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## Fourth Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### Minutes

#### DAY 1 Thursday November 3th 2011

#### 1. **Opening Eucharist & Moderator's Charge at Church of our Lord** (Charge available on the ANiC website)

#### 2. **Preliminary's and greetings**

The Moderator, Bishop Donald F Harvey, assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order. He asked the Registrar, Rev. Tom Carman to report on the registrations for the meeting.

The Registrar reported that out of the potential 6 members of the House of Bishops, we have 5 registered. The House of Clergy, out of the 85 we have 60 registered. From the House of Laity out of 100 and we have 79 registered. Thus a quorum is present in each House of the Synod and the Synod overall. The Moderator declared that the meeting of the Synod was duly constituted in accordance with the Constitution of the Anglican Network in Canada Church.

The Moderator announced that Rev. Ann Crossland has been appointed Clerical Secretary of the Synod and David Rand as the Lay Secretary of the Synod. In accordance with our Rules of Order we are giving the right to speak and the privileges of the House to any visiting Bishops who are present including the Primate. Every member of this House retired or otherwise, at this stage, has the right to speak and vote. The Moderator declared that the meeting of the Synod was duly constituted in accordance with the Constitution of the Anglican Network in Canada Church.

#### 3. **Laity Program**

Several key presentations were provided as part of the laity program, including;

- "Principles and Practice of Biblical Stewardship" Presented by **Bishop John Guernsey**
- "Plateaued and Perplexed: getting our churches growing!" presented by Canon Phil Ashey
- "Parables in the Pub" presented by The Rev Dr. Michael & Elaine Pountney.
- "Bible-in-a-Day" presented by Rev Sean Love



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- “Apologetics” presented by Dr. Paul Chamberlain,

Recording of this presentation is available to download on the ANiC website.

## 4. Overview of Synod Business

Bishop Don introduces Rev George Sinclair (chair of the Canons committee) who provided an overview of the scheduled session on proposed amendments to canons and constitution which will be dealt with on Thursday.

## 5. Archdeacon Ron welcomes all to Victoria

Archdeacon Ron thanked the Church of our Lord for allowing Synod to use their church and introduces Bishop Dorington and Rev Ron Ellis. He expressed appreciation for their invitation to be here and offered prayers for the Holy Spirit to be present during the meeting.

.....*12:30 Break for Lunch*.....

## 6. Welcome to New parishes

The Moderator requested that reports from the first group of parishes and congregations be made. Bishop Charlie invited the following churches to come up to the front to introduce them and provide an overview of their Church. Prayer was then offered for each of the parishes.

St. James Lennoxville, QC  
Living Hope, Scarborough, ON  
Celebration, Barrie ON  
The Way, Wasaga beach, ON  
Christ the King, Quispamsis, NB  
Ressurrection, Halifax, NS

Bishop Trevor invited the following churches to come up to the front to introduce them and provide an overview of their Church. Prayer was then offered for each of the parishes.

Christ Church of the Valley, Mill Bay, BC  
Grace, Calgary, AB



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ANiC Project, Kelowna, BC

.....*3:00pm Refreshment break*.....

## 7. Anglican 1000

Rev Ray David Glenn introduced Rev David Roseberry and Bishop Julian Dobbs who spoke on Church planting in ACNA and Canada.

Rev Ray David Glenn encouraged everyone to use the tools available to find out more about planting churches. He also reviewed the policy booklet available through ANiC.

Bishop Ron Ferris extended appreciation for Canon David Roseberry and Bishop Julian Dobbs for being with us.

Canon David Roseberry closed in prayer.

.....*Business 4:00pm starting in prayer*.....

## 8. Financial Reports - Claus K. Lenk, Treasurer

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| # 1   |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Rev Guy Bellerby<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Claus Lenk |
| <b>Motion:</b> To adopt the Kerr and King's rules of order.         |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |

Claus Lenk gave a presentation on the financial reports.

