synod Planning Committee and all who helped out in the logistics including The Ven. Garth Bulmer, Chair, Sherry Knox, the Very Rev. Christian Schreiner, Anne Chapman, Marie-Sol Gaudreau, and Stephen Kohner
- ❖ Our worship leaders: The Rt. Reverend Dennis Drainville, the Very Reverend Christian Schreiner, the Venerable Bruce Myers, The Venerable David Oliver, The Venerable Randy Murray, Le Révérend Yves Samson, Sarah Priebe, and Martha Spence
- ❖ On the keyboard: Le Révérend Yves Samson

- ❖ Dr. Mary-Jo Leddy, guest speaker
- ❖ Our visiting bishop: The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston, Diocese of Moosonee
- ❖ Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina
- ❖ The Venerable Michael Johnson
- ❖ The Parish of Quebec
- ❖ all those who contributed to the INSPIRE ME sessions
- ❖ Staff at Forêt Montmorency
- ❖ The Nominating Committee, Scrutineers, Resolutions Committee, Agenda Committee
- ❖ The Constitution and Canons sub-committee
- ❖ All those who prepared Synod reports
- ❖ Members of Synod for their presence, the treasures they bring forth, and their active participation in the life and ministry of our Diocese.

CARRIED

Motion: Synod Journal Proofreaders

DS-12-21

It was moved by R. Sheeran and seconded by K. Dickson that Synod appoints B. Myers and J. Sweeny as proofreaders of the Synod 2012 Synod Journal.

CARRIED

Motion: Adjournment

DS-12-22

It was moved by C. Schreiner that Synod be adjourned.

CARRIED

Synod adjourned at 8:15p.m. followed by a meeting of the D.E.C.

Sunday, November 4, 2012

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 11a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. During the service, four new priests were ordained: the Rev. Sarah Priebe (who will serve as incumbent of St. Michael, Sillery); the Rev. Edwin Stretch (who will continue to serve as chaplain of Trinity, Québec); the Rev. Jeffrey Metcalfe (who is awaiting an appointment); and the Rev. Wendy Telfer (incumbent of the Greater Parish of Gaspé). It was believed to be the first time in nearly 30 years that four candidates for the priesthood were ordained at a single service in the Diocese of Quebec. Dr. Mary Jo Leddy preached the sermon. Before entertaining a motion to adjourn, Bishop Drainville thanked all the participants who contributed so positively to the process of Synod 2012. After indicating that he had signed the Schedule of Enactments, Bishop Drainville prorogued Synod.

The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville
President

Canon Stephen Kohner
Secretary

The Venerable Bruce Myers
Proofreader
Assistant Secretary of Synod

Mr. James Sweeny
Proofreader
Registrar and Archivist

SCHEDULE OF ALL ENACTMENTS

The following have been adopted and sanctioned by Bishop Dennis Drainville at the 83rd (Ordinary) Session of Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.

- Motion: Privileges of the House granted to Marie-Sol Gaudreau, The Venerable Michael Johnson, The Right Reverend Tom Corston, Mrs. Ruth Corston, Dr. Mary-Jo Leddy, Me Malcolm McLeod, and Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina
- Motion: Approval of the Agenda
- Motion: Dispense with the reading of the Minutes of 82nd Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.
- Motion: Approval of Minutes and Journal of the 82nd Ordinary Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Quebec.
- Motion: That this Synod accepts the proposed 2013 and 2014 budgets as presented by the treasurer.
- Constitutional amendment #1: Article 7
- Canonical Amendment #6: Canon 9: The Diocesan Coordinating Council and The Joint Audit Committee
- Canonical Amendment #12: New Canon 32: The Order of the Diocese of Quebec
- Canonical Amendment #11: Canon 18: Boundaries of Parishes
- Canonical Amendment Motion #4: Includes proposed Canonical Amendments #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, and 16
- Motion: clerical delegates to General Synod
- Motion: lay delegates to General Synod
- Motion: to destroy the ballots regarding Board of Triers
- Motion: elect the membership of the Cathedral Centenary Endowment Fund and elect the two new members of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette Board
- Motion: election of the D.E.C. membership
- Motion: Cuts to Chaplains in Federal Penitentiaries

- Motion: opposition to Bill C-31
- Motion: Support for the Bishop's Charge pertaining to the Blessing of Same-Gender Unions
- Motion: to thank the laity, clergy, invited guests, facilitators, and organizers for their active implication in Synod
- Motion: to appoint The Ven. Bruce Myers and Mr. James Sweeny as proofreaders of the Synod 2012 Journal
- Motion to Adjourn

Signed on Sunday, November 4, 2012



The Right Reverend Dennis P. Drainville,
Diocese of Quebec

**The Bishop's Charge
to the
83rd Ordinary Session
of The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec**

November 2, 2012
Forêt Montmorency

The Right Reverend Dennis Paul Drainville
Bishop of Quebec

My Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am truly grateful for the work that we have done together in the Diocese of Quebec since our last Synod. I thank God every day for the spirit of renewal and change that has been adopted by so many individuals and communities right across the length and breadth of our vast diocese.

That we are in a period of change is undoubted. Our society is in a state of competing economic and political ideologies that have sprung from the economic and political chaos we have experienced since 2008. All churches in Canada have found it difficult to cope with this milieu of massive change. Church governance and financial structures which worked well in the 18th and 19th centuries have begun to falter and fail. All mainline churches have had to develop plans to change how the church functions in this new reality.

Facing the Reality of Social Change

All five of the largest Christian denominations in Canada are closing church buildings all across the country. Just last weekend the newspaper *Le Soleil* revealed that the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Quebec is bringing forward a plan which will see its 208 parish communities reduced to 28 “communities of communities,” with each one bringing together anywhere from two to 15 parishes. The Roman Catholic diocese cannot afford to provide pastoral personnel for each parish. This plan will inevitably result in the closure and possible sale of many buildings in the Catholic archdiocese by the year 2020.

I mention this situation facing our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers only to highlight the fact that we are not alone in having to grapple with these challenges. However, a measure of how we have changed can be seen clearly in the decision of many churches to close and have their assets sold and invested for ministry in the local area. When I think of where we have been and where we are now I am reminded of the words of Martin Luther King Junior, who said, “One of the great liabilities of history is that all too many people fail to remain awake through great periods of social change. Every society has its protectors of status quo and its fraternities of the indifferent who are notorious for sleeping through revolutions. ***Today, our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change.***”

New Initiatives, New Leadership

Over the past five years we in the diocese have been involved in a number of essential activities. Working as a team we have: stabilized our finances, restructured ministry, sought out and recruited new ordained leadership, and brought together a well-trained, competent and committed diocesan staff. These were challenging and necessary parts of building a solid foundation for a renewed Diocese of Quebec.

Now I believe it is time to move beyond the renewal of the structural elements of our diocese to the actual work or mission for which God is calling us. Although we can rejoice in all that has gone on before, that work—though vital and crucial—is really less important than the mission for which God has been preparing us. The first stage necessarily needed to be inward looking. Now we must lift our gaze and look beyond the church building, beyond our own local Anglican community and beyond ourselves.

This change from inward to outward looking is a momentous and vital part of our becoming a missional Church. We know from the scriptures that it is when we put others before ourselves that we are truly doing the will of God and walking in the footsteps of Jesus. That is why the theme of this Synod is: “Lord when was it that we saw you ... a stranger and took you home?” To help lead us in this new direction and inspire us on the journey, we have invited Mary Jo Leddy to speak to us.

Mission in the Diocese

The renewal and emerging sense of mission in our diocese is witnessed to each month in the pages of our diocesan newspaper, *The Gazette*, which itself has undergone a significant renewal in the past year. As the Missioner for Communications indicates in his report to this Synod, the redesigned diocesan newspaper has “attempted to introduce some new features to the newspaper and

to retain some of long standing, all the while attempting to respect *The Gazette's* sweeping canonical mandate to 'serve as a means of encouragement, communication, and community building among the regions of the diocese.'" These efforts have been recognized nationally by the Canadian Church Press, which this year awarded first place to our diocesan newspaper in two different categories. Our diocesan website has also undergone a renewal. An attractive and engaging presence on the web is important, because in the wired world in which we live, it is for many seekers the first encounter they have with the Diocese of Quebec.

In February, discussions began with the Corporation of the Parish of Quebec, worshipping at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, which have led to the establishment of a joint working group studying the vocation of the cathedral and the grounds that surround it. This group is charged with responding to the question: how best can we use the buildings and property in the heart of Old Quebec and thereby renew our church's mission to the capital city?

Three parties are involved in these discussions: the Diocese of Quebec, the Parish of Quebec meeting at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, and the Lord Bishop Corporation Sole. This joint working group is made up six persons representing those three bodies and a seventh person representing the Paroisse de Tous les Saints, which also worships at the cathedral. They are working with Steve Cameron, who serves as the working group's chair and resource person. Many of you will remember Steve's crucial work in helping our diocese develop its strategic plan. The working group has met many times over the last six months and will release a report on the first phase of the project in December .

The ministry of Bishopthorpe, supported by many people and largely coordinated by Deacon Cynthia Patterson has evolved into a very important centre for hospitality and pastoral support. Since my family and I have taken up residence there, several hundred people have come to Bishopthorpe (now accessible to those with mobility challenges) to participate in many **different types of gatherings**, including the Diocesan Executive Council, the Anglican Church Women, the Bishop's Council and the Noella Project for refugees, Lenten services, discussions and presentations by guests from Zimbabwe, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Jerusalem. Bishopthorpe has also played host to diocesan celebrations, receptions, and fundraisers. The cathedral's Sunday school and youth group also meet at the house.

Bishopthorpe also offers a much-used "Third-Floor Ministry," short-term lodging provided to people passing through Quebec City for medical treatment or accompanying someone receiving medical care. This increasingly valued ministry is made possible by the support of the ACW and the diocese.

A new ministry is growing in the backyard of Bishopthorpe, thanks to cathedral parishioner Sarah Blair and her “liturgical donkey,” Aldo, and his goat companion, Allie. When this twosome joined the community of the cathedral close, no one anticipated the profound impact those creatures’ presence would have. Those seeking medical treatment bring down stress levels and find comfort in helping with feeding or brushing the animals. Those who work in the close are daily heartened and amused by their antics. But what really surprises is how these two have created community in the entire neighbourhood. In connecting with Aldo and Allie we are reminded to reconnect with the good earth, with God’s blessed creatures, with a part of ourselves that is lost to most urban dwellers.

Another project which is about to begin within the cathedral close is the restoration of All Saints’ Chapel. We have received a generous grant in the amount of \$158,000 from the *Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec*. We are also hoping to receive a grant from the Anglican Foundation to help us set up a ministry that will use the latest in technology so that we can begin to link up virtually the various communities in our far-flung diocesan family. The restored chapel will serve as another venue for worship as well as a place from which training and education events can be videoed and uploaded onto the diocesan website, and meetings of the Diocesan Executive and the Central Board can take place.

Guidelines and Standards for Baptism and Marriage

The administration of the sacraments over our vast territory continues to be a challenge. It is not so much the actual liturgy wherein the person is baptized or married that is the problem, but rather the need to adequately prepare individuals for the promises and obligations that the sacraments require of them. Where there is little or no preparation for rites of Christian initiation, we run the risk of devaluing pivotal moments in people’s lives—moments that our tradition tells us are central to their lives of faith. We do an injustice to the people who receive the sacraments, as well as to the Body of Christ, when we fail to intentionally teach and pass on the faith which we ourselves have received.

In this age when many if not most of the people who seek baptism or marriage in our churches have no ecclesial background or biblical understanding, our lack of Christian education and preparation will only further contribute to the impression that these sacramental rites are not the life-changing events that we claim them to be. If we who are active in the life and work of the church don’t seem to take baptism, confirmation, marriage, and other sacramental rites seriously by ensuring adequate preparation for them, should we be surprised when those outside the church don’t either?

It is because of these factors that we have been speaking to the clergy about the need to set and maintain renewed guidelines and standards for the administration of baptism and marriage. I believe that this is essential if the faith as we have received it is to be carried on by the next generation.

