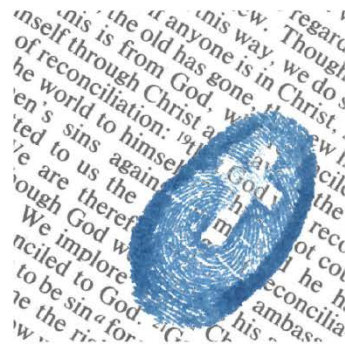


**MADE
NEW
IN
CHRIST**



2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**65th Synod of the
Diocese of Edmonton
September 29-30, 2017**





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Contents & Agenda



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



TABLE of CONTENTS

MAP of SYNOD FACILITIES	6
PRAYERS.....	7
MARKS of MISSION of the ANGLICAN COMMUNION.....	8-9
AGENDA – Friday, September 29, 2017	10
AGENDA – Saturday, September 30, 2017	11-12
NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS	15
Elections Note	16
Nominations Guidelines.....	17
Nominations List	18
Nominations Biographies	19-29
BISHOP’S REPORT to this 65TH SYNOD	
Bishop’s Report.....	31-44
Mission Action Plans 2015-2016	45-54
Mission Action Plans 2016-2017	56-66
EPE Strategy Alignment	67-74
RESOLUTIONS.....	75-78
REPORT from SECRETARY of SYNOD	79-90
Acts of Executive Council.....	84
Acts of Administration and Finance	88-90
Bishop’s Appointees to Synod.....	90
REPORTS from GROUPS and COMMITTEES	91-132
APPENDICES	133-248
APPENDIX 1: Proceedings of the 64 th Synod	134-162
APPENDIX 2: Bishop’s Charge to the 64 th Synod	163-174
APPENDIX 3: Clergy and Lay Appointment List.....	175-180
APPENDIX 4: Review Engagement Reports for 2014-2016.....	181-226
APPENDIX 5: Diocesan Statistical Returns 2015-2016	227-236
APPENDIX 6: Five-Year Summary of Parish Statistical Information	237-238



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



APPENDIX 7: MAPS239-248

- a. Diocesan Regions and Archdeaconries240-241**
- b. Map of First Nations Communities242-243**
- c. Map of Anglican Church of Canada 244**
- d. Map of Burundi..... 245**
- e. Map of Burundi in World 246**
- f. Map of Flights to Burundi..... 247**



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

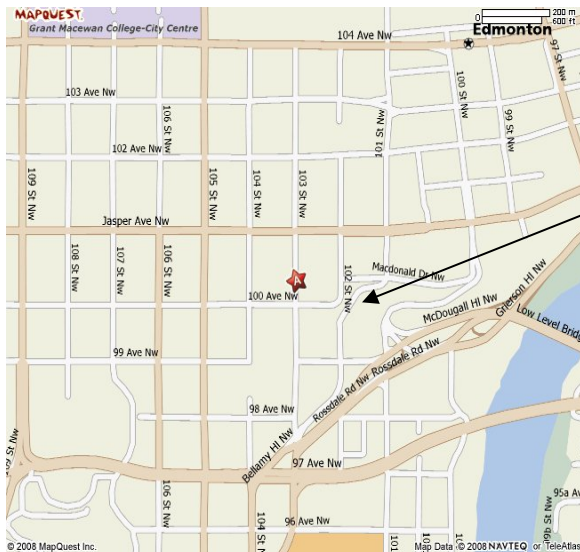
MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



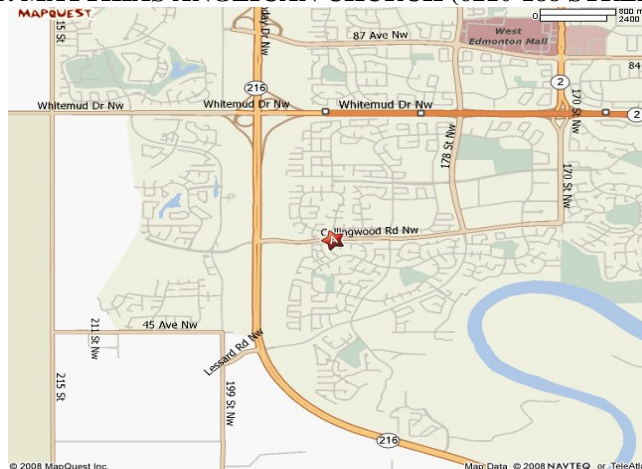
MAP OF SYNOD FACILITIES

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (10035-103 STREET)



The entrances to the parking lot at the Cathedral are located on either 102 or 103 Street. Parking is free after 4:00 pm with a Synod Parking Permit.

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH (6210-188 STREET)



PARKING

Parking is available in the public lot (#284) just south of the Cathedral (enter on either 102 St or 103 St.). **Impark has given us FREE parking, only in this parking lot, provided you display the special parking permit for Synod members.** There are also meters on the neighbouring streets.

There is ample parking at St. Matthias, in their lot or on neighbouring streets. To get to St. Matthias: go East on Callingwood Rd. from the Anthony Henday. St. Matthias will be on the left hand side of the road.

We encourage you to carpool, if possible, to save on parking and mileage expenses.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



PRAYERS

Please use these prayers over the coming weeks as we prepare for the 64th Synod.

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, soon to be assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Alternative Services

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the upcoming Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THEME BIBLE VERSE

Our theme is based on the scripture *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The FIVE MARKS OF MISSION of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

First Mark of Mission: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

Sentence

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Prayer

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Mark of Mission: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Sentence

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

Prayer

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Third Mark of Mission: To respond to human need by loving service

Sentence

“I tell you truly just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Prayer

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Fourth Mark of Mission: To seek to transform unjust structures of society

Sentence

“He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.”

Prayer

God for whom we watch and wait,
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fifth Mark of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Sentence

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

Prayer

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world’s salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



SYNOD AGENDA

Friday, September 29th – ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL
10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton

Time	Agenda Item
5:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Registration and Presentation of Credentials Diocesan Familiarization – a time to look at displays and to speak with representatives from Diocesan Committees and Groups <i>A light supper will be served.</i>
6:50 p.m.	Gather in Cathedral for Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	Eucharist
8:30 p.m.	Call to Order Report of Credentials Committee Report of the Agenda Committee Minutes of 64 th Synod Receiving of Printed Reports Appointment of Accounts Examiner Appointment of Elections Officer and Scrutineers Report of the Resolutions Committee Legislative Committee with Constitutional and Canon changes Greetings from Ecumenical Partners Report of the Nominations Committee Balloting Procedure Explained – Elections Officer
9:30 p.m.	Closing Prayer Recess for the Evening
9:50 p.m.	Elections balloting – balloting closes 20 minutes after the close of the evening proceedings

Please register your vote and deposit your ballot in the boxes in the hall as you depart.

*“To help safeguard the integrity of the environment – Please Bring Your Own Mug”
Mugs Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Women will be available – FREE!*



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



SYNOD AGENDA

Saturday, September 30th – ST. MATTHIAS

6210 – 188 Street, Edmonton

Time	Agenda Item
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Presentation of Credentials <i>(for those who did not register on Friday evening)</i>
8:30	Morning Worship (in the Hall)
9:00	CALL TO ORDER and Welcome to Treaty 6 Land Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Elections Committee (results of balloting from Friday evening) <i>Prayer Book Society – How have you been made new in Christ?</i> Project ID –Ven. Richard King Discussion in Table Groups – <i>How has Christ made something new in your life?</i> <i>Lay Evangelists – How have you been made new in Christ?</i> BREAK <i>Alpha – How have you been made new in Christ?</i> Father Michael Lapsley – Living a Reconciled Life, part 1 <i>Certificate of Theology in Anglican Studies – Rev. Scott Sharman</i> Mid-day Prayer
12:15	LUNCH – <i>to be delivered to the tables. Delegates please remain seated at your tables to facilitate easy delivery of lunches to your tables.</i> <i>Cemeteries in the Diocese;</i> <i>Christ Church Cemetery, Poplar Lake</i> <i>PWRDF – How have you been made new in Christ?</i> <i>Leah Marshall – PWRDF Trip to Tanzania</i>



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Time	Agenda Item
5:00 p.m.	Reach Update – Bishop Jane
	<i>Cursillo – How have you been made new in Christ?</i>
	<i>Marriage Encounter – How have you been made new in Christ?</i>
	BREAK
	Father Michael Lapsley – Living a Reconciled Life, part 2
	Melanie Delva – Anglican Church of Canada Animator for Reconciliation – Reflections
	<i>Social Justice Committee – How have you been made new in Christ?</i>
	<i>Interfaith Housing – How have you been made new in Christ?</i>
	<i>Filipino Unity Dance</i>
	We are made new in Christ – What do we do now? Bishop Jane
Acts of Synod and Bishop’s Assent	
Prorogation	
Closing Worship	

*“To help safeguard the integrity of the environment – Please Bring Your Own Mug”
Mugs commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Ordination of Women will be available – FREE!*



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Guest Speaker – Fr. Michael Lapsley

Our guest for Synod is Fr. Michael Lapsley, from South Africa.

Fr. Michael was born in New Zealand, and is an Anglican priest and social justice activist.