Summary of the financial statement: (copies of financial statements are available from the ANiC office).

It was noted that an audit examines about 95% of the transactions while a review engagement examines about 65%. Reason for a review engagement is because within the fiscal year ending 2011 we still have a number of parishes on our books that utilize sub accounts. As a result it is almost impossible to do a physical examination of those books.

It was also noted that ANiC only administers the legal fund however it still needs to be reported within our financial statement. ANiC does not litigate and will only disperse these moneys as available, on the



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direction of the legal committee so at no time are the general funds of ANiC used for any litigation. Claus went on to review the financial Statement July 1st 2010- June 30th 2011. The deficit, at present is \$83,228.

The Profit and loss statements were reviewed. Individual donations total \$ 202, 769.

Church Tithes total \$666, 314. Clause pointed out that we have spent more than we took in which means the fund balance is \$83,228

The motion was called and carried

**# 2**

**Moved by:** Claus Lenk

**Seconded by:** Rev Ray David Glenn

**Motion:** That the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 from the chartered accounts be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

2011-2012 Annual budget.

The ANiC Board approved this budget on Sept 19th of 2011. Highlights include;

- The increase in parish contributions is due to the fact that additional parishes have joined by the end of 2011; also a better pattern of tithing has been coming from the parishes.
- Time to build – \$70,000 has been generated in 4 months already.
- As of Oct 1st – salaries across the board for Bishops and administration were cut by 5%. All participants were gracious to accept this.
- Our communication Director's salary and time has been reduced by 50%
- Our Executive director salary and time has been reduced to 75%
- Last year there were no salaries increased. This reduction is based on salaries at the end of the fiscal 2010.
- Good news in the budget, we are projecting a positive balance of \$5,000.
- Revenues for the first 3 months are up 6% from last year. The total expense budget is 5% less than anticipated. However this still means we are in a deficit of \$96,829.
- Time to Build – Overview, \$250,000 is expected over 3 years and at the moment we have received \$70,000.

The Moderator invited questions and comments . . .

There was a discussion around the impact of reductions to the salaries, and travel accounts.



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It was pointed out that ANiC churches have been encouraged to tithe as a minimum principal, and as ANiC staff have given up at least 5% from their salary the leadership in the churches needs to be aware of that and honour them by stepping up and giving as much as they can by tithing to ANiC.

There was concern around supporting the budget with the salary cuts. “It is not to be the burden of a few to bear a budget shortfall. It should be all of our responsibility and should not be borne by our bishops and staff.” The point was made that “We don’t have a spending problem, we have a giving problem”

It was noted by Claus Lenk that parish tithe should be the main source for all ANiC money. He went on to encourage people to accept the budget as presented.

Bishop Trevor Walters Spoke in favour of the budget and would like to remind everyone of where we have come from. We do not want to operate by putting pressure on the parishes to meet the budget. No longer are the head office and the diocese structured like that. ANiC is designed to support the work of the parishes.

Claus Lenk also commented that the office staff are highly over worked and there are staff that do not get paid, including our moderator.

The motion was called and carried

### **The vote to approve the budget was called.**

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| <b># 3</b>   |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Claus Lenk<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Brian Kirby |
| <b>Motion:</b> That the budget be adopted as presented.        |
| <b>CARRIED (unanimous)</b>                                     |

### **Proposed ANiC Sojourner Fellowship**

Claus presented a proposal for a church plant in Cyberspace. (Presentation is available at the ANiC office) This would be self-funding program, and has received \$6000 for the start up cost. The final program will be presented at our next Synod.



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## Auditor

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| <b># 4</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Claus Lenk<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Venerable Paul Crossland   |
| <b>Motion:</b> That the firm of Wormald & CO be appointed as auditors of Anglican Network in Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |

.....*Close of meeting 5:15pm*.....

## **DAY 2 Friday November 4th 2011**

### **9. Multicultural & Asian Ministry**

Bishop Stephen Leung presented on the activities and vision of the Asian and Multi Culture Ministry.