New Clergy in the Diocese

We will conclude this Synod with a great service of ordination, during which we will welcome four new priests into the service of the church: Jeffrey Metcalfe, Sarah Priebe, Edwin Stretch, and Wendy Telfer have been called by God and the church to serve as presbyters in ministries that reflect the great diversity of our diocese. The Venerable Edward Simonton has come to us from the Diocese of Montreal, and is taking his position alongside the other clergy in the Deanery of Saint Francis. Since this Synod last met, six new priests have been ordained: Francie Keats, Wanda Dillabough, Yves Samson, Ruth Charleau, Fred Richardson, and Barbara Wintle. Cynthia Patterson was ordained a deacon.

The Venerable Michael Pitts, the former Dean of Montreal, has become Archdeacon of the North Shore and has an important and vital ministry to the Anglicans in that region. Darla Sloan, a minister in the United Church of Canada, has been hugely helpful as a transitional minister in Quebec City. Now Darla is serving as the Coordinator of Pastoral Services. Though a ministry based in Quebec City, it is one at the service of people from across the diocese. We will hear more from Darla about that ministry during this Synod.

I am also pleased to share with the members of Synod how happy I am that on Saturday November 10th we will ordain Silas Nabinicaboo to the sacred Order of Deacons at St John's Anglican Church in Kawawachikamach. The Elders and the community leaders recommended him to be ordained Deacon and I have joyfully consented to follow their advice.

I would also like to acknowledge with sadness the passing of the Rev Bob Castle a priest of the Episcopal Church who for many years has ministered and officiated at worship services in Stanstead and occasionally at other churches in St Francis Deanery.

Blessing of Same-Gender Couples

Tonight, I would like to raise with you a topic of discussion that we have been addressing in the Anglican Church of Canada for many years. Several General Synods, including the most recent one in June 2010, affirmed the place and the welcome that this church offers to all people—including our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters in Christ— while also recognizing that in the Church, both locally and globally there is no common mind about how to respond to their committed partnerships.

General Synod recognized, with regret, that the Canadian church could not come to a common mind on same-gender blessings, but did agree by consensus that a legislative approach was not appropriate at this time. Further, it recognized that there are and will be a variety of practises across Canada *and in other parts of the Anglican Communion*, and because this is so we must continue to talk and pray together as we seek to discern a way forward in accordance of God's mission in the world.

I would like to proceed in the Diocese of Quebec, as several other Canadian dioceses have done, to provide both a rite of blessing and pastoral support for persons living in committed same-gender relationships. The initiative of the Diocese of Toronto is one which I propose we use in this diocese. It is not a legislative approach, but a pastoral one, implemented within well-defined guidelines.

I propose that as bishop I commission a working group to advise me on the guidelines for a pastoral response to those seeking the church's blessing of same-gender unions. This working group will present its advice to me by the beginning of June 2013. Once established, I will share the guidelines with the diocesan clergy before presenting them to the Diocesan Executive Committee. Whatever guidelines emerge, no cleric or congregation will be obligated to perform same-gender blessings. It will simply become an option for those open and desirous to offer this ministry, which is being offered in an increasing number of parts of the Anglican Church of Canada.

There will be time set aside for questions and discussion tomorrow so that the members of Synod can express their response to this new opportunity.

Francophone Ministry

Francophone ministry continues to be a priority in the Diocese of Quebec. The leadership of the Paroisse de Tous Les Saints in Quebec City, as well as the Doyenné du Saint-Laurent, has helped to respond to the questions and the needs expressed by other communities seeking to provide pastoral and worship opportunities for francophones in other parts of the diocese.

All diocesan worship services, such as Sunday's ordination liturgy, are set in a bilingual format and we continue to encourage clergy to learn or enhance their capacity to speak French. At this time about half of our diocese's anglophone clergy have the capacity to communicate in French.

The last two years has seen some momentous changes in francophone ministry in the diocese. In Trois-Rivières, the Church of Saint James (as well as its rectory

and surrounding property) was purchased by the municipality, which is in the process of transforming it into a multi- purpose cultural and historical site. The Anglican community in Trois- Rivières will continue to have the right to worship there in perpetuity. Now the monies that are given in offering at St. James, Trois-Rivières, can be used for ministry instead of for ongoing maintenance of a much-loved but very old building. It also frees people up to do ministry instead of repairs. The Anglican Church in Trois-Rivières— which is an overwhelmingly French-speaking city—is now a bilingual congregation, served by a francophone priest. At the Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Portneuf, near Quebec City, a small but dedicated group of parishioners has started a francophone community with the aid of the Reverend Michel Royer. This initiative speaks well of the people of that community who are trying to bring Anglican worship to the local population, as the Roman Catholic church becomes less able to provide ministry in that community.

Inspired to a certain extent by the existence of our Doyenné du Saint- Laurent, the Diocese of Montreal at their recent Synod indicated their hope to begin a French-language deanery in that diocese. This will I believe enhance the possibilities of extending francophone Anglican ministry to more parts of the province of Quebec.

Thanks

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not thank the staff of the synod office, the members of the Diocesan Executive Council, the clergy of the diocese, and all the lay leaders in all the small communities that make up the Diocese of Quebec. Without your faith, sense of hope and abundant love, we would not be able to be the optimistic community that we are. I would also like to publicly thank my family who help me to meet the challenges of Episcopal ministry and do so with amazing love and forbearance.

We have much to be thankful for and much that gives us hope about the future. Let us continue to ask for guidance and inspiration from the Holy Spirit as we continue this great journey of faith.

ALLOCUTION AU SYNODE 2012

Par le Très Révérend Dennis P. Drainville

Mes chers amis,

Que la grâce et la paix soient avec vous, de la part de Dieu notre Père et de Jésus Christ le Seigneur.

Je suis vraiment reconnaissant du travail que nous avons accompli tous ensemble dans le diocèse de Québec depuis notre dernier Synode. À chaque jour, je rends grâce à Dieu pour l'esprit de renouveau et de changement qui a été adopté par tant de personnes et de communautés à la grandeur de notre vaste diocèse.

Que nous vivions une période de changement ne fait aucun doute. Notre société fait face à des idéologies économiques et politiques conflictuelles ayant surgi du chaos économique et politique régnant depuis 2008. Toutes les églises au Canada ont de la difficulté à faire face à ce contexte de changement massif. Les structures financières et de gouvernance qui fonctionnaient bien au sein des églises au cours des 18^{ème} et 19^{ème} siècles ont commencé à faiblir et même à s'écrouler. Toutes les grandes Églises ont dû mettre en place des plans pour changer leurs manières de faire devant cette nouvelle réalité.

Confrontés à la réalité du changement social

Les cinq plus grandes confessions chrétiennes au Canada sont dans le processus de fermer des églises dans tout le pays. Le week-end dernier, le journal Le Soleil a révélé que l'archidiocèse catholique de Québec avait approuvé un plan qui verra ses 208 communautés paroissiales réduites à 28 «communions de communautés», chacune réunissant de 2 à 15 paroisses. Le diocèse catholique n'a pas les moyens de fournir du personnel pastoral à chaque paroisse. Ce plan se traduira inévitablement par la fermeture et la vente éventuelle de nombreux bâtiments de l'archidiocèse catholique d'ici 2020.

Je mentionne cette situation à laquelle nos frères et sœurs catholiques sont confrontés pour souligner le fait que nous ne sommes pas les seuls à devoir relever ces défis. Nous pouvons toutefois mesurer à quel point nous avons changé par les décisions prises dans plusieurs de nos communautés de fermer leurs églises, de vendre leurs actifs et d'investir les liquidités afin que l'usufruit soit destiné au ministère dans leur région. Quand je considère le point où nous étions et la situation dans laquelle nous nous trouvons maintenant, ces paroles de Martin Luther King Jr. me viennent en tête:

«L'une des grandes faiblesses de l'histoire, c'est que trop de gens ne parviennent pas à rester éveillés pendant les grandes périodes de changement social. Chaque société a ses protecteurs du statu quo et ses fraternités d'indifférents qui sont reconnus pour dormir à travers les révolutions. ***Aujourd'hui, notre survie dépend de notre capacité à rester éveillé, à s'adapter à de nouvelles idées, à rester vigilants et à faire face au défi du changement.*** »

Nouvelles initiatives, nouvelle direction

Nous avons, au cours des cinq dernières années, réalisé un grand nombre d'activités essentielles. Travaillant en équipe, nous avons stabilisé notre situation financière et restructuré notre ministère, nous avons recherché et recruté de nouveaux leaders au sein de notre clergé et nous avons constitué une équipe administrative compétente et impliquée. La mise en place de ces nouvelles assises constituait un défi, mais était essentielle à la revitalisation du Diocèse de Québec.

Nous devons maintenant passer du renouvellement des éléments structurels de notre diocèse à la mission que Dieu nous appelle à remplir. Bien que nous puissions être fiers de tout ce qui a été accompli jusqu'à maintenant, ce travail, bien que fondamental et crucial, est beaucoup moins important que la mission pour laquelle Dieu nous a préparés. Au cours de cette première étape, nous nous sommes concentrés sur nos propres structures. Maintenant, nous devons élever notre regard et regarder au-delà de l'église en tant qu'édifice, au-delà de notre propre communauté anglicane locale et au-delà de nous-mêmes.

Ce changement de point de vue, de l'intérieur vers l'extérieur, est une étape capitale et primordiale de notre transformation en une Église missionnaire. Les Écritures nous ont permis de comprendre que c'est lorsque nous faisons passer les autres avant nous-mêmes que nous accomplissons la volonté de Dieu et que nous marchons sur les traces de Jésus. C'est pourquoi le thème de ce Synode est: "Seigneur, quand est-ce que nous t'avons vu ... un étranger et t'avons invité dans notre maison?" Pour nous aider à prendre cette nouvelle direction et pour nous inspirer avant ce périple, nous avons invité Mary Jo Leddy à s'adresser à nous.

Mission dans le diocèse

Le renouvellement de notre mission, et le sens de cette mission que l'on commence à voir naître dans notre diocèse, sont manifestes, chaque mois, dans les pages de notre journal diocésain, The Gazette, qui a lui-même subi une transformation importante au cours de la dernière année. Comme le missionnaire aux Communications l'indique lui-même dans son rapport au présent synode, le journal diocésain redessiné a « tenté d'introduire de nouvelles rubriques dans le

journal en conservant celles éprouvées de longue date, tout en essayant de respecter le vaste mandat canonique de The Gazette de « servir de moyen d'encouragement, de communication, et de développement de l'esprit communautaire dans les régions du diocèse. » Ces efforts ont été reconnus à l'échelle nationale par la Canadian Church Press, qui a, cette année, décerné la première place à notre journal diocésain dans deux catégories différentes. Notre site Web diocésain a également fait l'objet d'un rafraîchissement. Il est important d'avoir une présence intéressante et engageante sur le Web, car dans le monde branché dans lequel nous vivons, il s'agit, pour beaucoup d'explorateurs, du premier contact qu'ils ont avec le Diocèse de Québec.

En février, des discussions ont été amorcées avec la Corporation de la paroisse de Québec pratiquant à la Cathédrale Holy Trinity, discussions qui ont conduit à la création d'un groupe de travail conjoint chargé d'étudier la vocation de la Cathédrale et des infrastructures qui l'entourent. Ce groupe a le mandat de répondre à la question suivante: comment pouvons-nous utiliser les bâtiments et les biens situés dans le cœur du Vieux-Québec et ainsi renouveler la mission de notre Église dans la capitale?

Trois entités sont impliquées dans ces discussions: le Diocèse de Québec, la Corporation de la paroisse de Québec pratiquant à la Cathédrale Holy Trinity et la Corporation de l'Évêque. Le groupe de travail conjoint est composé de six personnes représentant ces trois organismes, et une septième personne représentant la Paroisse de Tous les Saints, qui pratique aussi son culte à la Cathédrale. Ils travaillent avec Steve Cameron, qui agit en tant que président du groupe de travail et personne-ressource. Beaucoup d'entre vous se souviendront de travail essentiel réalisé par Steve dans l'élaboration du plan stratégique de notre diocèse. Le groupe de travail s'est réuni à plusieurs reprises au cours des six derniers mois et présentera un rapport sur la première phase du projet en décembre.