He has spent most of his life in South Africa, speaking out against social injustices. During apartheid in South Africa, he opened a letter bomb which was hidden inside two religious magazines. He lost both hands and the sight in one eye in the blast, and was seriously burned.

Since that time, he has worked tirelessly on forgiveness and reconciliation. He was Chaplain of the ***Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture***, which assisted South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This led to the establishment of the ***Institute for Healing of Memories*** in Cape Town, an organization which aims to allow many more South Africans to tell their stories in workshops where they work through their trauma. The organization now works with groups around the world including those affected by political violence; those affected and infected by HIV and AIDS; refugees and asylum seekers; prisoners and war veterans. Along with other terror victims from all around the world, he helped to create the ***International Network for Peace*** to promote effective and nonviolent solutions to terrorism.

Fr. Michael will speak with us about living a reconciled life.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Nominations & Elections



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Please Note:

Elections for all positions will take place on Friday evening, September 29.

Please come prepared to vote on Friday.

Following is the list of nominees and their biographies.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS for the 65th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton (September 29-30, 2017)

Elections will be held for the following positions:

* **Executive Council**

1 clerical and 2 lay delegates from each region (Battle River, Cold Lake, Edmonton West, Whitemud, Yellowhead)

* **Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton**

2 clerical and 2 lay delegates (1 to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)

* **General Synod (to be convened in Vancouver, BC, June 10 to 16, 2019)**

2 clerical, 2 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate

Those nominated as youth delegates to General Synod must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of General Synod.

Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend General Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

* **Provincial Synod – Province of Rupert’s Land (to be convened at Edmonton, May 3 to 6, 2018)**

3 clerical, 2 lay members and 1 youth delegate

Those nominated as youth delegates to Provincial Synod must be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of May 1, 2018.

Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend Provincial Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

Clerical Recorder of Synod (for the 66th Synod) (that’s the next Synod, not this one)

Lay Recorder of Synod (for the 66th Synod) (that’s the next Synod, not this one)

There will be no nominations from the floor of Synod except with the consent of Synod.

* ***Please note that any persons nominated for Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Court must be members of our Diocesan Synod.***



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



NOMINATIONS FOR THE 65TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – CLERGY *(elect one from each region)*

BATTLE RIVER:	Mark Vigrass	EDMONTON WEST:	Cheryl Boulet
COLD LAKE:	Sandra Arbeau, Chelsy Bouwman, Rick Chapman, Colleen Sanderson	WHITEMUD:	Alex Meek
		YELLOWHEAD:	Anthony Kwaw, Coleen Lynch

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – LAITY *(elect two from each region)*

BATTLE RIVER:	Roland Teape
COLD LAKE:	Cathy Armstrong, Curtis Whale
EDMONTON WEST:	Trevor Leach
WHITEMUD:	John deHaan, Brian Popp
YELLOWHEAD:	Lynne Reckhow

DIOCESAN COURT – CLERGY *(elect two)*

Lee Bezanson, Robin Walker

DIOCESAN COURT – LAITY *(elect one Law Society Member and one non-Law Society Member)*

**Dwight Bliss, QC (LSA member)
Brian Popp (non LSA member)**

GENERAL SYNOD – CLERGY *(elect two)*

Rick Chapman, Tim Chesterton, Robyn King, Heather Liddell, Alan Perry, Colleen Sanderson, Quinn Strikwerda

GENERAL SYNOD – LAITY *(elect two plus one youth delegate)*

Cathy Armstrong, Clark Hardy, Dorothy Marshall, Steve Martin, Bethanne O'Neil, Curtis Whale

Youth Delegate:

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – CLERGY *(elect three)*

Don Aellen, Chelsy Bouwman, Rick Chapman, Tim Chesterton, Chris Pappas, Alan Perry

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – LAITY *(elect two plus one youth delegate)*

Cathy Armstrong, Clark Hardy, Jane Samson

Youth Delegate:

CLERICAL RECORDER FOR THE 66TH SYNOD *(elect one)*

Cheryl Boulet

LAY RECORDER FOR THE 66TH SYNOD *(elect one)*

Pat Barnum

List updated on September 15, 2017



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



NOMINATIONS BIOGRAPHIES

The Reverend Don Aellen*Provincial Synod*

A priest for 32 years (all of it spent in the Diocese of Edmonton), Don Aellen has been rector of St. John the Evangelist in Edmonton for the past 18. The aspect of ministry that has the most juice for him is what the Fathers called “the cure of souls” - that means of applying Christ to the “binding up of the broken hearted.” Don is married to Carolyn - they met while Don was in the north working as a park warden. Traditional arts (such as archery, hide-tanning, etc), wildlife observation and baking sourdough bread catch his attention.

Sandra Arbeau*Executive Council*

Sandra Arbeau attends St. Faith's Anglican Church in Edmonton. She is originally from Halifax, Nova Scotia and became a full-fledged Anglican in 2004 while attending the Parish of Wilmot in the Annapolis Valley. At All Saints' she served in many positions as lay reader, synod rep, member of regional council and on the Nova Scotia diocesan board council.

When she moved to Iqaluit, Nunavut, Sandra became a member of St. Jude's Anglican Cathedral. She served as lay reader, treasurer and a member of council. She was also a hospital visitor and a prison pastoral care ministry worker.

Sandra moved to Edmonton in 2010 and is an active member of St. Faith's. She serves as a lay reader, with the music ministry and sanctuary guild and attends vestry. She serves on the pastoral care team for the parish, for the diocese and for Alberta Pastoral Care for Edmonton. She also does home and nursing home visitations, conducts morning service and volunteers at Prayer Works Common, helping and preparing meals for the community meals two or three times a week. She is the ACW member and Past President of ACW Board of the Diocese of Edmonton and is Secretary of the Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Movement. She is also studying to become a licensed evangelist. She was ordained to the Diaconate on September 14th, 2017 Holy Cross Day at All Saints' Cathedral.

Cathy Armstrong*Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod*

My name is Cathy Armstrong and I am married. We have a big and ever expanding family that includes four children, seven grandchildren and were blessed in July by the arrival of our first great grandchild. I have been an active member of St. Mary's, Edmonton since January 1999.

I am a cradle Anglican who was involved in church regularly until Grade 12. My father retired from the military in Edmonton and then we moved to Fort Saskatchewan from Grade 6 to 11. At St. George's Anglican I was confirmed, a member of the junior choir and youth group. The family moved back to Nova Scotia for my Grade 12 year. Between my 20s and 30s my church involvement was only part time at Christmas and Easter, baptisms and a wedding. In January, 1999 my two youngest daughters expressed an interest in going to Sunday School so the three of us started attending St. Mary's every Sunday. I soon discovered how much I had missed out on for 20 years. I began attending bible studies, Alpha etc. and my faith matured and grew deeper.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



At St. Mary's I have served as treasurer intermittently for several years and am now on my fifth year as people's warden. I am a eucharist administrant, intercessor and reader. I have also had the honour to lead a service up to and including the sermon as well as giving a sermon. I have been the coordinator of ICPM Emmanuel Christmas Sacks for the Bissell Centre and am proud that we, as a small parish, have consistently filled 100 sacks a year (25 for women and 75 for men.)

In November, 2002, I attended the Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Weekend and was forever changed. I followed that up with taking one online course through a college in Ontario. I was on team for Cursillo approximately 10 years after attending my weekend and experienced the magic of the weekend from a totally different perspective. I had the blessing of attending a Lenten retreat this year and have decided that I need to do this on a regular basis.

This will be the second diocesan synod that I have attended. I would like to continue to learn more about the role of the Diocese of Edmonton and expand my knowledge of the provincial and national synods and the missions of each level of synod.

Pat Barnum Lay Recorder

Pat was born in London, Ontario where she attended St. Barnabas. She has a BA in English from Guelph, and Human Resource Management and Management Development Certificates from the University of Alberta. She attends All Saints' Cathedral, where she has been an active member of altar guild, servers guild, hospitality and worship committees, vestry and has taught Sunday school. Professionally, Pat recently retired from 28 years with the Government of Alberta in various ministries, with progressively responsible experience. She is married to David. They have two children, Jeff and Heather, both married with children and active within their faith communities.

The Venerable Lee Bezanson Diocesan Court

Lee Bezanson was ordained in 1981 in the Diocese of Kootenay, BC and served there until 1984. He then joined the Canadian Forces as a military chaplain, serving at Calgary, Esquimalt, Edmonton, Cold Lake, and returning to Edmonton as the Senior Chaplain for the Army at Land Forces Western Area Headquarters, with pastoral supervision over 52 chaplains of differing denominations, as well as the Forces' first Muslim chaplain. He served overseas on a number of missions.

Upon retirement from the Forces after a 20-year career, Lee has served the Diocese of Edmonton as rector of Good Shepherd, and as rector of All Saints' Cathedral and dean of the diocese. He is currently rector of St Matthew's, St Albert, a ministry he has enjoyed for the past eight years.