### **10. ARDFC**

Claus Lenk presented on activities and plans of ARDFC.

.....*10AM Refreshment Break*.....

### **11. Second Business Session: Cannons and Proposed Amendments**

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| <b># 5</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> David Rand<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Rev George Sinclair  |
| <b>Motion:</b> To give Jonathan Riley permission to speak, as he is not a voting member of Synod but a member of the Canon's committee. |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |

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| <b># 6</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> David Rand<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Claus Lenk |
| <b>Motion:</b> Minutes from 2010 Synod to be adopted.         |
| <b>CARRIED</b>  |



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Bishop Don Harvey invited Rev George Sinclair to present on behalf of the Canons committee. Rev George Sinclair pointed out that time did not allow a full review of Section 3 of the Canons during the past year. However this section will be a major focus of attention for next year's committee.

Rev George Sinclair introduced the committee including, Mike Donison, Venerable Darrell Critch and John Macdonald.

**# 7**

**Moved by:** Rev George Sinclair

**Seconded by:** Venerable Darrell Critch

**Motion:** That the proposed amendments to the Canon and Constitution committee described as “**Substantive**” be adopted in their entirety without debate, except for the following articles which have been brought to the attention of the canons committee in advance of this meeting.

- Section 1 Article 1 “ANiC Clergy” (formally clergy members)
- Section 1 Article 3.6 Number of votes per ANiC parish

**CARRIED**

There was expressed appreciation to Bob De jean, Tom Carman, Stew Parram and Elaine Pountney for their suggested improvements (grammatical) to the documents. These suggestions will be taken into account with the final review.

Rev George Sinclair invited discussion on Section 1 Article 1 “ANiC Clergy”

**Notice of motion for the next Synod:** “That the constitution and Section 1, Article 1 of the proposed Canons and By laws be amended to include in the definition of ANiC clergy the following words, “any Deacon licences to parish ministry (other than a general permission to officiate) by the moderator.” ”

- Rev Tom Carman spoke on the first motion regarding the Deacons voting authority. Article 1, “Clergy” “There is a notable gap in the definition of the ANiC clergy in the Canons and bylaws in its omission of Deacons. This omission, which means that the Deacons would not be counted in the house of clergy and not able to vote at Synod. I believe that this is a serious omission and one we need to correct. “
- Rational – Jonathan Riley pointed out that making this change may impact several sections of the document and should be reviewed for consistency.
- Rev George Sinclair commented that more clergy having a vote than lay may be an issue.
- Bishop Don Harvey stated that because of the timing this would be more of a notice of motion, and would be guaranteed to be on the agenda at the next Synod.

### **Section 1 Article 3.6**



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There was a discussion around the need to clarify the voting system. If delegates are unable to attend Synod does that church still have the same number of votes and can others vote for them? Jonathan Riley noted that as some parishes do have difficulty sending their clergy and lay to Synod, this question will be clarified.

Bishop Charlie Masters expressed concern about this provision. Due to financial realities, some churches may not be present to vote and his desire would be for all delegates to be represented in these important votes.

There was a discussion around the process of how one would give over their vote if they could not be present at Synod and that this would need to be decided by the council on how this would happen.

Rev Archie Pell suggested what's being overlooked is the tradition of electing alternate delegates. Financial reason should be the only rational as to why a church is not represented at Synod by all their delegates. Parishes should at the time of their AGM be aware of the date of Synod, allowing adequate time for planning to attend.

**#8**

**Moved by:** Rev Tom Carman

**Seconded by:** Bishop Charlie Masters

Motion: That Section 1 Article 3.6 be removed

**Defeated**

It was stated that ANiC is a national body and we need flexibility to deal with emergency business as it arises.

The motion was called and defeated.

**# 9**

**Moved by:** Rev Tom Carman

**Seconded by:** David Rand

Motion: That only the provisions Section 1 Article 3.6 sub A and Sub B be deleted.