Le ministère de Bishopthorpe, soutenu par de nombreuses personnes et en grande partie coordonné par la diacre Cynthia Patterson, a évolué pour devenir un très important centre d'accueil et de soutien pastoral. Depuis que ma famille et moi-même y ont élu domicile, plusieurs centaines de personnes sont venues à Bishopthorpe (maintenant accessible aux personnes à mobilité réduite) afin de participer à de nombreux types de rassemblements, y compris ceux du Conseil exécutif diocésain, des femmes de l'Église anglicane (Anglican Church Women - ACW), du Conseil de l'Évêque et du projet Noëlla pour les réfugiés; aux services du Carême, aux discussions et présentations animées par des invités en provenance du Zimbabwe, de la République démocratique du Congo, et de Jérusalem. Bishopthorpe a également été l'hôte de célébrations diocésaines, de réceptions et d'activités de levée de fonds. L'école du dimanche et le groupe de

jeunes de la Cathédrale se réunissent aussi à la maison.

Bishophthorpe offre également un très populaire " ministère du troisième étage ", soit un hébergement de courte durée offert aux personnes qui séjournent à Québec pour un traitement médical ou à leur accompagnateur. Ce ministère de plus en plus prisé est rendu possible grâce au soutien de l'ACW et du Diocèse.

Un nouveau ministère se développe aussi dans la cour de Bishophthorpe, grâce à la paroissienne de la Cathédrale Sarah Blair et à son "âne liturgique" Aldo, et sa compagne, la chèvre Allie. Quand ce duo est entré dans la communauté de la Cathédrale, personne ne pouvait anticiper l'impact que la présence de ces créatures aurait. Ceux qui subissent un traitement médical réduisent leur niveau de stress et trouvent du réconfort en aidant à nourrir ou à brosser les animaux. Ceux qui travaillent à proximité sont quotidiennement confortés et amusés par leurs pitreries. Mais ce qui est vraiment surprenant est de voir comment ces deux créatures ont créé un sens de communauté dans tout le quartier. Le contact avec Aldo et Allie nous rappelle à la terre, au contact avec les créatures bénies de Dieu, avec une partie de nous qui est en dormance chez la plupart des citoyens.

Un autre projet qui est sur le point de commencer dans la cour de la Cathédrale est la restauration de la chapelle de Tous les Saints. Nous avons reçu une généreuse subvention d'un montant de 158 000 \$ du Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec. Nous espérons également obtenir une subvention de la Fondation anglicane afin de mettre en place un ministère qui utilisera les dernières technologies pour que nous puissions commencer à relier virtuellement les différentes communautés de notre vaste famille diocésaine. La chapelle restaurée servira de lieu de culte additionnel ainsi que d'endroit où les activités de formation et d'éducation pourront être filmées et mises en ligne sur le site Web diocésain; les réunions du Conseil Exécutif diocésain et du Conseil de la Société d'Église pourront aussi y être tenues.

Lignes directrices et normes pour le baptême et le mariage

L'administration des sacrements dans notre vaste territoire continue d'être un défi. Le problème ne se situe pas dans la liturgie au cours de laquelle la personne est baptisée ou mariée, mais plutôt dans la nécessité de bien préparer les individus face aux engagements et obligations que ces sacrements impliquent. Lorsqu'il y a peu ou pas de préparation en vue des rites d'initiation à la vie chrétienne, nous courons le risque de dévaluer ces moments-clés de la vie des gens - moments qui, selon notre tradition, seront au cœur de leur vie de foi. Nous commettons une injustice envers les personnes qui reçoivent les sacrements, ainsi que le Corps du Christ, lorsque nous ne réussissons pas à leur enseigner adéquatement et à leur transmettre la foi que nous avons nous-mêmes

reçue.

En cette époque où bon nombre, sinon la plupart, des gens en quête du baptême ou du mariage dans nos églises n'ont aucune expérience ecclésiastique ou aucune compréhension de la Bible, notre faiblesse au niveau de l'éducation chrétienne et de la préparation ne fera que contribuer à l'impression que ces rites sacramentels ne constituent pas les événements marquants que nous prétendons qu'ils sont dans une vie. Si nous, qui sommes actifs dans la vie et dans l'œuvre de l'église, ne semblons pas prendre au sérieux le baptême, la confirmation, le mariage et les rites sacramentels en s'assurant qu'ils font l'objet d'une préparation adéquate, nous ne devons pas nous surprendre que ceux qui ne font pas partie de notre église ne les prennent pas au sérieux non plus.

C'est en raison de ces facteurs que nous avons et continuons de parler au clergé de la nécessité d'établir et de maintenir des lignes directrices et des normes renouvelées pour l'administration du baptême et du mariage. Je crois que cela est essentiel afin que la foi que nous avons reçue soit transmise à la génération suivante.

Nouveaux membres du clergé

Nous concluons ce Synode avec une grande cérémonie d'ordination au cours de laquelle nous accueillerons quatre nouveaux prêtres au sein de l'Église: Jeffrey Metcalfe, Sarah Priebe, Edwin Stretch et Wendy Telfer ont été appelés par Dieu et par l'Église pour servir à titre de prêtres dans des ministères qui reflètent la grande diversité de notre diocèse. Le Vénérable Edward Simonton est venu à nous du Diocèse de Montréal, et travaille en équipe avec les autres membres du clergé dans le Doyenné de Saint-François. Depuis la dernière rencontre du Synode, six nouveaux prêtres ont été ordonnés: Francie Keats, Wanda Dillabough, Yves Samson, Ruth Charleau, Fred Richardson et Barbara Wintle. Cynthia Patterson a été ordonnée diacre.

Le vénérable Michael Pitts, l'ancien recteur de Montréal, est devenu archidiacre de la Côte-Nord et exerce un important ministère, vital pour les anglicans dans cette région. Darla Sloan, une prêtre de l'Église Unie du Canada, a joué un rôle très important en tant que prêtre de transition à Québec. Darla agit maintenant en tant que coordonnatrice des services pastoraux. Bien que basé à Québec, ce ministère dessert tout le Diocèse. Darla va nous entretenir à ce propos plus tard au cours du présent Synode.

Bénédiction des couples de même sexe

Ce soir, je veux aborder un sujet qui fait l'objet de discussions dans l'Église anglicane du Canada depuis de nombreuses années. Plusieurs synodes généraux, dont le plus récent en juin 2010, ont affirmé l'estime et l'accueil que cette Église offre à toutes les personnes - y compris nos frères et sœurs dans le Christ gais et lesbiennes - tout en reconnaissant que dans l'Église, à la fois localement et globalement, nous n'avons pas su trouver une manière commune de s'adapter à leurs partenariats engagés.

Le Synode Général a reconnu, avec regret, que l'Église canadienne ne pouvait pas s'entendre sur la bénédiction des unions de même sexe, mais a reconnu par consensus qu'une approche législative n'était pas appropriée en ce moment. En outre, il a reconnu qu'il existe et qu'il existera une variété de pratiques partout au Canada et ailleurs dans la Communion anglicane, et que, parce qu'il en est ainsi, nous devons continuer à discuter et à prier ensemble pendant que nous cherchons à discerner la voie à suivre en fonction de la mission de Dieu dans le monde.

Dans le Diocèse de Québec, je voudrais, comme plusieurs autres diocèses du Canada l'ont fait, fournir à la fois un rite de bénédiction et du soutien pastoral aux personnes vivant dans une union engagée de personnes du même sexe. L'initiative du Diocèse de Toronto celle que je propose d'utiliser dans notre diocèse. Il ne s'agit pas d'une approche législative, mais plutôt pastorale, encadrée de lignes directrices bien définies.

Je propose, qu'à titre d'évêque, je constitue un groupe de travail qui me conseillera sur les orientations et directives de la réponse pastorale à offrir à ceux qui désirent obtenir la bénédiction de l'Église du couple de même sexe. Ce groupe de travail devra me présenter ses recommandations pour le début de juin 2013. Une fois établies, je partagerai ces orientations avec les membres du clergé avant de les présenter au Comité Exécutif diocésain. Quelles que soient les lignes directrices qui émergeront après cet exercice, aucun membre du clergé ou congrégation ne sera dans l'obligation de bénir les unions de même sexe. Ceci deviendra tout simplement une option pour ceux qui sont ouverts et désireux d'offrir ce ministère, déjà offert dans un nombre croissant de paroisses de l'Église anglicane du Canada.

Nous réserverons du temps demain pour que les membres du Synode puissent s'exprimer sur cette nouvelle opportunité et poser toute question que cette initiative pourrait soulever.

Ministère francophone

Le développement du ministère francophone continue d'être une priorité dans le Diocèse de Québec. Le leadership exercé au sein de la paroisse de Tous les Saints à Québec, ainsi que dans le Doyenné du Saint-Laurent, a permis de répondre aux questions et aux besoins exprimés par d'autres communautés cherchant à offrir des opportunités pastorales et de culte aux francophones dans d'autres parties du diocèse.

Tous les services de culte diocésains, comme la liturgie d'ordination de ce dimanche, sont disponibles dans un format bilingue et nous continuons à encourager le clergé à compléter ou perfectionner leur capacité de s'exprimer en français. Environ la moitié des membres du clergé anglophone de notre diocèse ont présentement la capacité de communiquer en français.

Des changements importants sont survenus dans le ministère francophone au sein de notre diocèse au cours des deux dernières années. À Trois-Rivières, l'église Saint-James, ainsi que son presbytère et la propriété environnante, ont été achetés par la municipalité, qui est en train de transformer le tout en un site culturel et historique à vocation multiple. La communauté anglicane de Trois-Rivières pourra continuer d'y exercer le culte à perpétuité. Les sommes d'argent données en offrande à Saint-Jacques, Trois-Rivières, pourront désormais être utilisées pour le ministère au lieu de devoir être consacrées à l'entretien continu d'un bâtiment très apprécié mais vétuste. Les paroissiens pourront maintenant se concentrer sur le ministère plutôt que sur les réparations. L'église anglicane de Trois-Rivières – une ville majoritairement francophone – est maintenant une congrégation bilingue, desservie par un prêtre francophone.

À l'église de Saint-Jean l'Évangéliste à Portneuf, près de Québec, un groupe restreint mais dévoué de paroissiens a constitué une communauté francophone à l'aide du révérend Michel Royer. Cette initiative reflète bien la vision des gens de cette communauté qui tentent d'initier la population locale au culte anglican alors que l'église catholique est de moins en moins apte à exercer son propre ministère dans la région.

Inspiré dans une certaine mesure par l'existence de notre Doyenné du Saint-Laurent, le récent Synode du Diocèse de Montréal a exprimé le souhait de créer un doyenné francophone dans ce diocèse. Je crois que ceci augmentera les possibilités d'étendre le ministère francophone anglican à d'autres parties du Québec.

Remerciements

Enfin, je m'en voudrais de ne pas remercier le personnel du bureau du Diocèse, les membres du Conseil Exécutif diocésain, les membres de notre clergé et tous les responsables laïcs dans toutes les petites communautés qui composent le Diocèse de Québec. Sans votre foi, votre espoir et l'amour incommensurable dont vous faites preuve, nous ne serions pas en mesure d'être la communauté optimiste que nous sommes aujourd'hui.

Nous sommes reconnaissants pour tout ce qui nous a été donné et remplis d'espoir pour le futur. Continuons à prier pour que l'Esprit-Saint nous guide et nous inspire alors que nous poursuivons ce grand voyage de foi.