Archdeacon Bezanson has been the diocesan Clergy Preceptor since 2015. In this capacity he serves as a voice of encouragement and care to all new clergy in the diocese. This ministry is about reaching out and discussing concerns and potential problems that new clergy have encountered in their pastoral assignments and seeking solutions. In addition, the Preceptor offers to be a primary point of contact in any future issues that may be of concern for new clergy.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Dwight I. Bliss QC*Diocesan Court*

Dwight practiced law for more than 25 years in the areas of natural resources, corporate finance and commercial law, and was 20 years a partner in one of Canada's leading national law firms. Most recently, Dwight was a director and General Counsel of Regent Energy Group Ltd. Dwight is a member of the Colorado Bar (inactive) and the Law Society of Alberta. He received his undergraduate education at Duke University and his law degree at the University of Denver (Juris Doctor), and was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2009. Dwight has considerable experience in the negotiation and documentation of complex commercial transactions and as a director and officer of private and public companies. Dwight is an adviser to the Board of the YMCA of Northern Alberta and the Edmonton YMCA Foundation. Dwight has been a member of the Anglican parish of Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona for 18 years, where he has served as a warden, on vestry, and where he is a regular lector and intercessor. He pursues a personal interest in Ecclesiastical and Canon Law.

The Reverend Cheryl Boulet*Clerical Recorder, Executive Council*

Cheryl Boulet is married with two adult children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her father served in the military for more than 30 years. She was born in Germany and lived in France and Holland as a child.

Her husband is retired from 20 years in the military as a naval supply officer. They like to travel and have visited many countries in Europe. She has recently retired from her secular job of 14.5 years, where she was the secretary for the Pediatric Oncology Outpatient Clinic at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Cheryl was ordained a deacon in 2012 and ordained a priest in September 2017. Cheryl was a member of St. Augustine's, Parkland for 18 years and went on to serve as deacon for All Saints' Cathedral for almost three years. She has been involved in the church for 25 plus years, participating in various ministries. She has been involved with the community breakfasts at the Cathedral since 2006, participated in staffing the "Facing AIDS, Facing Reality" exhibit, was a member of the planning committee for the Taizé visit, participated in helping with the youth dinner during the Bishop of York's visit, and in 2016 took two young adults to visit the Taizé community in France.

The Reverend Canon Chelsy Bouwman*Executive Council, Provincial Synod*

Chelsy is proud to call the Diocese of Edmonton home. She grew up in Ponoka where she became actively involved in the life and work of her church and the diocese. Chelsy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from The Kings' University College, Edmonton, in 2005, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Wycliffe College, Toronto, in 2009.

Chelsy has served in many different Anglican churches. These churches include: Christ Church and St. Faith's, Edmonton, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Thomas', Toronto, St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's, and St. Stephen's, Belize, All Saints' Cathedral, St. John's, Sedgewick, St. Matthew's, Viking and St. Mary's, Vegreville and most recently St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Chelsy has a passion for ministry, for the building up of the community in the Kingdom of God, for building relationships within God's church, and for the opportunity to encourage and equip people in their life and work in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. She looks forward to continuing to answer God's call in her life to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, further kingdom and minister in his Church!

The Reverend Rick Chapman *Executive Council, General Synod,
Provincial Synod*

Pastor Rick, as he is known within the inner city community of Edmonton, ministers as the Pastor of Inner City Pastoral Ministry. Offering a ministry of presence, ICPM offers a ministry of pastoral, spiritual care within a community of people that experiences severe poverty and homelessness; a community where many individuals suffer with serious addictions and the challenges of poor mental health. Isolated, lonely, and in many ways set apart from the wider community the inner city is a sanctum for those who live in the margins.

Further, Rick is involved in many community, church, ecumenical and interfaith committees that deal with issues of God's justice regarding systemic causes of poverty and homelessness, while seeking community-wide solutions through the care of individuals and supported affordable housing.

Rick chairs the Diocese of Edmonton Social Justice Committee which has developed and implemented many education-to-action initiatives including the National Justice Camp 2014 – LAND. He co-chaired Justice Camp and offered the inner city immersion called "Soup, Sandwiches, and Soul Care." He is a member of a national COGS subcommittee - Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice - offering insight into issues of homelessness, affordable and supported housing.

Rick feels ministries on the margins that engage in human care and the transformation of unjust structures need representation at the national level. A central focus for Rick in 2017 has been the four Our Common Ground gatherings related to a response to TRC: Calls for Action – Reconciliation and Healing.

The Reverend Tim Chesterton *General Synod, Provincial Synod*

Tim Chesterton has been in full-time parish ministry for 39 years, and has been the rector of St. Margaret's, Edmonton for the past 17 years; he has also served in the dioceses of Toronto, Saskatchewan, the Arctic and Athabasca. He enjoys relational ministry, focussing on the good news of Jesus and the work of nurturing disciples of Jesus. He serves as Warden of Lay Evangelists for the Diocese of Edmonton, and is also a board member of Threshold Ministries (formerly the Church Army in Canada). He was a member of General Synod in 1995 and 1998, and of the national church's Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee from 1998 to 2001. Tim is married to Marci and they have four children and two grandchildren. When not working, Tim enjoys spending time with his family, hiking, reading, writing and playing music. He can often be seen in various coffee shops and small music venues in Edmonton, singing traditional folk songs or his own compositions.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Clark Hardy*General Synod, Provincial Synod*

I have been involved with Holy Trinity Anglican Church since moving to Edmonton in the summer of 2014. Prior to that, I completed a BA in Pastoral Studies from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Since joining Holy Trinity, some of my involvement has included young adult bible studies; representing the parish as a member of the Social Justice Committee of the Edmonton diocese; and starting the Trinity Youth Art Project - an outreach to high-risk youth in partnership with YESS, the Old Strathcona Youth Society, the Edmonton John Howard Society, and Holy Trinity. I also serve as a member of vestry, and am the chair of the Social Justice sub-committee at Holy Trinity. I also work full-time for the Edmonton John Howard Society as a high-risk youth worker.

John de Haan*Executive Council*

John and his wife Mildred have been parishioners at Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona for more than 20 years. During that time, John has served on vestry for a number of terms, as treasurer for eight years, and currently as people's warden. John has an M.Sc in Computing Science from the University of Alberta, and consults in the design of large computer software systems, with a current focus in health care systems.

The Reverend Robyn King*General Synod*

The Rev. Robyn King moved to Edmonton four years ago to serve at St. Peter's Anglican Church. She and Griz, her dog, quickly fell in love with St. Peter's, Edmonton, and Canada. Prior to moving, she was interim camp director for the Diocese of Montana and rector of the Elkhorn Cluster. She has served several terms on diocesan council, the youth and camp committee, and as the ecumenical officer in the Diocese of Montana. In 2012, Robyn was a delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and was appointed to the Standing Commission for Lifelong Christian Formation and Education. Since moving to Edmonton, she has worked closely with St Peter's, completed the Diocese of New Westminster's Parish Development College and serves on the Administration and Finance Committee. Robyn is a member of the board of the Society of Scholar Priests and part of Young Clergy Women International (formerly The Young Clergy Women Project). Robyn and Andrew enjoy board games and science fiction and she and Griz enjoy long walks, especially when they meet other dogs.

The Reverend Anthony Kwaw*Executive Council*

The Rev. Anthony Kwaw is a native of Ghana, Africa. He received his BA in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Philosophy at Saint Peter University Seminary in Ghana. He also received an MA in Pastoral Studies from Saint Paul University in Ottawa; a Diploma in Management from Université de Moncton, with concentration in Canadian Human Resources Management; and an MBA from the University of New Brunswick with concentration in Strategic and Financial Management. Rev. Kwaw is fluently bilingual in French and English; he also speaks four other African languages.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Prior to joining the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, Rev. Kwaw was rector of the Parish of Fredericton, NB for seven years. Between 1983 and 2016 he held positions in various parishes in Ghana, Ivory Coast, and New Brunswick. He was appointed Rector of St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Edmonton on June 1, 2016. He and his family moved to Edmonton, AB in July 2016, and he started his ministry at St Timothy's on August 1, 2016. Rev. Kwaw is married to Denise LeBlanc-Kwaw, a Registered Nurse, and they have two boys: Jedidiah Kwaw and Emanuel Kwaw.

Trevor Leach*Executive Council*

Born and raised in the Ottawa valley, Trevor attended St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Micksburg, Ontario. He moved west in 1975 and settled in Barrhead in 1981. A carpenter by trade, he operated his own construction company for several years while farming part time. In 1998 he started selling agricultural products while continuing to part-time farm. Trevor sold out and retired in 2016, and built a retirement home west of Gunn which is now complete with a house-blessing on September 10, 2017.

The Reverend Heather Liddell*General Synod*

The Rev. Heather Liddell is an Alberta born priest in the Diocese of Edmonton. She was ordained to the Diaconate on February 16, 2014 and to the Priesthood on June 28th, 2015. She studied Political Science and Creative Writing at the University of Alberta, has an M.Div from Wycliffe College, Toronto, has studied at Trinity Theological College in Singapore, seen a little of southeast Asia, spent a month at Pusey House in Oxford, participated in the Canterbury Scholars Program and is currently pursuing a part-time MA in Death, Religion, and Culture through the University of Winchester. As much as Heather has loved her time away, Edmonton is where her heart is. She is proud to serve as assistant curate at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Old Strathcona while filling the role of Messy Church Coordinator for Alberta, acting as chaplain for diocesan summer camping ministries, and participating in the Death Positivity Movement in the hopes of helping her congregation and community live well.