Carried

Bishop Don Harvey asks for a vote.

Those in favour – 65

Those against – 46

The Motion has been carried.





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## Housekeeping

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| <b># 10</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Rev George Sinclair<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Venerable Darrell Critch   |
| <b>Motion:</b> That the proposed amendments from the Canon and Constitution committee described as “ <b>Housekeeping</b> ” be adopted in their entirety without debate, except for article; Section 1 Article 4.1 d (v) Which will be debated separately and voted upon. |
| <b>Carried</b>   |

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| <b># 11</b>   |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Michael Moors<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Geoffrey Thorburn   |
| <b>Motion:</b> Group D Members shall consist of all corporate parishes of ANiC (represented for voting purposes at Synod by the appropriate number of lay and youth delegates to Synod (see Section 1 Article 1.3.2 and 1.3.3) as shown on the official list of parishes and congregations of ANiC as maintained by the Registrar of ANiC |
| <b>Carried</b>  |

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| <b># 12</b>   |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Venerable Darrell Critch<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Venerable Paul Crossland |
| <b>Motion:</b> Delete Section 1 Article 4.1d (v) (formally Article 4 .1 c (v))            |
| <b>Defeated</b>   |

Bishop Don Harvey stated that at last years Synod the chancellor ruled that non-Canadians could not hold a position on the ANiC Council. Additional information has now come forward indicating that non-Canadians may serve on Canadian boards. Therefore subject to further investigation regarding our charitable status this could be changed.

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| <b># 13</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Rev George Sinclair<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Rev Sharon Hayton  |
| <b>Motion:</b> To Move that the motion to delete Section 1 Article 4.1 d (v) be referred to the Board (formally 4.1 c (v)) |
| <b>Carried</b>   |



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It was pointed out that Merely changing these two motions is not complete enough, as there may be repercussion in other areas.

Motion Called and Carried

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| <b># 14</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Venerable Darrell Critch<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Venerable Paul Crossland  |
| <b>Motion:</b> Amend Section 1 Article 5.2 (a) Every Parish Member shall be established as a not-for-profit corporation or society in accordance with the laws of the country, province, territory, or state where the Parish Member is situated. Each Parish Member shall be responsible for its own finances |
| Defeated   |

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| <b># 15</b>   |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Rev George Sinclair<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Rev Ray David Glenn     |
| <b>Motion:</b> To refer the motion to amend Section 1 Article 5. 2 (a) to the board |
| Carried   |

Bishop Don Harvey requested that the issue with the American status be put on the first meeting of council

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| <b>#16</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Geoffrey Thorburn<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Michael Moors   |
| Motion: It shall be the duty of every lay member of ANiC:<br>a) "To worship one God in Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, every Lord's Day in a church unless reasonably prevented;" ( Section 1 Article 8.2 (a) ) |
| <b>Carried</b>  |

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| <b># 17</b>  |
| <b>Moved by:</b> Rodney May<br><b>Seconded by:</b> Geoffrey Thornburn  |
| Motion: "Ordain the person a Presbyter conditionally (if previously ordained a Presbyter), provided that person has also been previously baptized in a Christian Church using the Apostolic formularies (of water. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and has also been previously either confirmed or received in ANiC" ( Section 1 Article 9 10 (c) ) |
| <b>Defeated</b>  |



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**# 18**

**Moved by:** Venerable Darrell Critch  
**Seconded by:** Venerable Desiree Steadman

Motion: Re: Section 1 Article 9 18 Of the Appointment of Rectors:

That appointment to ministry within ANiC shall proceed in a prayerful manner recognizing the mutual interests of the local parish and the Anglican Network in Canada.

In the case of a vacancy the Moderator is notified that the position is vacant or is about to become vacant after which the parish council shall create a selection committee.

This committee shall be composed of: The people’s Warden and the Rector’s Warden; Two other lay persons chosen by the church council; and One representative nominated by the Bishop from outside of the parish. The Bishop with Jurisdiction shall be responsible for the recruitment process.