EPISCOPAL ACTS

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Ordinations to the Diaconate

Year	Date	Name	Church and Location
2011	March 6	Edwin Stretch	Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec
2012	April 24	Jeffrey Metcalfe	Trinity College Chapel, Toronto
2012	June 25	Sarah Preibe	St. Michael, Sillery
2012	September 25	Wendy Telfer	St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto

Ordinations to the Priesthood

Year	Date	Name	Church and Location
2011	March 15	Francie Keats	St. Paul the Apostle, St. Paul's River
2011	March 27	Wanda Dillabough	St. George, Lennoxville
2011	March 27	Yves Samson	St. George, Lennoxville
2011	October 1	Ruth Charleau	St. George, Lennoxville
2011	October 1	Fred Richardson	St. George, Lennoxville
2011	October 1	Barbara Wintle	St. George, Lennoxville

Appointments – Diocesan

Year	Date	Name	Title
2011	June 1	Bruce Myers	Missioner for Communications
2011	June 1	Bruce Myers	Editor, Quebec Diocesan Gazette
2011	June 1	James Sweeny	Diocesan Property Manager
2011	August 30	Edwin Stretch	Diocesan Pastoral Deacon
2011	October 11	Garth Bulmer	Bishop's Commissary
2012	January 1	Holly Ratcliffe	Chaplain to the Drummond Institution
2012	May 20	Michael Pitts	Archdeacon of the North Shore
2012	June 1	Edward Simonton	Archdeacon of St. Francis
2012	August 13	Garth Bulmer	Bishop's Commissary

Appointments – Parochial

Year	Date	Name	Title
2011	February 1	Martha Spence	St. John, Kawawachikamach
2011	February 15	Michael Pitts	Chaplain, St. Clement's West
2011	February 15	Joanne Brousseau	Honorary Assistant, St. Luke, Magog
2011	March 1	James Butt	Parish Pastoral Visitor/Eucharistic Minister, Kegaska
2011	March 6	Edwin Stretch	Deacon serving the Quebec Deanery
2011	March 15	Francie Keats	St. Clement's East
2011	March 21	Gladys Morency	Honorary Assistant in the North Shore Deanery
2011	March 27	Wanda Dillabough	St. Francis Deanery
2011	March 27	Yves Samson	Assistant Curate, Doyenné du St-Laurent
2011	May 1	Edwin Stretch	Chaplain of Trinity Church, Sainte Foy
2011	September 25	Cynthia Patterson	Deacon serving the Quebec Deanery
2012	January 1	Cheryl Stroud	Pastoral Visitor & Eucharistic Minister, St. Francis Deanery
2012	January 1	Darla Sloan	Interim Pastor-in-Charge, Sillery
2012	March 24	Yves Samson	Vicar, St. George, Drummondville
2012	June 1	Edward Simonton	Incumbent of St. George, Lennoxville and St. Barnabas, Milby
2012	June 25	Sarah Priebe	Assistant Curate, St. Michael, Sillery
2012	June 26	Rebecca Charleau St-Cyr	Pastoral Visitor & Eucharistic Minister, St. Francis Deanery
2012	June 26	Jane Bishop	Pastoral Visitor & Eucharistic Minister, St. Francis Deanery
2012	June 26	Lorna Gordon-Tomlin	Pastoral Visitor & Eucharistic Minister, St. Francis Deanery
2012	June 26	Linda Annesley Hoy	Pastoral Visitor & Eucharistic Minister, St. Francis Deanery
2012	September 1	Darla Sloan	Coordinator of Pastoral Care
2012	October 1	Wendy Telfer	Deacon-in-Charge of the Greater Parish of Gaspé

Episcopal Acts

Year	Date	
2010	October 26	Sale of Quebec Camp Lodge
2011	August 3	Deed of Deconsecration – St. James, Cape Cove
2011	August 7	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Cuthbert, Dixville
2011	August 21	Deed of Deconsecration – St. James, South Durham
2011	August 21	Deed of Deconsecration – Church of the Good Shepherd, Bishopton
2012	July 27	Deed of Deconsecration – St. James, Grand'Mère
2012	August 1	Summons of the 83rd Ordinary Session of the Synod
2012	September 6	Transfer of St. Mark, Acton Vale to Doyenné du St-Laurent
2012	September 30	Harold Fortier, Reception into the Anglican Communion
2012	September 30	Linda Leblanc, Reception into the Anglican Communion
2012	October 5	Deed of Deconsecration – St. James, Ditchfield
2012	October 28	Deed of Deconsecration – St. Philip, Sawyerville

New Lay Readers licensed since the last session of Synod

Cheryl Stroud	The Congregation of St. Peter, Sherbrooke
Gene Sparkes Ross	Deanery of Saint Francis
Edouard Charles Lebeau	Deanery of Saint Francis
Violet Marion Konard	Deanery of Saint Francis
Lorna Gordon Tomlin	Deanery of Saint Francis
Gabriel Kwenga	Deanery of Saint Francis
Glen Marcotte	St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf and St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis
David Woodard	Deanery of Saint Francis
Roy Stinson	Deanery of Saint Francis
Joy Carson	St. James, Port Daniel and St. Paul, Shigawake

Confirmations

Number of Services: 7

Number of Candidates: 46

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Diocesan Executive Council (D.E.C.)

On behalf of the D.E.C., I am pleased to report on some of the topics of discussion and deliberation. Since the last meeting of Synod in October of 2010, the D.E.C. has met six times as follows:

- October 27, 2010 (Maison Rivier, Sherbrooke)
- April 29-30, 2011 (Bishopthorpe, Québec City)
- November 4-5, 2011 (Bishopthorpe, Québec City)
- April 27, 2012 (Bishopthorpe, Québec City)
- May 30, 2012 (Conference Call)
- August 30, 2012 (Conference Call)

The Executive Director and Executive Archdeacon have continued attending D.E.C. meetings as invited guests; their participation in D.E.C. meetings helps move us forward on a wide number of dossiers. In order to help facilitate communication within the diocese, the diocesan Archdeacons and Rural Deans continue to receive the minutes of all D.E.C. meetings. In a further attempt to reduce costs, the minutes and meeting documents are sent electronically to D.E.C. members (unless otherwise requested). A quarterly financial statement is also produced and made available to the deaneries for their review. We said farewell to our Executive Director Guylaine Caron in the spring of 2012, while welcoming Marie-Sol Gaudreau (no stranger to the Diocese...).

From October 2009 until October 2010, renovations and moving into Bishopthorpe by Bishop Dennis and his family was completed. Part of a new ministry emerged in Bishopthorpe thanks to the support from the Diocese and Church Society. Many groups related to mission and ministry have been meeting and using parts of the building, now that it has been refurbished and given a new lease on life.

The Remuneration Committee reviewed two items as requested by the D.E.C. in April 2012 as follows:

- Adding to the remuneration scale years of service in another field as well as years of ordination.
- Creating a sabbatical policy for the Diocese

On point number one, the committee has decided that instead of creating a new scale that would include years of service in another field, that the committee would review and consider each individual case as they came up for new clergy entering the diocese. On point number two, presently, the committee is in the process of gathering information on sabbatical policies from the National Church as well as trying to find if any other Dioceses has such a policy.

Property Management: James Sweeny has been keeping the D.E.C. up to date on a growing number of property-related matters (see separate report). Congregations have been engaged in assessing their individual needs in terms of property (rectories, churches; parish halls, etc.) and in some cases it has meant the disposal of a particular asset. Canon 16 (Church Property) has been adhered to and has provided mission and ministry income that may have not been available otherwise. Bishop Dennis has consistently stressed that all is given to the greater glory of God, with assets belonging to the church as a whole. It is not about personal agendas but about our collective responsibility to make best use of our assets depending upon a particular situation.

On an additional note, three grants from Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec were approved:

- Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (\$66 532). The funds will help pay for repairs to the aging iron and concrete fence surrounding the Cathedral close.
- All Saints' Chapel, Bishopthorpe (\$158 167). The funds will restore the chapel as a place of worship along with the installation of a multi-purpose space that can be used for diocesan meetings and diocese-wide videoconferencing.
- St. Paul's, Shigawake (\$208 919). The funds will defray the costs of a new cedar-shingled roof, repairs to the belfry, scraping and staining the siding and window replacement.

The D.E.C. has reviewed two Anglican Foundation Grant applications and forwarded them for a review process. St. Paul's, Shigawake February 2011 initial request for a \$15 000 grant and a loan of \$35 000 was modified to a \$7500 grant and a loan of \$42 500; in May 2012, it was no longer required. The Officers of Synod approved a \$15 000 grant application from St. James the Apostle, Cacouna for repairs to the rectory. This application was not approved by the Anglican Foundation.

The Reverend Cynthia Patterson was empowered to establish a sub-committee of the D.E.C. to coordinate and support mission initiatives throughout the diocese with the right to co-opt individuals as needed.

Bishop Dennis appointed Mr Malcolm McLeod of Montreal as vice-chancellor of the Diocese of Quebec. In addition, B. Myers was appointed as Missioner for Communications for the Diocese of Quebec as of June 2011. J. Sweeny was appointed Diocesan Property Manager in November 2011.

In April 2012, Church Society passed a resolution reducing the distribution amount of Pooled Funds. To offset part of the loss in revenues, the deanery grants were reduced by \$31 000, however, the 2011 deanery surpluses could be carried forward to help absorb the cuts.

The D.E.C. has been kept up to date on numerous dossiers: restructuring mission and ministry on the lower north shore, Council of the North, Suicide Prevention Project Initiative, The Quebec-Montreal Partnership Initiative, Companion Dioceses, as well as other dossiers.

A number of reports from a variety of diocesan bodies, committees, and representatives have been consistently presented to D.E.C. They have all brought issues and concerns to the attention of D.E.C. Where necessary, the D.E.C. has acted upon a number of requests and issues emanating from the reports. This work, done by so many people, is an essential part of our ministry within the diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Our D.E.C. face-to-face meetings have become streamlined and highly efficient; information is sent out beforehand electronically.

In closing and on behalf of the D.E.C., I would like to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the leadership provided by Bishop Dennis Drainville as chair of the D.E.C. along with the Officers of the D.E.C. and Synod, the Synod Office staff and the ever-present collaboration of Church Society. We are grateful for the time and attention deanery representatives have given to a wide range of diocesan matters concerning its mission and ministry over the past 24 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Stephen Kohner
Secretary of Synod

Treasurer's Report

The following report summarizes the on- going financial state of the Diocese since the last Synod in 2010.

It was announced at the previous Synod that the Quebec Lodge property was sold for 3.2 million dollars completing a process which was key to the financial restructuring of the Diocese. The negotiated sale of Quebec Lodge was to be paid as follows:

- October 2010 - 1 Million dollars
- October 2011-1 Million dollars
- October 2012-1.2 Million dollars

A rate of prime plus 1 percent was applied to the purchaser of the property which enabled Synod to receive income on the full amount of the sale price. As there was an outstanding loan of \$590,000 with the Bank of Montreal for expenses incurred with Quebec lodge, a deal was negotiated and accepted by the bank to pay back the loan in 3 instalments timed with the payments received by Synod. A deal was also negotiated for the commission of the sale of the property to be paid over 3 years. The laddered payments of both the bank loan and commission enabled Synod to invest a greater amount of monies in pooled funds at an earlier date, hence generating more revenues for Synod. The final instalment will have been completed by Synod 2012 and the BMO debt will be fully repaid. After the second instalment Synod had a total of 1.145 million dollars invested in pooled funds and with the final instalment approximately \$800,000 will be added to the fund. As a result from this lucrative transaction, Synod will have eliminated all of its debt and interest payments attached to the debt and owner of over 2 million dollars in investments in pooled funds generating a 5.5% return.

The net benefit from the sale of Quebec Lodge-\$128,000/year

- Interest savings \$18,000 per year

-Investment income \$110,000 per year.

The administration has been proactively promoting Pooled funds as the key to financial recovery. As pooled funds increases, Church Society revenues increase. As Church Society revenues grow the plan is to increase grants to Synod for mission. As Parishes are encouraged to invest in pooled funds their revenues also increase which also benefits Synods budget through fair share. The plan although simple in nature has had its complications due to the volatile global market conditions. In 2011, global markets retreated as investors feared another crash similar to the one in 2008. Central Board reacted quickly and responsibly lowering distributions to unit holders in order to protect the capital in the fund.

The distribution rate was set at a 5.5% floating rate, above competitive rates, yet designed to better protect the capital of the fund. The result of the decision was a cut in Church Society's grants to Synod by \$50,000 and a reduction of \$25,000 in Synod's income from investments. Global market conditions have since stabilized and the future of the investments in the Diocese remains positive.