Rev. Coleen Lynch*Executive Council*

Reverend Coleen Lynch has been ordained 20 years. She has served in the parishes of the Anglican Mission of St. Saviour, Wabamun; St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro; Holy Trinity, Tofield; and St. Stephen the Martyr, St. Faith's, Christ Church, Holy Trinity and All Saints, Edmonton. She and her family became Anglicans at St. George's. She has also ministered extensively in correctional chaplaincies. She holds degrees in B. Ed., B.A., M.Div. and M.Th. She is currently working on a Doctorate of Ministry. She is happily married to Rev. Mike Lynch and they have one married daughter.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Dorothy Marshall*General Synod*

I am a Christian disciple who attempts to live out my faith on a daily basis. I am eager to learn and explore my faith, realizing that the more I know, the more I find I have to learn. One way I love to share my faith is through teaching Sunday school, which I have done for the past 25 years. I am also involved in my parish of St. Andrew's, Camrose as Treasurer and People's Warden.

I believe we are called to be good stewards of the earth, and I have lived this out for many years as an organic farmer. I live with my family in east central Alberta where we raise a variety of livestock. I believe that a healthy earth grows healthy food, as God intended, and it should be available and affordable for all. I also believe in rural sustainability and the important role that our rural parishes have in their communities. I support my community with my involvement in a variety of volunteer commitments. I am the Diocese of Edmonton Representative for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and I am very thankful for the opportunity to be involved in this important ministry of our Canadian Anglican Church. By supporting relief and development projects we are enabling others to improve their lives and their communities.

As a member of the diocesan Social Justice Committee I am excited by the breadth of the projects our parishes are involved in within their communities and encouraged by the enthusiasm of the members as they each live out their faith in very concrete ways.

As a parent and grandmother, I feel my most important role is my involvement in Christian youth ministry and in social justice issues that impact the world my family is growing up in. I believe we are called to show our faith on a daily basis by our decisions, our love, and the choices we make as well as our interactions with others.....to be living examples of what we believe and who we are disciples of.

Stephen Martin*General Synod*

Dr. Stephen Martin was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland and grew up in Toronto, Ontario. He was educated in Peterborough and Toronto, and Cape Town, South Africa. It was in Cape Town that his journey from Pentecostalism to Anglicanism was completed. Prior to coming to Edmonton, Dr. Martin served as Warden (manager) of St. Paul's Anhouse, a student residence at the University of Cape Town, and as a campus chaplain at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is currently Associate Professor of Theology at The King's University, Edmonton. A student of South African Christianity and politics, Martin continues to research and write in that area, as well as in questions of liturgical formation and the church's engagement in matters of public life. From 2013, he served on the Anglican Church of Canada's Commission on the Marriage Canon.

Since coming to Edmonton in 2004 he has served on vestry and as rector's warden at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Old Strathcona, and has preached and led studies in various churches throughout the city. He currently worships at Christ Church, Edmonton, where his wife, the Rev. Susan Oliver, is Rector. They have two children: Amelia (10) and Simon (2), and a dog, Isaiah (12).



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Reverend Alexandra Meek *Executive Council*

I am the rector of St. George's by the U of A and the facilitator for the Lay Hospital Visitors in the diocese as well as the Regional Dean for Whitemud. I was ordained in 2009 and have happily served in the diocese of Edmonton since that date.

I am married to the Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman and together we have two lovely children.

Bethanne O'Neil *General Synod*

I was baptized a Christian at the Easter Vigil in April, 1999 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. This followed the sudden passing of my mother about six months prior which was accompanied by a remarkable spiritual experience.

Since then, I have been steadily growing in my faith, albeit with some ups and downs. My growth as a Christian has led me to undertake a Master of Divinity program at Newman Theological College, where I am currently in my second year of study, and will be completing the Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Stephen's as my theological field placement.

I was licensed as a Lay Reader in November 2014 and have continued in this role, leading services in various long term care facilities as well as serving as a hospital visitor. I also serve as a Lay Assistant at St. Michael & All Angel's, regularly leading morning prayer and preaching.

The more I grow and learn as a Christian the more ways I realize the numerous ways God is guiding my life. Please consider my election as a General Synod Delegate.

The Venerable Chris Pappas *Provincial Synod*

Christopher serves as the Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church and the Archdeacon for Congregational Development. He is passionate about our faith in Jesus Christ, justice, building up the Kingdom of God, and the intersection of arts and spirituality. He has served as regional dean, on executive council, chaired the National Worship Conference, as a member of the national Vital Healthy Parishes steering committee, the Inter-diocesan Learning Community and sits on the board of Outreach to Haiti. Christopher holds a D.Min. in Congregational Studies and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences: Neuroscience, and has served in rural, urban and suburban parishes. Prior to ordination, he was a research scientist at Yale School of Medicine, and the Assistant Secretary of the State for Connecticut.

The Venerable Alan T Perry *General Synod, Provincial Synod*

Alan Perry is the Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton. Ordained in the Diocese of Montreal, he spent 18.5 years in parish ministry, serving downtown, small town and suburban parishes. He also served as Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Montreal and is a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. He has extensive interest and experience in church governance, and an interest in Canon Law.

He has served as a member of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, as well as Member of the Provincial Court (1997-2000), Clerical Secretary



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



(2000-2003) and Prolocutor (2003-2009). He is recipient of the Province of Canada Award of Merit.

He has been a Member of the General Synod 1998, 2001, 2004, 2010, 2016, a Member of the Council of General Synod (2001-2004), Member of the General Synod Pension Committee (2007-present), and Assessor to the General Synod (2007, 2010, 2013, 2016).

He is a member of the Ecclesiastical Law Society and a member of the Board of Governors of the North American Academy of Ecumenists.

In his spare time, Alan enjoys travel and photography.

Brian Popp*Diocesan Court, Executive Council*

Brian was born and raised in rural Saskatchewan. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan with an undergraduate degree in Commerce. He also has a Masters degree in Health Administration.

Brian has worked all his life in health care including leadership positions with Alberta Health, Capital Health and Alberta Health Services. He joined the Canterbury Foundation Board in May 2010. He has been the board treasurer, vice-chair and is currently board chair.

Brian and his wife Louise have been married for the past 45 years. They have two married daughters and eight grandchildren living in Edmonton. Brian and Louise were married at St. Timothy's. They currently attend St. Margaret's, where he is rector's warden, a lay reader and chair of the Planning and Building Committee.

Lynne Reckhow*Executive Council*

I have been blessed to have been part of the worshipping community of St. Timothy's in Laurier Heights for the past 10-plus years. I was a warden and have been a vestry member in various capacities since 2012. For the past several years, I have been involved in Children's and Youth Ministry, initially working with the Sunday school children, and for the past year working with the youth on Sunday mornings. I have also been involved in our evening Youth Group for the past several years. I am equally inspired by the innocent and trusting faith of the younger children, and the questioning, seeking faith of the youth who struggle to make sense of what they believe in the context of a world that doesn't make it easy. I have learned that it is in the muddy soup of humanity where we learn to love, to give, to receive and to serve. It is beautiful to see glimpses of the church (and, in my case, particularly the worshipping community at St. Timothy's) being transformed by the Holy Spirit and growing into the Body of Christ - becoming the eyes, and ears, and hands of love within its bounds, and to the world outside. It is in working together, even when that is sometimes challenging, that we discover who Christ calls us to be, individually, as a community, and corporately as the church. I have found that to be a humbling reality, and I am thankful for all the ways in which I have been blessed to be a part of the journey.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Reverend Colleen Sanderson*Executive Council, General Synod*

During Rev. Colleen Sanderson's 10 years as an ordained priest in the Diocese of Edmonton she has served in both urban and rural, hospitals and long term care settings. She currently serves two parishes: St. Michael and All Angels, rector (5 years) and St. Matthew, assistant priest (1 year). At St. Michael's she has encouraged the parish to become more involved in the community through a knitting and reading ministry at a local elementary school, the development of a pilot community garden and becoming a depot for the Edmonton Food Bank. At both churches she has initiated the Youth Alpha program. At St. Matthew's she has introduced a mom's and tot's group. She is an enthusiastic supporter of camping ministry and served many years in the diocesan Camp Come Alive Program as a lay person (19ish years), and more recently as an ordained priest as camp resource pastor with Hastings Lake Bible Camp. The Rev. Colleen Sanderson currently serves as the Regional Dean for the Cold Lake Region.

The Reverend Quinn Strikwerda*General Synod*

Quinn Strikwerda has been a priest in the Diocese of Edmonton since January of 2007. He has served as assistant curate at St. Timothy's, Edmonton; rector of St. Augustine's Parkland, Spruce Grove; rector of St. Columba's, Beaumont; and chaplain at the Edmonton Remand Centre. Currently he is serving as vicar at All Saints' Cathedral. Quinn completed internships at two downtown Toronto parishes and at a parish in Dodoma, Tanzania; served as senior student of Wycliffe College, Toronto; been chaplain and director of Camp Come Alive in the Edmonton diocese; completed a CPE unit as chaplain intern at the U of A hospital; served on Executive Council (2013-14); and participated in a diocesan envoy to our sister Diocese of Buyé, Burundi, in the spring of 2012. Quinn has a heart for pastoral ministry, especially to those on the margins of society ("the least of these"). He is the husband of Maddie Urion and the father of Samuel (10) and William (6). He gets life from spending time with his family, travelling, hiking, camping, growing things, and reading history, biography, theology, and spy novels. He is excited at the prospect of gaining a deeper appreciation of the wider ACC at General Synod 2019.