Upon completion of the search process of the Bishop with jurisdiction (or his appointee) shall present to the selection committee a minimum of three candidates (where at least three have made application) for selection and induction to the parish if the selection committee desire a candidate not on the list of candidates provided by the Bishop with jurisdiction they shall have a right to appeal to the Bishop with jurisdiction or his appointee. The candidacy of such a cleric shall be at the discretion of the Bishop with jurisdiction.

If the selection committee is unwilling after the appeal, to accept any of the offered candidates, the process begins anew with the Moderator giving notice of the vacancy. Should the selection committee fail to accept one of the offered candidates for a second time, the Moderator shall make the final selection.

Once the selection committee approves one of the candidates proposed by the Moderator, their selection must be ratified by the church council. If ratified by the church council, the person will be appointed and licences by the Moderator. No cleric may serve a parish without a licence. Given the importance of such discernment, where possible the ratification should be by consensus.

**Defeated**

There was a general discussion regarding the current role of the bishop in the appointment of rectors. It was pointed out that currently the Bishop appoints one person to the selection committee and therefor the Bishop clearly has influence over the process. It was also pointed out that no parish can start a search committee without the Bishops involvement and that no rector can be appointed to a parish without the authority and approval of the Bishop.

There was a request to hold this vote by House. The result was as follows:

- **Clergy:** Defeated
- **Lay:** Defeated
- **Bishops:** Passed

Motion called and defeated.

.....*12:30 Break for Lunch*.....

**12. Closing Eucharist – Bishop Don Harvey**

.....*3:30 Afternoon Session*.....

**13. Election of Board**



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**# 19**

**Moved by:** Rev Garth Hunt,  
**Seconder by:** Rev Sharon Hayton.

**Motion:** That the report of the nominating committee be adopted  
There were three positions to be filled, nominated by the committee are David Gibbs, Ed Lewis and Joe Reinhardt

**Carried**

### 14. Resolutions

**# 20**

**Moved by:** David Rand, Lay Secretary  
**Seconded by:** Rev Ann Crossland, Clergy Secretary

**Motion:** That this Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada Church sends its greetings to Her Majesty the Queen and assures her of our continued prayers for her long reign and success in all her endeavours as the Queen of Canada.

**Carried**

**# 21**

**Moved by:** Rev Ann Crossland, Clergy Secretary  
**Seconded by:** David Rand, Lay Secretary

**Motion:** That this Synod of the Anglican Network in Canada Church sends its greetings to His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury and assures him of our continued prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the strengthening of the bonds of affection in the Anglican Communion as a witness for our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Carried**

There was a discussion around this motion as to whether or not we should be sending greetings to the Archbishop of Canterbury as he is still in communion with the ACOC, this motion was challenged. It was asked if this was something that we do every year. Bishop Don explained that historically we have sent something and every year apart from one we had a reply.

It was also noted that we should be consistent on whom we send our greetings to every year and that we should be sending greetings to our own primate.

Motion Called and carried



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# 22

**Moved by:** David Rand, Lay Secretary

**Seconded by:** Rev Ann Crossland, Clergy Secretary

Motion: That this Synod misses the members of Synod who have been unable to attend this meeting of the Synod due to illness or other hardship, and we pray for healing and the continual blessing of Almighty God upon their work for His glory and in the proclamation of the Gospel

Carried

# 23

**Moved by:** David Rand, Lay Secretary

**Seconded by:** Rev Ann Crossland, Clergy Secretary

Motion: This Synod endorses the “transitional process” outlined by the moderator and his charge and instructs the ANiC council to take the necessary action for its implementation.

Carried

Bishop Don - Declaration –“I hereby give episcopal consent to all of the actions taken at this Synod, all of the motions passed, and will take responsibility to see that they are carried through.”

Business section officially closed.

Bishop Don officially prorogued this 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod of the diocese of the ANiC.