A new budget line, grants from Lord Bishop, was introduced at the 2010 Synod. As the restructuring in the Diocese was launched, non-viable property assets were to be sold and the proceeds invested into pooled funds. The revenues from the investments were to be transferred over to Synod to help expand the mission of the Church. Although asset sales are beginning to ramp up, the process has been slower than expected and the targets of this budget line have not been met at this time. We can expect that grants from Lord Bishop will soon be a major contributor to the balancing of Synod's budget.

The administration continues to work diligently on all aspects of financial responsibility. Expense rationalization and managing accounts receivable remain at the forefront of the plan.

Charitable donations for the Bishops Challenge have diminished significantly, however we continue to encourage charitable giving. Planned giving must remain a crucial part of the long term viability for Parishes and the Diocese. We encourage and thank all of those who participate.

A grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Parish of Quebec was approved by DEC in 2012.

A committee was created with representatives from Synod, the Lord Bishop Corporation Sole and the Cathedral to engage in a process which will better define the usage of the property in order to maximize revenues which will benefit all of the parties involved. This initiative is an example of investing in the future of the Diocese, to strengthen both the financial position and the mission of the Church.

Although there have been many unforeseen obstacles that have slowed down the financial restructuring of the Diocese, the plan remains intact. Budget deficits will eventually turn to surpluses which will in turn be invested to strengthen the future mission of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Boden
Treasurer

QUEBEC DIOCESAN GAZETTE

The years since 2010 have seen substantial improvements in the Gazette, in both its paper and electronic formats. Under its new editor, Bruce Myers, the Gazette has significantly improved in terms of its content, visual appeal, and connection to people and events within the life of the Church. Though it maintains local coverage of traditional parish events such as confirmations, Episcopal visitations, and the always popular food-related goings-on, the Gazette has expanded its coverage of ecumenical and political trends that affect Anglicans and others in our diocese. The website, too, is clearer, more attractive, and helpful. Many church websites, both parish and diocesan, have a neglected look; they are often full of outdated material, and have little visual interest. It is often abundantly clear that no one is looking after them. I am proud to say, however, that our diocesan website cannot be numbered among them: it is bright, attractive and current.

The Board wishes to thank all contributors to the Gazette, particularly those who take the time each month to write and submit a regular column. This work anchors the paper, giving writers an opportunity to evolve in their reflections on a subject, while providing readers with a set of familiar faces each month. As the Gazette is mandated to “...serve as a means of encouragement, communication, and community building among the regions of the Diocese”, your contributions and comments are always welcome.

The Board again wishes to thank incumbents and others for their annual effort to update their subscription lists. Mailed each September to every parish by the national newspaper, The Anglican Journal, accurate mailing lists help to ensure that every contributing member of the Anglican Church of Canada receives both their diocesan paper as well as The Journal. Accurate lists also help to curb mailing costs.

Finally, I wish to mention that in the last two years, the Gazette Board has found it difficult to meet. The conflicting demands and schedules of its members has meant that no meeting of the Board has taken place since the last synod. As the Constitution and Canons require that the Board “...meet at least twice each calendar year”, it is incumbent upon members of the Board to meet this obligation. If such yearly meetings are not possible, or they are deemed unnecessary, it may be time to rethink this stated obligation.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Venerable Randy Murray

Chair

DIOCESAN REGISTRAR, ARCHIVIST AND PROPERTY MANAGER REPORT

Members of Synod, since we last met a part of my duties for the Synod and Diocese have changed. Beginning in July of 2011 the role of Editor of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette and Webmaster, which I had done for the past ten years, was turned over to the Ven. Bruce Myers and I was given a new portfolio of property manager.

The need for a property manager is a result of the greater number of church buildings that we are either restoring or closing and putting on the market. In some cases these sales are church halls no longer used by the congregation or churches or rectories where the congregation is either too small to maintain the building or have completely disappeared and the buildings are becoming a drain on the Synod funds. Many of these closures reflect the work and decisions regarding combining congregations and making better use of our resources taken by our last synod.

Transferring these excess buildings to municipal governments or by sale to the public frees up resources for the Mission of the Church in the diocese. Since I took up the position we have transferred or sold ten church halls, rectories, pieces of glebe land or churches. A number of other churches have been closed and deconsecrated and ownership of them will change in the next year. Churches are not easy to sell; some have no water or sewage connections, are often in poor condition and may have restrictions on the use or changes that can be made to the buildings.

The good news is we continue to apply and receive grants for restoration of our heritage church buildings from the Religious Heritage Council, which is funded by the Ministry of Culture, Communication and the Status of Women of the Quebec Government. Since 1995 we have received over six millions dollars from that organization for work on our diocesan buildings. I represent the diocese on a number of regional and provincial committees in this field and am always willing to assist congregations in the application process for funding.

I wish to reiterate the comment I have been making at every Synod since I was elected Registrar in 1993 and that is when you receive notices from government bodies about you property please share them with the Registrar. The government has for 15 years been redoing the numbering of property lots (the provincial cadastre) and there have been examples of property being registered to the wrong party or worse still the church losing ownership of property because of not paying proper attention to these notices in a timely fashion.

Lastly a short word from me as your diocesan archivist. With the closure of churches and combining of congregations there should be more documents being deposited with the archives. Examples of are minute books, vestry books, photographs and other important congregational documents. Please send them to the archives and please err on the side of sending too much rather than deciding yourself that a document or book would not be of interest to the archives. Even if your congregation is viable and plans to exist to the Second Coming there are always documents that are no longer current or needed on a regular basis and should be deposited for safe keeping with the diocesan archives.

If you have any questions regarding property or archives please feel free to contact me: 819-571-4045 or registrar@quebec.anglican.ca

Respectfully submitted,

James Sweeny,
Diocesan Registrar, Archivist and Property Manager

DEANERY OF ST. FRANCIS

The Deanery of St. Francis has been very active since the last Synod with personnel changes, new training programmes and the usual social events.

The Venerable Dean Ross retired as archdeacon and has been replaced by the Venerable Edward Simonton. The Ven. Dean, together with his wife Gene, worked tirelessly for the good of the Deanery, and we thank them for their dedication to the people of St. Francis. Father Edward comes to us from the Diocese of Montreal and joined the deanery clerical team this past summer. He has begun a successful youth group centered at St. George's in Lennoxville, and we are grateful to the congregation of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke, for their generous financial contributions that have facilitated this important ministry.

Five deacons were priested in the Deanery at two ordinations: two transitional deacons, the Rev. Wanda Dillabough and the Rev. Yves Samson, and three vocational deacons, the Rev. Barbara Wintle, the Rev. Ruth Charleau and Canon Fred Richardson. Two layreaders, Cheryl Stroud and Gene Ross, have been recommended for ordination by ACPO, and they are continue actively to participate in the life of the Deanery as they prepare for ministry in holy orders.

The development of a new model for ministry that was begun during the tenure of the Ven. Dean continued with the creation of a committee composed of the Rev. Wanda, Canon Fred, the Ven. David Oliver and Ruth Sheeran, the Rural Dean. The committee developed a proposal for a deanery-wide clerical team in which the deanery would be administered as one parish. The report, which included a new funding model, was presented at a meeting of the Deanery Council which was attended by Bishop Dennis and the Ven. Garth Bulmer, the Executive Archdeacon. Four parishes currently participate in the team ministry model: Richmond, the Greater Parish of St. Francis, Eaton-Dudswell-Victoria and Lennoxville-Milby. It is anticipated that other churches will join as the plan is implemented.

Training events continue led by the Deanery Coordinator, the Rev. Wanda Dillabough. The Education for Ministry Programme (EfM) was established and two groups are currently participating animated by the Rev. Wanda and the Ven. David Oliver. The groups are now in the second year of the programme with 15 people registered. A 12 week Via Media course was co-facilitated by the Rev. Wanda and Jeffrey Metcalfe, a postulant who spend the summer of 2011 working in this area. A number of layreaders participated in a preaching seminar programme and a pastoral care ministry training programme began in the spring of 2012. St. George's Church continues to host the annual Diocesan Layreaders' Conference.

As part of the plan to develop the team ministry model, deanery services are held on the fifth Sundays. These have proved to be very successful and the number of deanery members attending these services continues to increase. A time of fellowship follows the service as everyone enjoys a potluck lunch. The summer fifth Sundays services are held outside with a picnic and games. Although church life has been very active in the deanery, sadly there have been a number of congregational closures. So far, five churches have been deconsecrated: South Durham, Bishopton, Sawyerville, Ditchfield and Dixville.

As Rural Dean I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the dedicated members of the Deanery of St. Francis who work tirelessly for the churches in this area. I would, once again, like to thank the Ven. Dean Ross and Gene for their devotion and hard work, and I welcome the Ven. Edward Simonton.

Ruth Sheeran
St. Francis Deanery

DEANERY OF QUEBEC

Since our last Diocesan Synod the Deanery of Quebec has met twice each year.

We have had some changes in terms of clergy. The Rev. J. Pollick left our Deanery for the Deanery of the Gaspé, the Ven. Bruce Myers, our area Archdeacon, is now Diocesan Communications Officer, with responsibility for the Diocesan Website and Editor of the Diocesan Gazette, he is also working part-time for the National Church on Ecumenical Affairs. We have been privileged to have two Deacons joins us: The Rev. Edwin Stretch, Chaplain at Trinity Church, Ste. Foy, and Hospital Chaplain, and the Rev. Sarah Priebe, curate at St. Michael's Sillery. We will have the joy of celebrating with them as they will be ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 4th.

The congregations of Maple Grove, Kinnears Mills, Inverness and Lower Ireland have rejoined the Quebec Deanery with the Ven. Garth Bulmer in charge of these congregations.

On the financial side we have supported various ministries: the French Ministry at Portneuf, the Bishop's Challenge, Maison du Marin, the ACW Biennial, the Layreaders Conference, a postulant for our Diocese, Jeffery Metcalfe, who will also be ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 4th, hospital chaplaincy, lay incumbents, Parish of Quebec for Sunday School, Cathedral Capital Campaign.

Christ Church, Valcartier made the decision to sell their rectory.

May our Lord continue to Bless the ministry in this Deanery.

It has been an honour and privilege to serve as the Rural Dean of Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Gibb
Rural Dean

DEANERY OF THE NORTH SHORE

It is my pleasure to submit this report on behalf of the Deanery of the North Shore to Synod. The Deanery has been putting its budget to use in supporting the mission and ministry of the diocese in our thirteen congregations spread across thousands of kilometres. The Deanery Council has met through conference call twice since our last Synod of October 2010.

In between Synods, we have welcomed The Venerable Michael Pitts as Archdeacon, replacing The Venerable Garth Bulmer. Michael has been visiting St. Clement's West from time to time providing ministry, support, and mission to that part of the deanery.

Our meetings always begin with updates and news from the congregations. It is pretty well the only occasion we have to share our strengths, accomplishments and our on-going needs and concerns. Each congregation is unique and by sharing this news, we become more in tune with each other.

We continue to finance a number of initiatives. The bulk of our budget goes to help with stipend, honoraria, fair share and community initiatives/partnerships. We are grateful to Synod, Church Society, and the Bishop for their financial support through the various grants we receive. In 2012, two congregations, All Saints' Sept-Iles and Christ Church Harrington Harbour, did not require any sort of financial assistance from the deanery. It was uplifting to hear their respective stories, finding an alternate way to finance ministry. The task of deciding where to allocate our funds to provide the necessary ministry and mission is challenging. With reduced congregational incomes, the focus must be on sustaining ministry and finding new and creative ways to provide it, while increasing mission.

One new program-type ministry that the deanery will be looking at is to consider funding the pastoral care program currently in place within the deanery of Quebec. Quite a few north shore/lower north shore residents use the services provided by the deanery when they are in the Quebec City areas for medical appointments.

I want to thank the deanery council members and Synod Office staff who have participated in our life and witness in helping the deanery meet its mandate. I end this report with the prayer for the Lower North Shore written by Bishop Dennis.