The Reverend Mark Vigrass*Executive Council*

My faith journey as an Anglican began about 30 years ago when I was introduced to Anglicanism in Montreal and later confirmed as an adult at All Saints, Regina (Diocese of Qu'Appelle) in 1991. My recollection of that time period is that I had somehow arrived at a spiritual "home." Even when I was away from home in Tanzania, near Lake Victoria, where I was teaching high school English at government schools (1993-96), I felt at home worshipping with local Anglicans because there was a shared understanding of Anglicanism and particularly what it meant to be a daily follower of Jesus.

In terms of my career, after returning to Canada, I worked with people with disabilities for about seven years. Later I attended St. Paul University in Ottawa where I received an MA in Pastoral Studies and learned how to provide spiritual care in health care settings. I have been working for almost 12 years as a hospital chaplain at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital where I have provided spiritual and emotional support to residents in long-term care and to patients in palliative care. I have been a part of St. Patrick's in Mill Woods during those 12 years and once again I feel like I have arrived "home." My ordination to the diaconate took place in 2008 and it has been a



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



privilege and a pleasure since that time to live out my ministry at St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's. I am thrilled that I met the love of my life, Manny Penera, in 2013, and we were married a couple of years ago. We are inseparable as we take walks together in our neighbourhood, attend the opera and other cultural activities, and share a love of cooking healthy food.

The Reverend Robin Walker*Diocesan Court*

Robin was ordained deacon in 1987, and a priest in 1988. He served as rector of the parishes of Barrhead and Lac la Nonne (1987–1990); St. Augustine's Parkland (1990–2002). His diocesan service includes serving as regional dean, archdeacon, co-ordinator of lay-readers' training, diocesan stewardship and planned giving officer, other committee memberships. From 2003–2013, he was dean of Brandon and rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral. Currently he is honorary assistant at Holy Trinity (Strathcona), diocesan co-ordinator for Education for Ministry, member of Administration and Finance Committee.

Curtis Whale

Executive Council, General Synod

Curtis Whale was born in Edmonton and raised near the small rural community of Lamont, AB. After high school, he attended the University of Alberta and completed an undergraduate degree, specializing in chemistry. For the past several years, he has been employed by the Fluid Life Corporation, a tribological laboratory in Edmonton, where he holds the position of Laboratory Manager.

He came to the Anglican Church at the age of 19, when he started attending All Saints' Cathedral. Since then, he has served on vestry, as a warden, and as a lay representative on Executive Council. He considers himself quite blessed by the people he has met in his parish, and in the wider diocese. He looks forward to meeting more of you, and serving God together in our church.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Bishop's Report



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Bishop's Report for the 65th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ it is my privilege to write this report covering some of the work of the diocese since our last Synod in April 2015. I welcome the opportunity to share my thoughts and challenges with you.

First I want to thank each and every person across the diocese for the way in which the life of the church and the love of Christ are being made manifest in communities large and small, rural, sub urban and urban. The Diocese of Edmonton is truly a place where there is a great deal going on and where we are showing by our words and actions that Christ is present. I am pleased that at the 64th synod we voted to root the 5 Marks of Mission in our constitution. This report to you is organized around these 5 Marks which really define the ministry of God's church. As you know the 5 Marks of Mission¹ are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

These five points are one way to summarize who God is and what it looks like for us to be known as God's beloved daughters and sons. They communicate that we are connected to and being converted by Christ. The five marks may be summarized: tell, teach, tend, transform, and treasure. Tell, teach, tend, transform, treasure: these five actions signify that Jesus' love is making its mark on us.² To keep the marks fresh in this report this is how they will be addressed. I would also ask you to take a look at my Mission Action Plans, presented as appendices to this report to look for more detailed actions in each area. My 2017/2018 Mission Action Plan will be available in October following the 65th Synod and will incorporate the fruits of our discussions and presentations.

¹ *Bonds of Affection-1984 ACC-6 p49, Mission in a Broken World-1990 ACC-8 p101*

² SSJE.org



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

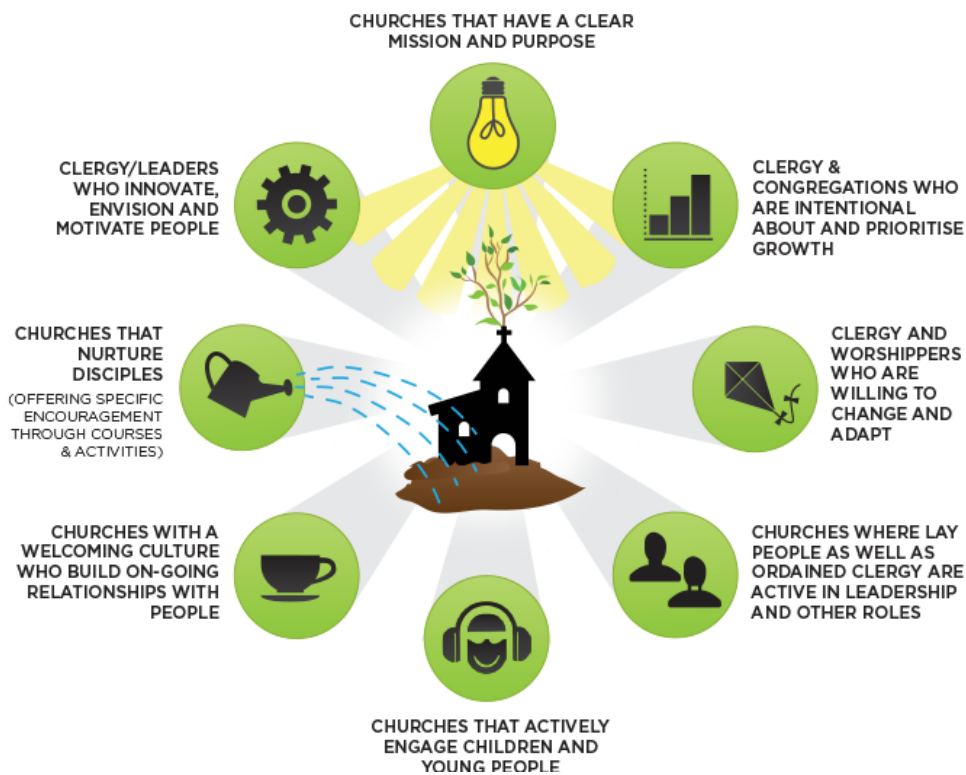
MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Also, by way of introduction I need to tell you that the fruits of the REACH campaign continue to be seen throughout the diocese, the national church and the world – Thanks be to God! Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote “The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving.” This gospel-based goal of being a central hub for ministry in the community and really walking alongside our neighbours has been very evident in many of the REACH parish goals. We often know quite intimately the good things happening in our own parishes but don’t have such an informed picture across the diocese. I know that there are many parishes who offer food, shelter, counseling, and family support on their own premises and in the wider community. At our last Synod we shared many stories of ministry to encourage one another and share ideas. I am happy to report that good things continue to happen. As you know, I view the whole REACH campaign as an exercise in mission and discipleship. We are casting new visions and asking God in Christ to send us out. Staffing on REACH projects has changed over time as some projects are completed, take new shapes or are absorbed into parish ministry.

The following graphic shows the kind of church, the kind of diocese I think we are building.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



1. *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom. **Tell:** We've received good news. In response to such love, how can we keep from singing?*³
2. *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers **Teach:** Always children of God, we keep learning how to live resurrection.*⁴

The church is about the business of knowing Christ and making Him known. We are a link in a chain that stretches back through time to those first disciples of Jesus and even farther back than that, and stretches way forward past us, beyond even the children that will be born today past even their children's children into a future we can only imagine. And you know that is a comforting thought. Each person has been created by God and for God. Each of us has a vulnerable heart and yearns to love and be loved and valued. Each one has a mission. Each of us is born so that God's work may be accomplished in us. Therefore we need to keep the task of telling people about God right in the forefront of our ministry.

I am delighted that we have a growing cohort of Lay Readers across the diocese who together with our Lay Evangelists and Hospital Visitors take part in further education events and ministry far and wide. We have seen some changes in leadership and structure in all of these programs and I think it is fair to say that we are all benefitting from strong lay leaders in our parishes and communities. You will be hearing a lot more about our discipleship model based on Luke chapters 7-10, throughout the synod.

We are also blessed in this diocese to have women and men of all ages discerning calls to serve in ordained ministry in God's church whether as priests or deacons. Since our last Synod there have been 18 ordinations – 10 of them this month on Holy Cross Day. We are truly blessed.

In our sister diocese in Buyé we continue to support the diocesan theological college. There is now a full complement of pastors who are in years one and two of their training. They are passionate about their ministry and dedicated students. It is wonderful that the college is alive and thriving once again. Although it was founded in the 1930s it is only recently because of support that they are taking students. There are now 17 students for ordained ministry and there are over 200 catechists who are being trained to be evangelists in the diocese. Next year there will be ordinations and a huge celebration.

³ SSJE.org

⁴ SSJE.org



Closer to home it has been a joy to see the development of the Anglican Studies Certificate at Newman Theological College which adds an important piece to our leadership development programs.

In the Diocese we continue to work with Michael Harvey who visits annually to conduct workshops and provide coaching. In the fall of 2015 we also held Seasons of Invitations Workshops in Camrose, Edmonton and Barrhead.

I serve on the discipleship task force of the Anglican Consultative Council and I look forward to sharing with you details of the intentional discipleship initiative of the Anglican Communion – Living and Sharing a Jesus Shaped Life during the Synod as a road map of where we might go next in this ministry.

The continued growth of family friendly church services, Messy Church and similar programs and events, the success of Youth Alpha and the growing strength of Base Camp is a testament to the fact that parishes across the diocese are working hard at nurturing our youngest members. We had hoped to join with our brothers and sisters in Buyé in sending a youth team to join their youth camp but unfortunately political unrest meant that our team could not go. We continued to support the event from afar and we pray that the political situation there will come to a peaceful resolution so that more we can attend at a future time.

The Pilgrim course has been enthusiastically received in the diocese and many programs have taken place.

*3 To respond to human need by loving service **Tend:** Flowing from our relationship with Jesus, we serve others with loving kindness in many ordinary ways.⁵*

We are not called to be silent witnesses to the pain and confusion that exists in our own time. Rather we are called to point to hope, show that God is here, that he is active. Let me highlight two things here. In 2016 there were the most terrible fires in Fort McMurray and throughout the Wood Buffalo region which resulted in 90,000 people being displaced. It was a time when many wondered if they would have anything to return to when the fires eventually

⁵ SSJE.org



subsided. In the midst of all of this pain and uncertainty the church as a whole, and in this diocese, gathered together through the work of PWRDF, the Red Cross, the Edmonton Emergency Response centre, and through the work of chaplains at Northlands. People opened their homes to strangers, people drove hundreds of kilometers to deliver water and gas to people stuck by the sides of highways. At times of great need we worked and prayed and acted as one to help relieve whatever suffering we could.

In 2017 famine took a deep hold in Africa including in Burundi and in our sister diocese. The United Nations has said that this year we will see the world's largest humanitarian crisis since 1945, with more than 20 million people at risk of famine in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen. Millions more have been affected by severe drought and food shortages across East Africa. People of the diocese of Edmonton responded directly to Buyé in providing relief. I offer my thanks and those of Bishop Sixbert.

In March, 2017 I was able to pay a quick visit to Buyé. During that visit I was impacted by the incredible ministry of our brothers and sisters and how, even in the middle of difficult times there is an unshakeable trust in God and hope for the future. During the visit we were able to connect with friends old and new and bring greetings from partner parishes, meet postulants and catechists, celebrate international women's day, visit the newly renovated and expanded maternity unit at the hospital, and see first-hand the impact of drought in parts of the diocese.

One of our companion projects has been work on the hospital in Buyé. This is our second such project – the first being the building of an HIV/AIDS clinic. The hospital serves 220,000 people. There are 6 doctors and one ambulance for the surrounding area. The hospital sees 1000 patients a month and half of these are children under the age of five. There are 120 beds and eight departments. The maternity Unit at the hospital has been substantially expanded through funds from our Diocesan REACH program and PWRDF. Women who are seen in health centres from 17 communes are referred to the hospital for deliveries especially where complications are expected. Doctors perform about 30 C-sections every month.

There are now separate rooms for women who are pre natal and postnatal, also a recovery room with two beds for the time immediately after surgery. There is a separate room for patients who have had complications from delivery. There is also a new ward block which also allows for isolation of highly infectious patients and more room for those who have family staying with



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



them to help after difficult births or C-sections. We were told that complications and cross infections are much reduced with the new facility. I have never met a more dynamic team of doctors, nurses, administrators and pastors as those working at Buyé hospital. They have my utmost respect and admiration. We prayed on every unit and at the meeting with staff and pastors and a loyal representative from the department of health we sang songs of praise.

Right now we are seeing devastation because of natural disasters again in forest fires in B.C., southern Alberta and Manitoba and of course in the after effect of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Once again the church is called to pray and to respond.

Mental Health first Aid; there is a great dearth of support for people experiencing mental health crises across the diocese. All the clergy are taking Mental Health First Aid Certification: Participants will learn how to help people who are showing signs of mental health problems or who are experiencing a mental health crisis. I hope that after this inaugural year of training the program can be offered to lay leaders in the diocese.

*4 To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation **Transform:** Everything is being renewed and restored.⁶*

We have continued to work at diocesan, parish and personal levels on our task of reconciliation with the first peoples of this land and especially on Treaty Six Lands⁷ where the Diocese of Edmonton is situated. We have continued to look at the calls to action from the TRC final report (see appendix 2) and also explored what it means to live a Reconciled Life as Christian brothers and sisters. Through the work of many individuals the Indigenous Ministry Initiative of the Diocese (IMI) is moving more firmly into acts of reconciliation. This has involved a great deal of work on the centrality of Ceremony and personal relationships. We have

⁶ SSJE.org

⁷ The total area of the Treaty stretches from western Alberta, through Saskatchewan and into Manitoba; and includes 50 First Nations. The people of the Treaty 6 region in Central Alberta, which includes the Alexander First Nation; the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Cold Lake First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Frog Lake First Nation, Heart Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation, O'Chiese First Nation, Paul First Nation, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Sunchild First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation (Goodfish). Edmonton is also home to Metis Nation of Alberta.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



seen this blossoming across the diocese but especially in Maskwacis, Alexis First Nation, in urban Edmonton.

Why a renewed focus on ceremony and relationship? If I start from my story, I would have to say that formal ways of coming before God, the fruits of the earth, the history of generations help me to enter prayer and come into the presence of God and it is in those ways that I can draw upon all that strength and knowledge and wisdom to help me move forward in being reconciled to my brothers and sisters. They seem to be an innately human way of becoming our true selves.

I think the fact that it is such an intrinsically human thing to do adds a kind of irony to the fact that the residential school system and the laws forbidding participation in ceremonies stripped generations of people of their spirituality. Therefore this move to reconciliation in our time addresses a deep, deep wound, deeper than we can see or touch in our brothers and sisters. Reconciliation has been described as a western concept that describes a process of bringing one's spirit to a place of peace. Peace is in this way of thinking a state of the spirit. Therefore to find that peace we have to heal our spirit. In the church we have to come to terms that we were party to practices that labeled all aboriginal spiritual practices as being of the devil and the disrespect that showed, and the pain it caused. Many of these practices we have now come to see as holy and having something to teach us about the way in which God has spoken, and continues to speak to his children.

This is what Maggie Hodgson⁸ says “Traditional and/or Christian ceremony is critical to reconciliation. The Bible and traditional ceremony each teaches with different words and rituals but with similar living principles. The core of these two ways is to teach us to ‘love our neighbor as ourself’ or in our way (the native way) it is the wellbeing of the collective that is core and we must work to co-exist with others in a good way.”

The spirit can be heard in sweat lodges and in churches, in Christian hymns and in traditional singing. The ceremony involved in all these things brings us into the presence of God, the Creator. Ceremony has been used directly in trauma recovery programs and through addictions programs in groups like AADAC. It became a center point from which healing flowed

⁸ Adapted: Maggie Hodgson contributed to a series of writings called “From Truth to Reconciliation” and “Speaking my truth”



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



and pain could be put on the table. We see that in our church ceremonies with sacraments of reconciliation, anointing for healing, and promise of forgiveness. Not always in the corporate ceremony of confessions but more often in the private ceremony, in the gut wrenching admissions and naming of hopes one on one, in the deep conversations of a fifth step. There is a form, a shape, a way of coming before God and being assured of help.

This idea of ceremony providing a form for us to come together means that as a community we have a map for what to do, how to use our words and our stillness. Reconciliation with God and with one another isn't an endless stream of people starting with a blank page. Ceremony and prayer are the tools we need for our healing. There can be no reconciliation without right relations. We know that in our own context, we know for example that we are to share the Peace of Christ with everyone and if there is anyone present in church with whom you will not share the peace, or want to be in right relationship with then you should not receive the sacrament until you have sorted it out. This is part of our ceremony if you like. If you go deep within and really listen you live it, but sometimes if we are not careful we just make sure we are not sitting in their part of the church! How much more difficult then to achieve right relations with those where there is no shared ceremony or prayer. It is not going to just happen, we have to work at it. Settler and Indigenous people, all parties to Treaty 6 and yes that means us too, have to take a step towards one another to understand one another.