O God, blessed are you, that you create the beauty of wind-swept rocks and sparkling waters. Blessed are you, that over the years you called individuals to the Lower North Shore to settle people on that rugged coast. And blessed are you that you gave them open hearts and minds, a place for Our Lord Jesus Christ to make a home and call a people to Himself. We thank you for the little churches that house the great Faith of the people who love you. Watch over your people, guide them, and continue to lead them in new ways of experiencing your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Stephen Kohner
Rural Dean

DEANERY OF THE GASPÉ

It is my great privilege to report to the Diocese of Quebec on the life and health and work of our Deanery since Synod 2010.

With a nod to both the realities of winter and modern technology, our February meetings of 2011 and 2012 were conducted by video-conference. It has been a learning experience for all. As chair, I find it takes longer to get the work done this way: being present to those “on screen” as well as those in the room is challenging, but it makes meeting over distance possible and most find it preferable to a conference call. We would not easily give up our face-to-face times, though, and the fellowship of shared eucharist and meal.

Our Deanery continues to support the camping program at Fort Haldimand. A Management Board has been established and the camp is now run by a Program Committee and a Property Committee, both with reps from Deanery. We continue to benefit enormously from the dedication and experience of Caroline Mullin and Kerrilee Drohan, who support and guide the new directors from behind-the-scenes. The camps offered vary from year-to-year depending on the age profile of the children in the area: some years there is an overflowing preschool day camp; some years Teen Camp is the big attraction. Maintenance and repairs are handled efficiently through the commitment of Elizabeth Baird and her volunteer helpers. Major work has been done on the Staff House and Mess Hall in recent years. Fund-raising for the property is done independently of the Deanery and is augmented by rentals when the childrens’ camps are not in session. Camp Fort Haldimand is a Deanery treasure and we give thanks for its continuing success.

The Greater Parish of Gaspé has suffered severely from the lack of focused leadership, having been without an incumbent for more than a year, since the departure of Rev. Jason Pollick, in addition to the loss of one of our three faithful and long-suffering Lay Readers. Building maintenance and worship schedules have become our focus, rather than mission and ministry, and so we look forward eagerly to the arrival in October of Wendy Telfer, our new incumbent!

I am sad to report that the Ecumenical Chaplaincy has been dormant since my retirement in 2010. The need is still great, and although funds are available, the Foundation has not been active in finding a replacement clergy for the half-time position. 2011 saw the deconsecration of St. James, Cape Cove. St. Luke’s, Corner-of-the-Beach will be deconsecrated in 2013. St. Paul’s, Percé celebrated their 150th anniversary in August with a special eucharist and baptism - the first

baptism in 45 years! St. Paul's, Barachois West, hosted a 50th anniversary celebration for the last wedding held in that church. And so the faithful continue to gather when and where possible to share the message and love of Christ...

The Magdalen Islands have also been without resident clergy since the departure of the Revs. Woods in late December 2011. Again, the Lay Reader has provided regular opportunities for worship, and our Bishop and others have kindly visited to offer eucharist and pastoral care. Holy Trinity, Grosse Isle, put forward a great fund-raising effort to pay off their debts and Fair Share, and have a little in advance, and some of the funds raised were shared with the local seniors' home, providing tangible ministry in the community.

New Carlisle-New Richmond congregations have benefitted from the stable leadership of Ven. Randy Murray, and while lack of funds continues to plague St. Andrew's, New Carlisle, and St. Mary Magdalene's in New Richmond has dropped below the "magic number 10", Hopetown has experienced some growth and are feeling cautiously optimistic. Godly Play, as a Christian education program, has gone over well in New Carlisle, and a Womens' Spiritual Retreat group now meets monthly under lay leadership for meditation, discussion and fellowship.

Chaleur Bay continues their ministry under the dedicated and capable guidance of Deacon Pat Hayes. They worked very hard over the past year to raise the 30% required to give them access to a large government grant for major repairs to St. Paul's, Shigawake. The Sunday School is flourishing under the leadership of a creative young mom and its mission project has grown and been embraced by both congregations, where individuals also contribute from birthday celebrations and other activities to help build a dam for irrigating crops in a small African community.

I take this opportunity to thank all those dedicated folk who give so freely of their time and energy and love to build up and support the family of God in our communities.

The Rev. Frances Aird
Rural Dean

RAPPORT DU DOYENNE DU SAINT-LAURENT

Dans le Doyenné

Les deux dernières années ont été pleines de bénédictions. Ces deux années ont permis aux membres du clergé francophone de se rencontrer à quelques reprises, non seulement pour établir les budgets, mais aussi pour développer des programmes et échanger sur leurs préoccupations, l'avenir des communautés francophones, etc.

Parmi les faits saillants de ces deux années, il faut souligner :

- une équipe de lecteurs a été formée, deux acolytes ont été confirmés dans leur fonction.
- Yves Samson, qui était ministre laïque a depuis été ordonné diacre et prêtre et sert dans la région de Trois-Rivières et de Drummondville.
- Après 3 ans comme ministre laïque de Tous les Saints, M. Félix C. Gaudreau, a remis sa licence de ministre laïque. Il vit présentement dans la Région de la Gatineau. Nous le remercions pour sa fidélité et son engagement au cours de ces années dans la communauté.
- le révérend Michel Royer, assistant à la paroisse de Tous les Saints exerce aussi, deux fois par mois un ministère en français auprès d'un groupe de francophone de Portneuf.
- l'archidiacre Pierre Voyer, exerce également un ministère auprès de la congrégation de Thetford Mines, une fois par mois.
- Plusieurs journées de formation à l'intention du clergé et des laïques du Doyenné, sur les sujets suivants : soirée de cinéma : « Des hommes et des dieux », l'eucharistie, l'anglicanisme, la soirée du pardon, etc.
- Trois retraites annuelles, destinées au clergé francophone et à des laïques qui ont voulu se joindre aux membres du clergé, se sont tenues dans les deux dernières années. Ces trois retraites se sont tenues l'une à Saint-Benoît du Lac, une autre chez les trappistes à Saint-Jean-de-Matha, une autre chez les Petits frères de la Croix dans Charlevoix.

Dans les paroisses

St. Stephen de Grand-Mère.

En juillet 2012, l'église de Grand-Mère a été vendue et déconsacrée au cours d'un culte dirigé par l'archidiacre Pierre Voyer. Le service de déconsécration a sûrement été très difficile pour les quelques membres de la congrégation restants. Les quelques membres de la congrégation ne pouvait plus entretenir l'église. La dernière année 2011, aucun culte n'avait été demandé par la communauté. Bien sûr, Le révérend Yves Samson et l'archidiacre Pierre Voyer n'abandonnent pas

les derniers membres de la congrégation; ils ont offert aux paroissiens des cultes s'ils en faisaient la demande, non plus dans l'église, puisque celle-ci a été vendue, mais en d'autres lieux.

Pierre Voyer, archidiacre du Saint-Laurent.

Paroisse de St. James the Greater

Depuis deux ans, la révérende Joanne Brousseau a quitté la paroisse de St. James the Greater, qui comprenait Saint-Jacques de Leeds, Maple Grove, Inverness, Kinnear's Mills, Lower Ireland et Thetford Mines. A l'exception de Thetford Mines, toutes les autres églises font maintenant partie du Doyenné de Québec sous la responsabilité du Vénérable Bruce Myers. L'archidiacre Pierre Voyer et le l'archidiacre Garth Bulmer assurent les cultes à Thetford Mines, qui fait encore partie du Doyenné du Saint-Laurent.

Thetford Mines : St. John the Divine

La paroisse de Thetford Mines regroupe entre une vingtaine de personnes et les rencontres du dimanche une douzaine de personnes. Comme l'église a été vendue, les paroissiens ont présentement leur culte dans la chapelle du salon funéraire Gamache à Thetford Mines. A cet endroit les paroissiens retrouvent un peu de leur église, puisque l'autel, le lutrin, l'orgue, les lampes, les bancs ont suivi. La chapelle est belle et très pratique. Elle peut contenir environ 200 personnes.

En cours d'année j'y ai célébré deux funérailles et une première communion. Un couple a demandé à être reçu dans la communion anglicane. Les gens semblent apprécier ce que Garth et moi faisons pour eux. Quelques petites modifications ont été apportées : les services ont lieu à 14 heures pour permettre au clergé de continuer à offrir des cultes dans d'autres églises; depuis quelques mois nous avons un petit autel qui nous permet de célébrer l'eucharistie face au peuple, l'échange de la paix est devenu un moment important de la célébration, le culte et les chants sont bilingues, pour la communion la communauté forme un cercle autour de l'autel, un ministre laïque a repris du service, etc.

Paroisse de Tous les Saints (Vénérable Pierre Voyer, pasteur)

Au cours des deux dernières années la paroisse de Tous les Saints a accueilli 9 nouveaux membres. La présence au culte du dimanche s'est maintenue; la moyenne d'assistance au culte est de 23. Le culte du dimanche et le travail pastoral sont assurés par le pasteur Pierre, assisté du Révérend Michel Royer et des ministres laïques Évariste Ntakirutimana et Félix C. Gaudreau.

La paroisse est bien vivante : journées de formation pour les membres de la communauté, études bibliques, retraite annuelle, repas communautaires, petits déjeuners dominicaux, etc.

Chaque mois un bulletin d'information « Entre Nous » donnent les principales nouvelles sur la communauté, ses activités, son agenda. Depuis décembre 2011, nous avons un nouveau site Web, qui a été préparé par Félix C. Gaudreau. Malgré son départ pour Gatineau, il continuera à en assurer la mise à jour.

Depuis novembre 2011, une lettre d'information est envoyée aux paroissiens chaque semaine, le mercredi. Elle a pour titre : LA LETTRE DU MERCREDI. De cette manière les gens sont informés des activités, des textes du dimanche à venir, des anniversaires, des événements marquants de la communauté. Actuellement, 45 personnes sont abonnées à cette lettre. .

Depuis le dernier synode, 4 mariages ont été célébrés dans la paroisse de Tous les Saints, 2 enfants ont été baptisés.

Le pasteur Pierre a été élu pour un mandat de trois ans, membre du Comité « Partenaire en mission et Écojustice ». Le pasteur Pierre a été réélu vice-président du Réseau francophone de la Communion anglicane, lors de la Réunion tenue à Douala au Cameroun en septembre dernier.

Le pasteur Pierre a aussi participé au Synode général de notre Église, tenu à Halifax en 2010, de même qu'au Synode provincial tenu à Montréal, en septembre 2012.

Vénérable Pierre Voyer, pasteur de Tous les Saint
2012

Québec le 23 septembre

Paroisse de Tous les Saints

Au cours des deux dernières années, j'ai continué mon ministère comme prêtre-assistant à la paroisse de Tous les Saints, remplaçant le Pasteur Pierre Voyer lors des ses absences.

De plus, j'ai présidé aux réunions du Doyenné du St-Laurent à titre de doyen rural.

Depuis quelques années, j'ai pris charge de l'opération « SHOE BOX » à la paroisse et, au fil des ans, avec la collaboration des paroissiens, nous pouvons dire que ce fut un grand succès.

Rév. Michel Royer

St John the Evangelist Portneuf

Depuis maintenant un an et demi, je suis responsable du culte en français à Portneuf.

La première année, un seul culte se tenait le premier dimanche du mois et une moyenne d'une douzaine de personnes assistaient au culte.

M. Glen Marcotte ministre laïque m'assiste dans ce nouveau ministère.

Depuis mai 2012, deux cultes sont maintenant tenus à St John the Evangelist, soit le premier et le troisième dimanche du mois. Douze à quinze personnes sont présentes aux cultes. Un mariage fut célébré le 12 mai dernier.

Au cours de l'été, en collaboration avec la M.R.C de Portneuf, nous avons ouvert notre église aux visites guidées dans le cadre du programme « Les Voies Sacrées.»

L'église ouvrirait ses portes aux visiteurs les vendredis du mois de Juillet et Août de 10h00 à 17h00.