I see this as a tremendous opportunity for us to take our own actions more seriously – especially if we have to explain them to one another. True reconciliation is the sharing of stories, of understanding, of respect. Elder to elder, disciple to disciple, child to child. Michael Lapsley of the Institute for the Healing of Memories and our keynote speaker for this 65th Synod, says ‘Every story needs a listener’. The story behind our ceremonies needs to be heard – on both sides, the story of our prayers, why we pray, who we pray too and stories of answered and unanswered prayers and the learnings we received – these are all stories that need to be heard. Across the diocese we have seen Blanket exercises, TRC exhibits, art installations, Medicine Stories, Common Ground gatherings and of course the 22 Days awareness and prayer services for MMWG. If we continue in these ways I hope we will see more *Kisewâtisiwin* – compassion, loving kindness, more *Okihtowihewin* – generosity, and more of a sense of *Wâhkôhtowin* – kinship with one another.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



I think it would be fair to say that many of us have been haunted by photographs and news reports of refugees and migrants trying to leave war torn areas. We remember especially the story of three year old Aylan Kurdi who died with his five-year-old brother, Galip, and mother, Rehan. No one can have seen the pictures of Aylan and remained unmoved. So what do we as Christians do? What does our faith say to us? Not surprisingly our faith calls us to action. The words of Holy Scripture are full of calls to reach out to the vulnerable and those in need, to welcome the stranger and truly love our neighbours as ourselves. Therefore, as a church and as individuals we must reach out to those who are marginalized and persecuted. We do this through prayer, through action and through advocacy. A critical piece of work in this diocese is in our sponsorship of refugees. The diocese has been a sponsorship agreement holder with the Canadian government for over 30 years. I have been greatly heartened by a renewed energy around refugee sponsorship in the diocese, from parishes, from groups of friends getting together. We have welcomed another 6 families since our last synod. Thank you so much.

In recent months we have seen a rise in racism and in religious phobias, particularly islamophobia. The development of Muslim Christian dialogues are more important than ever before. People of faith must stand together when either one of us is persecuted or ridiculed or vilified. I am reminded of incredible pictures out of Egypt last year when Muslims made circles around Christians praying and Christians did the same for Muslims. There are places in our community where we could be extending the hand of friendship to one another even more than we currently do. Making sure our children understand each other and stand together against fanaticism and hatred of all kinds. We can and indeed must stand together as children of one God to condemn acts of terrorism, oppression and violence because we know that such things have no place in God's vision for his world. I think we can continue to stand together and speak of peace in this world.

As disciples of Christ we are called to hold to a vision of a world that is simply teeming with life. It is a challenging image for us today and there are days, I must confess, that the idea of peace in this world seems so far away. The images and stories from parts of Africa, the stories from some of our northern communities and the ongoing situation in Syria, Burundi, Myanmar and Yemen tear at our very souls. And yet our Christian hope and proclamation remains the conviction that things can indeed be different. We are to model ourselves on the characteristics



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



of Christ and bring our best efforts to any sphere where we have influence, whether in our homes and families, our workplaces or our churches. The rule of life of the Taize community in France says that “From now on, you are no longer alone. In all things you must take your brothers and sisters into account.” My prayer for this diocese is that we live in this way all the time.

*Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace. Amen*

Desmond Tutu said “Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” John Wesley put it slightly differently, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

With God's help, so may we live. We are called to have a concern for the dignity and well being of each individual. To bring the best of our passion and hard work to the task of the transformation of this world. It is for us to challenge those around you to believe in the seemingly impossible tasks of this age and generation. I have what many have called a naïve belief in our human capacity to accept and be part of change. My prayer for the church is that you are like that too. That taking strength from the knowledge that God has given you all such a variety of gifts and skills for building up his body, you can relax into the tasks set before you. Knowing that everything has meaning, is of value and is needed.

*5 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
Treasure: All of creation is a gift to be cherished. We are in an ecological crisis. Let’s do something together, even with a small patch of earth at our doorstep.⁹*

At the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Lusaka in 2016 we were challenged to ask ourselves whether we were hesitating to provide leadership from a theological perspective on the issue of Climate Justice, and that the time frame for being able to turn things

⁹ SSJE.org



around for our world is getting shorter and shorter; the assumption that we had until 2100 is probably off by 50 years. We were reminded that care for creation is part of intentional discipleship for the Christian, and the Environmental network asked us to ‘love the world as much as God does.’”

At our 64th Synod I asked every parish to take more seriously this call to treasure creation and in particular to look at our own consumption, particularly of non-recyclables. Once again I bring back to you the request that you have the discussion about using only recycled paper products in offices, washrooms and kitchens and ending our use of Styrofoam and plastic cutlery. During my travels around the diocese I am aware that these conversations have not always been taking place at the parish level.

Steps have been made by the Social Justice Committee and by our environmental chaplain but there is much remaining work.

On a personal Note

In addition to the work of the Diocese of Edmonton in terms of our parishes and people, my own episcopal ministry has allowed me in the past two years to continue to speak about issues of social justice in the community through my work as Co-Chair of End Poverty Edmonton. I regularly present on the intersection of church and society at colleges and to community groups. I have been blessed to have been part of discussions at the federal level on poverty and policy. It is really important for the church to be seen as having a voice and something important to offer in the shaping of our life here in Edmonton and farther afield. I have had the opportunity to present at national conferences on questions of faith and human rights, and as previously mentioned I am part of the Intentional Discipleship task force of the Anglican Communion. I serve on the standing committee of the ACC and continue to take part in the Canadian and African Bishops’ Dialogues. I have been able to address convocations at the University of Alberta, Queen’s College Newfoundland and Emmanuel St. Chad, Saskatoon. I also enjoyed leading the Ecumenical Mission Sherwood Park in 2016 and leading retreats at Star of the North and for various groups including SSJD and OHC. The annual Cursillo teaching days are also a joy. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to take a sabbatical for 3 months for study



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



and prayer from 2nd November 2015 – 31st January 2016. It was a time of great refreshment. I thank you for your prayers and for your support.

In closing this report I ask everyone across the diocese to remember that we are called to share what we know so that others might see Christ as we see him. And because we are all such different people the fullness of Christ will be known though the many different paths we all choose. Sudden and unexpected sightings of goodness and love – let us promise one another to be intentional about looking for them and about coming back into our communities and telling each other about them.



Take the image of this icon with you – Jesus and his friend¹⁰. Rowan Williams has said that it is ‘...when Christ’s hand touches us that something new becomes possible and we are able to become human and to live fully in God’s company’¹¹. I love that phrase because it talks to me of the certain and intimate relationship we have with God. It speaks of the longing that God has for us that whatever we may do or not do, be or not be, nevertheless God extends that hand to us, that promise and that assurance of welcome. Well Jesus’ hand rests lightly on you my brothers and sisters. During the 65th Synod let us see where he would like us to take our ministry in His name as we consider our theme **Made New In Christ: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;

¹⁰ Jesus and Abba Menas. A 6th-century icon from the Monastery of Bawit in Middle Egypt, currently at the Louvre

¹¹ Rowan Williams: *The Dwelling of the Light*, p.28



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*With you, Risen Christ
We go forward from one discovery to another
As we try to find out what you want from us
Our life opens up to the Holy Spirit
And the Spirit comes to bring to fulfillment in us
Things we did not even dare hope for. AMEN¹²*

¹² From the Taize community



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Bishop's Mission Action Plan 2015-2016

Dear Friends,

This is my Mission Action Plan for 2015/6

- I have tried to look for particular threads to shape my own ministry, preaching and teaching during this year
- As in previous years, this builds on ongoing work in many areas of ministry
- As we begin 2015 we will see some of the REACH ministries taking shape. When we looked across all the parish REACH projects we found two main clusters of ministries. Reaching Specific Demographics and Education and Programs; then there were other needs such as Building or accessibility projects, social media initiatives and ecumenical connections. Many of these initiatives will also be supported by diocesan resources. Once we have final numbers on REACH then detailed spending plans can be drawn up and presented to A&F. There will be regular reports to Executive Council on the work of the Initiatives and regular review of programs.
- This year sees a great deal of work around issues associated with poverty, my role on the Mayor's task Force for the Elimination of poverty and the opportunities this brings for community engagement.
- Therefore this year we will continue to build on our ministry initiatives, Rural Ministry Initiative, the Barnabas Initiative and the Indigenous Ministry Initiative
- We continue to be part of the Inter Diocesan Learning Community and to look at new ways to encourage congregational health and growth, and missional ministry. In everything we do we try to live into the Diocesan Mission Statement to "Proclaim the gospel, Make disciples and Further the Kingdom"
- It is my intention to take a sabbatical for study and reflection in 2015/2016
- I have tried to incorporate thinking around the Five Marks of Mission so that we can embody these across the diocese and live into the call of to the whole church in Vision 2019, presented at General Synod in 2010. The Five Marks stress the doing of mission. Faithful action is the measure of our response to Christ (Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). However, the challenge facing us is not just to do mission but to be a people of mission.
 - 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
 - 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
 - 3. To respond to human need by loving service
 - 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
 - 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

(The numerals I, II, III, IV, and V relate to the marks of mission) The first mark of mission, identified at ACC-6 (the sixth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984) with personal evangelism, is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus' own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17). Instead of being just one (albeit the first) of five distinct activities, this should be the key statement about everything we do in mission.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Mission and Evangelism (i & ii)</p>	<p>To give people the tools and strengthen the desire to talk about our faith and invite others into a relationship with Christ</p> <p>To renew and revitalize parishes</p> <p>To train clergy and lay leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Lay Evangelist Training Program • Cursillo • EFM • Congregational development – use of the CAT and parish workshops - Parishes who have completed CAT ASAC; HTAC; St. Augustine’s Parkland; Christchurch; St. Patrick’s; St. Luke’s; St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake; St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead; St. Peter’s, Lac la Nonne. Parishes in process/beginning: St. John the Divine, Onoway; St. Thomas, Wainwright; Good Shepherd, Edmonton. Next CAT parishes: St. Timothy’s, Edmonton; St. Thomas, Sherwood Park; St. Peter’s Edmonton; St. George’s, Fort Saskatchewan. Good mix of rural and urban • Alpha Youth – appointment of Amy Croy • To continue clergy mentorship and support. We have 2 leadership groups in place, a year one and a year 2 stream. 15 clergy are currently in the program. • Continue to offer “Mission Days” and help with Back to Church Sunday development across the diocese. <p>Mission Days (a one day educational event to introduce the idea of being a missional church and begin to plan that work in a particular context) have found a place in the role out of the REACH campaign as parishes begin to concretely think about how to put their faith in action where they are. In 2014 Mission Days ran in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Augustine's Canterbury (modified to run two days with Sunday worship included) • St. Margaret's Edmonton (with Nick Trussell and Chris Roth) • St. John Onoway • St. Mary Abbot's Barrhead • St. Thomas Sherwood Park (led by Steve London)



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



- St. Luke's Edmonton
- Yellowhead United Church Conference

The Presentation of what mission is as related to our life in faith rather than fear of decline or financial pressure has been successful. Participants report a new or renewed sense of partnership with God in God's mission and are often excited to share new possibilities.