M. Glen Marcotte et moi-même avons agi comme guide lors de cet activité.

Rév. Michel Royer

Paroisse St James, Trois-Rivières

La dernière année a été marquée par la conclusion de l'entente avec la Ville de Trois-Rivières en ce qui a trait au transfert du titre propriété. L'entente intervenue en novembre 2011 marquait la fin d'un long processus de négociation. La Ville s'est engagée à entretenir et rénover le bâtiment d'église et le presbytère; en revanche, la communauté anglicane a gardé le droit d'utiliser l'espace de l'église à des fins de culte. Un protocole à cet effet engage les deux parties.

La moyenne d'assistance à la célébration dominicale s'est maintenue autour de la vingtaine. Le départ de notre organiste nous a forcé à réorganiser nos célébrations où nous avons pu explorer des nouvelles avenues pour les chants, autant en français qu'en anglais. En septembre 2012, une nouvelle organiste acceptait de nous accompagner : il s'agit de dame Suzanne Bellemare qui est aussi organiste chez nos voisines les Ursulines.

Nous continuons de célébrer l'eucharistie les 1^{er}, 3^e et 5^e dimanches du mois; les autres dimanches, 2^e et 4^e, nous prions autour de la Liturgie de la Parole. Nous maintenons nos déjeuners mensuels, le 3^e dimanche de chaque mois entre septembre et juin.

Une entente avec le Musée des Ursulines permet d'ouvrir les portes de l'église aux visiteurs sur une base plus régulière. Au cours de la saison estivale, on estime à plus de 100 le nombre de personnes accueillies quotidiennement par les guides. Avec la vente et la fermeture des églises de La Tuque et de Grand-Mère, St James devient le seul lieu de culte toujours actif témoignant de la présence anglicane. Au cours de cette année, nous avons participé à l'inauguration du ministère épiscopal du nouvel évêque catholique romain de Trois-Rivières. Mgr Luc Bouchard a été officiellement installé dans ses fonctions le 29 mars 2012. De plus, quelques paroissiens et moi-même avons participé à la fête organisée pour le départ à la retraite de Father Boudreau, curé de la paroisse catholique romaine anglophone St Patrick de Trois-Rivières.

L'ecclésiologie Franglican

L'année 2011 fut le point de départ d'une initiative hors les murs à Sherbrooke. Un groupe formé par Violet Conrad, Edouard Lebeau, Marie-Christine Chassot-de-Florencourt du rév. Yves Samson a lancé l'idée de se retrouver, les 2^e et 4^e mercredis du mois, pour partager le repas et échanger autour de la vie de foi. Ce groupe n'est pas exclusivement anglican : il est ouvert à toutes personnes désirant vivre une expérience de partage axée sur l'ouverture, l'accueil de la diversité, l'échange. Autour d'un texte de l'évangile, le groupe réfléchit sur des manières d'harmoniser vie de foi et vie humaine. Les réunions se tiennent à la maison culturelle de l'Île de Garde, située au 576 rue Prospect. Marie-Christine nous ouvre gratuitement les portes de sa maison! Après une pause au cours de l'été, le groupe a repris ses activités avec le retour de l'automne.

St George, Drummondville

Au printemps de 2012, répondant à une demande des paroissiens, notre évêque acceptait d'ouvrir un nouveau ministère à Drummondville. Depuis avril, les célébrations mensuelles du 4^e samedi sont maintenant bilingues. Après quelques mois d'expérience, il est trop tôt pour porter un jugement sur la répercussion de cette nouvelle initiative. Il restera à déterminer si la paroisse réintégrera le doyenné de St Francis ou si elle joindra le doyenné du St-Laurent.

St Mark, Acton Vale

Au cours de l'été, suite à une demande exprimée par la révérende Wanda Dillabough et après discussions avec les autorités diocésaines, l'évêque signait un acte épiscopal par lequel il nommait le révérend Yves Samson responsable de la paroisse et procédait au transfert de la paroisse dans le doyenné du St-Laurent. Cela s'est produit quelques jours avant la célébration annuelle de septembre. La célébration a toujours un caractère œcuménique puisqu'elle rassemble toute la communauté valoise sur l'emplacement de ce site historique.

Le Rév. Yves Samson

DIOCESAN MISSIONER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

At its meeting in the spring of 2011, the Diocesan Executive Council (DEC) gave its assent to the creation of a new role in the diocese, that of Missioner for Communications. A formal job description for the position has also been approved by the DEC, which is included below.

In some respects, this is simply the combination of some existing responsibilities under a new name. The bulk of my work as Missioner for Communications involves editing and producing *The Gazette*, our 118-year-old diocesan newspaper, which is published 10 times annually. I also manage and generate content for quebec.anglican.org, our diocesan website.

However, as the job description indicates, the Missioner for Communication's role extends beyond collecting and disseminating information to the wider diocesan family, whether in print or on the web. It also includes building up relationships with the secular media so that our churches' stories have the opportunity to be shared with an even wider audience. It also entails assisting the bishop and other diocesan staff on a variety of communications-related matters.

My first months in this new role were dedicated to building on the good work of my predecessor as diocesan editor and webmaster, James Sweeny. *The Gazette* underwent a substantial redesign with the help of Saskia Rowley, the *Anglican Journal's* award-winning art director. I have attempted to introduce some new features to the newspaper and to retain some of long standing, all the while attempting to respect *The Gazette's* sweeping canonical mandate to "serve as a means of encouragement, communication, and community building among the regions of the diocese, with special emphasis on regional activities and matters of concern for both laity and clergy. It shall provide an opportunity for the bishop to address the people of the diocese directly and seek to cover items from outside the diocese that bear on its corporate life [...], provide a channel for information and a forum for discussion [and] express a wide range of opinion within the diocese [...]."

The challenge in fulfilling this mandate to the satisfaction of a diverse readership was highlighted by the results of a recent readership survey conducted under the aegis of the *Anglican Journal*. Encouraging to hear was that a large number of the survey's respondents indicated that when *The Gazette* arrives in the mail, they "immediately read it cover to cover." Do they like what they read? The anonymous comments supplied by some of the survey's respondents are a reminder of the difficulty in being all things to all people:

- "Recently gone way down in quality."

- “Keep up the excellent work.”
- “Our paper used to be very good. It’s become a big disappointment.”
- “Interesting and easy to read.”
- “I used to keep my *Gazette*. I don’t do that anymore.”
- “The *Diocesan Gazette* is always of interest and is the most unifying feature we have in our large diocese as it comes regularly and dependably.”
- “It’s boring!”
- “The paper is first class.”
- “Bury it!”

The diocesan website also underwent a complete redesign in 2011, with the assistance of a talented Montreal-based graphic designer named Scott Brooks. As with all websites, quebec.anglican.org is an ongoing work in progress. The objective of the redesign was to make the diocesan website inviting, user friendly, and accessible both for newcomers seeking information about our diocese and for those of us who already actively engaged in the life and work of our church. The website is complemented by an updated diocesan Facebook page and a new diocesan Twitter account (@QuebecDiocese).

Another outward and visible change related to communications has been the gradual introduction of a new diocesan logo, also created by Scott Brooks. The distinctive blue and white circular design uses as its motif the Quebec flag—with the cross of Christ at its centre—and is now the day-to-day public symbol of the Anglican Diocese of Quebec. The diocese’s historic coat of arms continues to be used for more formal documents, such as those occasionally issued by the bishop, and on the diocesan seal.

Un défi constant de communication dans notre diocèse c’est comment générer ou traduire le contenu en français. Plusieurs membres francophones de notre diocèse ont beaucoup aidé pour combler ce besoin. En outre, un accord de partage de contenu a été négocié avec *Aujourd’hui Crédo*, la publication de langue française de l’Église Unie du Canada.

People who fill the role in which I currently serve the diocese are often called “communications officers.” The language of “missioner” was chosen instead as a reminder that all of the church’s work—even internal and external communications—is to be understood in terms of carrying out God’s mission. “To proclaim the Good News” is the first of the Anglican Communion’s Marks of Mission. Scripture is replete with examples of messengers bringing news to God’s people. Sometimes the news is good. At other times it is news the people would rather not hear. At all times it is the truth. “And the truth,” says our Lord,

“will set you free” (John 8:32).

As the latest in a long line of the church’s messengers, I seek to bring news, even when it’s news we may not want to hear, so that when confronted by the truth in all its joy and challenge, “we may become co-workers with the truth” (3 John 1:8).

Archdeacon Bruce Myers
Missioner for Communications

Job Description for Diocesan Missioner for Communications

A part-time appointment, the Diocesan Missioner for Communications shall:

- function as editor of the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette*, in accordance with Canon 22 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Quebec;
- function as webmaster of the diocesan website, including maintenance of the diocese’s official social media outlets (i.e. Facebook and Twitter);
- regularly generate, solicit, and edit content for both the diocesan newspaper and website;
- maintain relations with secular and ecclesiastical media outlets within and beyond the diocese, producing (when appropriate and in consultation with the bishop and other diocesan staff) media advisories, communiqués, interviews, and/or news conferences highlighting diocesan mission, ministry, initiatives, and events.
- monitor secular and ecclesiastical media and social media for articles or postings which may touch on the mission and ministry of the diocese and, when appropriate, assist the bishop and other diocesan staff in crafting a response;
- when necessary, assist the bishop and other diocesan staff in organizing a crisis communication strategy;
- in his/her capacity as editor of the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* and diocesan webmaster, report to the *Gazette* Board, as per Canon 22. In his/her other capacities as described above, he/she shall report directly to the bishop.

Approved by Diocesan Executive Council, April 2012

QUEBEC DIOCESAN LAYREADERS

Again this year, funds have been made available through the foresight and generosity of the Diocesan Executive Council (DEC) enabling us to hold the annual layreader Conference on Saturday, October 6, 2012. For many, Lennoxville in the Eastern Townships seems to be the most convenient place to hold this type of function and the facilities at St. George Church are simply ideal for this purpose.

We were fortunate indeed this year to have the Venerable Edward Simonton OGS accept our invitation to be our guest presenter. Father Edward is widely known to be a scholar and a gifted teacher. The theme of the day was Liturgy and the Archdeacon's thoughts and insights on this subject materially assisted layreaders when leading services to do "all things decently and in order" as St. Paul pronounced as the ideal (1 Co. 14.40)

Layreaders, along with others, also had the opportunity to attend the educational event organized by The Venerable Bruce Myers which was held at La Maison Renouve? in Charlesbourg on May 13-16, 2012. Three speakers from the Montreal Diocesan College led us in discussions about Gospel, Liturgy and the emerging role of the diaconate in today's church. The Reverend Canon Dr. John Simons, principal of 'Dio' headed this team of distinguished speakers. A full report of this conference appears on p. 7 of the September edition of the Anglican Diocesan Gazette.

At the clergy conference held last November 2011, the warden of layreaders was grateful to have the opportunity to present to the assembled clergy of the diocese a document entitled "Some Guidelines in the Training of Layreaders". In our diocese, the training of layreaders is largely the task and responsibility of our parish priests. The aim of the "guidelines", which are set out on one page, was to give parish priests some minimum standards to be called upon in training of layreaders before applying for licensing by the Lord Bishop.

From time to time also, the warden makes an attempt to stay in touch with layreaders by means of a series of newsletters. These missives are designed to encourage and support them in their important service to the many churches and congregations in our widely scattered diocese.

For the past several years initiatives have been undertaken to establish closer relations with our brother and sister layreaders in the Diocese of Montreal. An unofficial liaison has been set in place this year by the appointment of layreader Glen Marcotte who serves the parishes of Portneuf and Bourg-Louis. Glen

functions as a social worker in Montreal, but spends his weekends in Portneuf where he has a house. This ongoing contact between our two groups should bring us closer together in order to cooperate for the mutual benefit of our two worshipping communities.

A special vote of thanks must go to Canon Stephen Kohner who every week send out electronically to layreaders a two-page document specifying the readings for each Sunday along with helpful information about intercessions and special prayers. Thank you Stephen for your ministry and for all you do.

In conclusion, it has been a privilege and a joy to serve as Warden of Layreader for these many years. I have attempted to carry out my duties in accordance with the fine tradition established by my predecessors known to me, namely, Mr. H. Simons of Lennoxville, Professor Alan Jones of Bishop's University and The Venerable Heather Thomson of the Eastern Townships.

Respectfully submitted,

Canon Graham Jackson
Warden of Layreaders

DIOCESAN HISTORIAN

Since my most recent report to Synod, filed in September 2010, there has been considerable noteworthy activity in my three-fold areas of responsibility: to receive and respond to enquiries relating to the history of the Diocese, to assist in the preservation of relevant historical resources, and to foster a knowledge within the Diocese of its rich historical past.

During the past two years I have continued to field a variety of enquiries on historical matters, usually sent by e-mail (directly, or through Synod Office, from the Archivist, members of the clergy, &c.). I have received others by telephone or in person. The majority have come from within the Diocese, some from other provinces, several from various parts of the United States.

The bulk of the questions have concerned Diocesan clergy of the past: H.C. Burt, H.H. Corey, William Gore Lyster, John S. Torrance, and James C. Ward, as well as Bishops Jacob and George Jehoshaphat Mountain. Enquirers included several amateur genealogists and family members, a historical novelist, a professor of history, our own Bishop, the Executive Archdeacon, and the Archdeacon of Quebec. I have been called upon to explain Diocesan boundaries, to particularize episcopal residences, to track down an Anglican church in Lévis represented in a 19th-century engraving, and to decipher a dedicatory scriptural reference penned by Bishop Carrington on the flyleaf of a Prayer Book. I have exchanged information with a local Irish historian on the involvement of the Rev. William King in the infamous St Sylvester murder trials. Some enquiries required considerable thought and time, but most were fairly straightforward. All were interesting and a pleasure to deal with.

In the matter of preservation of historical materials: through contact with the Archivist I was able to arrange for the deposit in the Archives of the Rev. Edmund Willoughby Sewell's personal copy of Callcott's hymnal with music, a 19th-century publication of some value, which had been otherwise sitting around in a pew rack. I was also instrumental in the deposit of a variety of rare Sunday School and church memorabilia from the estate of Elsie Winifred Jewell, of Trinity Church, Ste-Foy. Needless to say, whenever opportunity arises, I urge that relevant church papers and documents be offered to the Archivist for evaluation and, if appropriate, for preservation.

During the past year, I had considerable telephone contact with an American gentleman who was anxious to have corrected an error on the plaque marking the former church in Cranbourne. I was able to facilitate his accomplishment of this wish, achieved entirely at his own expense, by acting as liaison between him, the Registrar and the Bishop, to the satisfaction, I believe, of all parties

concerned.

Regarding the fostering of historical awareness within our Diocese: throughout 2010 and the bulk of 2011, I prepared my monthly “Nuggets from the Past” column which appeared in the *Diocesan Gazette*, and would have continued to do so had there been no change in the editorial policy of the paper. At the time of editorial transfer (June 2011), I was coping with terminal cancer in my immediate family, but could have carried on. When I was notified of the new editorial strictures, however, I had neither the strength nor the inclination either to do immediate battle over the worthiness of the “Nuggets” to survive in the form in which I had been producing them, or totally to revamp my method of preparing and presenting them. So I gave up, and “Nuggets” ceased. Yet I still had hopes that this role would be filled by some- one else. After the new first issue, I watched hopefully for a historical column, deemed more suitable, to appear. A year has passed. None has done so. As I firmly believe that any institution which does not seek actively to preserve an awareness of its roots, and to celebrate the story of its evolution will inevitably lose its sense of identity, I urge the present editor to rectify this omission in some way that conforms to his vision of the new *Gazette*, and to restore to the paper some regular historical feature. Loss of identity leads to loss of direction. Who would risk such a prospect in these challenging times?

Respectfully submitted,

MEB Reisner

Diocesan Historian

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Women have played a vital role in the history of our church and continue to faithfully serve throughout our diocese. Our ACWS's are facing the same challenges as our churches; as we live in a changed society that we have been unable to adapt to.

In June we held a successful Biennial in Quebec City with the theme '**Living our Mission**'. We heard how the various branches were doing mission in their respective areas of the diocese such as remembering shut-ins and the sick, preparing shoeboxes for Mission to Seamen, supporting local causes and their churches. Since our last Synod the Diocesan ACW Executive have been distributing funds sent to us by ACW branches throughout the diocese. We sent financial support to the Noella Project, Heather Thompson (for her refugee project), Elyme des Sable (a palliative care house in Sept-Isles), Accueil Blanche-Goulet (a shelter and food bank in the Gaspé), Le Far in Three Rivers and Libra House in Goose Bay (women's shelters), Hugh Fraser Recovery Program, Council of the North Suicide Prevention Project, Mission to Seamen, PWRDF, Petra (Christian schools in Africa), Kiva Microfunds (an organization that loans money to women in third world countries to start small businesses), the Bishop's challenge, Bishopthorpe (to furnish the ACW room), support for Jeffrey Metcalfe, Allison Blair and the Women's Union of Diocese of Bujumbura.

Our Education fund distributed 14 bursaries to students from the remote areas of our diocese such as the Lower North Shore, the Gaspé and the Magdalen Islands. Our worship representative has prepared bible studies that are used at ACW meetings and published in our Diocesan Gazette.

As you have heard the Anglican Church Women of this diocese are '**Living their Mission**'. I appreciate and give thanks for the dedication and support of our Diocesan ACW executive and members. I would like to thank our Bishop, Dennis Drainville, our honorary president, Cynthia Patterson and our chaplain, the Reverend Wanda Dillabough for their continuing support.

As I was meditating on what to share with the ACW members at our last biennial, I kept hearing the words: **SEE HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER**. I believe this our hope for the future and it is what '**Living our Mission**' is all about. If we can focus on loving one another at our meetings, in our church, in our homes and in our communities; God will do great things. I would like to end this report by sharing a prayer that I used at our Biennial in June that I believe covers everything we will need to have a successful Synod. Lord Jesus, You give us every gift to help us grow in your love, with confidence we beg you for the graces that will help us be a real witness to the word.

1. Our Journey, Lord, is unfinished and our stamina sometimes waves
and so we ask you for the rainbow colors of your love.
2. For the gift of faithfulness
to live the Gospel as You preached it plainly and simply.
3. For the gift of sensitivity
to empty ourselves and serve the needs of others and gently wash their
feet.
4. For the gift of honesty
to see things as they really are, to see especially the things we do not want
to see.
5. For the gift of patience
to wait for the fullness of your kindness coming to birth in ourselves and
others.
6. For the gift of kindness
to extend the care and concern to others that you constantly extend to us.
7. For the gift of unselfishness
to let go of things that do not matter and work for the healing of injustice.
8. For the gift of dedication
to stand sure and convinces of the need to stay with what cries out to be
served.
9. For the gift of enthusiasm
to begin each day again with promises as real as rainbows.
10. For the gift of generosity
to recognize our gifts and claim them as ours to give away.
11. For the gift of a joyful heart
to celebrate the holiness of the ground we stand on and the sacredness of
every creature.
12. For the gift of prayerfulness
that depends on Your Power and raises hands high in prayer.
13. For the gift of gentleness
to stand in deep respect of the uniqueness of every person.
14. For the gift of encouragement
to never be afraid of others' gifts and affirm them with a word of praise.
15. For the gift of hospitality
to welcome each stranger as a heart we have yet to meet.

Kind and generous God give to our communities the full spectrum of colors in
Your rainbow gift. Let each person shine by the brightness of Your Son and the
promise of Your Spirit. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Mastine
Diocesan ACW President

Archdeacon Missioner

The Ministry of the Archdeacon Missioner has been provided focus by the clarifications provided by Bishop Dennis. The specific work of raising the profile of Stewardship in the Diocese has been added to the work of supporting and encouraging our Partnership relationships with the Diocese of Bujumbura, Burundi and the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Scotland.

This summer, the Parish of North Hatley had a special event on Stewardship at the North Hatley Golf Course. The parishes of the Deanery of St. Francis were invited to attend. The speaker was the retired Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, the Very Reverend John Wright. Travelling from his home in Bridgewater, our speaker was able to share the Canada-wide perspective that he gained while serving with the Anglican Foundation. His address was “Jesus and Money” and his insightful and, at times, pointed remarks were quite stimulating. It was a pleasant way to begin to face a topic that we too often bypass. We prefer to have four fund-raisers rather than one solid stewardship campaign!

It is hoped that similar events may be organized in different Deaneries in the coming year. I await the invitation of the other Archdeacons or Rural Deans.

The partnership mission of the Diocese was the focus of my late summer and early fall. As the Treasurer of the Réseau francophone dans la Communion Anglican, I attended the meeting in Douala, Cameroon in West Africa. Representatives of the Congo, Burundi, Seychelles, Madagascar, Europe, the United States and Canada attended. The motions reinforced our desire to work together despite our differing opinions in various practical applications of biblical theology. I was able to give and receive greetings to the Diocese of Bujumbura through the representative of Burundi, the Rev. Pascal Paisible.

A tremendous vote of thanks to the weekly prayer intercession guide produced by Stephen Kohner. It assists us in keeping our partners before us and in the center of our prayer.

The Diocesan Gazette has a copy of the powerful prayer that the Rt. Rev. Henri Isengoma, Primate of the Congo, prepared as part of his powerful report on the trouble of the Grand Lacs region.

Respectfully submitted,
The Venerable David Oliver

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SYNOD AGENDA

**THEME: “LORD WHEN WAS IT THAT WE SAW YOU...A STRANGER
AND TOOK YOU HOME?” MATTHEW 25: 37-38**

Friday, November 2, 2012

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| 2:00 p.m. | Bishop's Meeting with first time delegates
Synod Registration |
| 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Opening Eucharist: 83rd Ordinary Synod
The Bishop's Charge |
| 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. | Small group discussion of the Bishop's Charge |
| 5:00 | Supper |
| 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | First Session of the 83rd Ordinary Synod <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call to Order• Names of all Clerics entitled to seats• Names of Lay Delegates duly appointed with roll• Defective Certificates• Report on congregations in Good Standing and those in arrears• Verification of Quorum• First Report of the Nominating Committee• Privileges of the House: Executive Director• Privileges of the House: Invited Guests• Privileges of the House: Other• Appointment/Announcement of Synod Committees:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agenda CommitteeResolutions CommitteeCommittee on the Bishop's ChargeCommittee on the Certificates of EligibilityScrutineersPress CommitteeVote of Thanks Committee• Deadlines: Nominations and Notices of Motions• Remembrance of those members of Synod who have passed away since the last meeting of Synod• Adoption of the Agenda• Reading, Corrections, and Adoption of the Minutes of the 82nd (Ordinary) Synod• Notices of Motions: Canonical Amendments and Others• Presentation of Reports• Companion Diocese Partner: Mrs. Clavera Ntukamazina |

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Constitution and Canons Introductory Session
8:00 – 8:30 p.m. INSPIRE ME!

Saturday, November 3

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Office / Bible Study

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **Second Session of Synod**

- Synod Budget Presentation and Questions
- Motions
- Distribution of ballots for elections (Board of Triers; Delegates to General Synod: DEC: etc.)
- Greetings from our guests:
 - The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston – Diocese of Moosonee
 - The Venerable Michael Johnson – Diocese of Montreal

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – Noon **Keynote Speaker:** Mary-Jo Leddy

Noon - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

. **Elections** (12:30 – 2:00 p.m)

- Board of Triers; Delegates to General Synod; DEC; etc.

1:15 - 3:00 p.m. **Third Session of Synod**

- Canonical Amendments
- Vote on Budget
- Motions

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30–5:00 p.m. Report from Nominating Committee

Keynote Speaker: Mary-Jo Leddy

5:00 p.m. Supper

7:00 p.m. **Fifth Session of Synod**

- Canonical amendments
- Motions

8:00p.m. Night Prayers

8:30p.m. Meeting of the D.E.C.

Sunday, November 4

7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

Check out & travel to the Cathedral

11:00 a.m. Closing Service at The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

- Ordinations

- Schedule of Enactments
- Proroguing of Synod

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