- To offer a follow up to the Michael Harvey Launch Pad events of 2014 which saw tremendous support from parishes and lay people across the diocese
- Identify parishes that seem to have stalled even though their community is growing, and work alongside to plan ministry and community response – Transforming Mission with Paul Nahirney- Parishes involved: St. Mary's, Edmonton; St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake; St. Faith's St. Stephen; St. Matthias
- Continue to develop relationship with Kings University, Concordia, Wycliffe and Newman Colleges
- Children's Ministry – a particular emphasis this year on the grade 5 and 6 children and working on transitions
- Continue to encourage fresh expressions of church – places where we are Christ in the community – not only in a traditional outreach ways but in this particular expression of the church this becomes a place where people meet in a more organic way with the intention of inviting the un-churched or de-churched to be part of a small community where they can meet Christ and grow in his love. E.g. Emmaus Road, Interface
- Improved ecumenical relationships and work with the Edmonton Interfaith Centre and the Centre for Peace Studies – N.B. excellent work by Scott Sharman in the past year, a real opening up of discussions particularly in the interfaith area. Bring the work of the Poverty task force into these venues
- Continue to support and encourage the growth of St. Mark Jieng



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and encourage the new Filipino parish with deacon in mission Rev. Johnny Pooten • Propose the adoption of the 5 Marks of Mission in our Diocesan Constitution
<p><i>2015-2016 Plans</i></p>	<p><i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i></p>
<p>Rural Ministry Initiative (i ,ii, iii)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for rural parishes • Strategic planning for diocesan rural presence including how we evaluate viability – i.e. how we continue to provide ministry for those parishes which cannot afford ordained ministry • Explore creative approaches to providing ministry in small communities – e.g. hub parishes with team ministries • Continue to provide a conference and time for rural ministers, ordained and lay, to come together • Laureta Blondin became an area deacon and then priest in the Bon Accord, Morinville, Gibbons and Redwater areas • Develop a wider repertoire of rural resources • Explore the idea of a rural curacy which might be shared between parishes – e.g. three 6 month placements • Visit all rural parishes this year



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Family Ministry Development (i, ii)</p> <p>Youth and Young Adult Ministry (i, ii)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messy Church – bring this to the fore again, we had a bit of a fallow year in 2014 • Review of Confirmation preparation and Follow Up programs – not all are equal. Prepare a set of expectations and hopes that I have for the confirmation candidates. • Build on the work of Youth Alpha under the leadership of Amy Croy • Continue to develop discipleship models that encompass the whole family so that we see Christian education as a continuum • New leadership emerging in the area of Youth and young adult ministry with bimonthly meetings of leaders • Bishop’s youth day/extravaganza to continue • Set a yearly calendar for youth with 3 or 4 diocesan events and share well in advance • Review Ascend Program at Ascension house and look at leadership both in the house and from outside, is this a model that is reproducible for other parishes - St. George’s are looking at an intentional community taking shape in their rectory St. Aidan’s House • Young adult trip to Buye this summer to join with their youth camp/rally • Base camp to run this year focus on community building and leadership – Mark Armstrong to lead, Heather Liddell to be the chaplain



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Social Justice (iv and v)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on the legacy of the Social Justice Camp with a social justice diocesan event in Fall 2015 • Give new strength and focus to the Social Justice committee – explore the idea of it becoming a standing committee of the diocese • PWRDF work in this area – new diocesan coordinator Dorothy Marshall, an interest in involving youth and young adults • Continued involvement in the 10 Year Plan to end homelessness. Training on “A place to call home” , we need to look at how the learnings from this program can be shared for use in communities outside Edmonton • Use the opportunity provided by co-chairing the Mayor’s task force on poverty to raise issues of poverty and advocacy across all parishes and into the wider community • Encourage parishes in joining with Habitat for Humanity and other affordable and/or supported housing projects • New workshops being developed on community engagement by John Gee • Bring back the work from the Bishops Eco Conference in Cape town and look at how we can address our own care and stewardship of creation



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>First Nations/Indigenous Ministry Initiative (i, iii, iv)</p>	<p>To provide sacramental and pastoral care to First Nations brothers and sisters particularly in urban centres To extend healing and reconciliation and support in issues of justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on new relationships with Elders that started to be formed following the Pentecost commitment and the planting of the choke cherry trees • Continue Standing Stones – in terms of regular offerings at ICPM in the community of Immanuel, St. Faith's, All Saints Cathedral and taking Standing Stones 'on the road' to other parishes around the diocese to encourage and foster relationships and understanding - always keeping the gospel at the centre • Add first nations communities across the diocese to the diocesan prayer cycle for support and visibility • Develop a mentorship program for young First Nations Leaders • Develop a plan for rural indigenous support and ministry – appointment of Fiona Brownlee • Develop more resources and support for parishes around education – appointment of Sharon Pasula, development of indiginews, articles in the messenger, involvement at YOC etc. • Follow up on the end of the TRC and review recommendations as available • Provide resources on addressing racism in our communities – Tom Dean and Susan Ormsbee completed antiracism training in Fall of 2014 to be able to be resource people



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Clergy and Lay Leadership Development (i, ii)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue program of individual Clergy Interviews and Reflections on Ministry continued discernment of God’s call on our lives • Continue personal and parish MAPS • Continue model of retreat in Lent and conference in June with a focus on post-graduate level learning in June • Continue work with examining chaplains around discernment materials and process for both vocational diaconate and priesthood - implement new grids that are in line with the recommendation of TEAC. Provide clarity around the process and the requirements for ordination to both the priesthood and the diaconate • Continue the development of a ‘locally-raised’ clergy program – 3 people currently in this program • Yearly retreat for lay readers and other parish leaders on particular topics of scripture • Continue the implementation of the lay reader training program and broaden the offerings for continuing education We are finding that we have more people enrolling in training and completing both the course and follow up events. Better use of trained readers in parishes • Continue to encourage the full use of lay readers in parishes not just as cover for clergy vacation • Continuation of a variation of the C.Min (Competence in ministry program for new clergy – deacons and priests) • Bring excellent speakers into the diocese on a variety of topics and with different approaches +Stephen Andrews coming for clergy retreat, James Penner for clergy and lay training in 2015, Doug Paggitt for clergy conference



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2015-2016 Plans</i>	<i>2015-2016 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>The wider Anglican Family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burundi - continue work with counterparts in the Diocese of Buye on prayer and mission • Supporting the work of the national church – House of Bishops; COGs; Officer of General Synod • PWRDF • Participation in Consultation of Canadian and African Bishops in Dialogue • Participation in Eco Bishops Gathering • Participation in Consultation on Companion Dioceses • Bishop representative on the Anglican Consultative Council – meets 2016 in Lusaka and then again in 2019



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Bishop's Mission Action Plan 2016-2017



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

Dear Friends,

This is my Mission Action Plan for 2016/17

- As in previous years, this builds on ongoing work in many areas of ministry
- This year sees a concentration of work around discipleship and evangelism
- I envision continued work around issues associated with poverty, the publication of the End Poverty Strategy provides ways to link our ministry with ongoing community initiatives.
- We will explore a pilot rural team based ministry through the RMI
- We will continue to look at the calls to action from the TRC final report and also explore what it means to live a Reconciled Life as Christian brothers and sisters.
- We continue to look at new ways to encourage congregational health and growth, and missional ministry. In everything we do we try to live into the Diocesan Mission Statement to “Proclaim the gospel, Make disciples and Further the Kingdom”
- I have tried to incorporate thinking around the Five marks of mission so that we can embody these across the diocese and live into the call to the whole church in Vision 2019, presented at General Synod in 2010. The Five Marks stress the doing of mission. Faithful action is the measure of our response to Christ (Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-26). However, the challenge facing us is not just to do mission but to be a people of mission.
 - 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
 - 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
 - 3. To respond to human need by loving service
 - 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
 - 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

(The numerals I, II, III, IV, and V relate to the marks of mission) The first mark of mission, identified at ACC-6 (the sixth meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984) with personal evangelism, is really a summary of what all mission is about, because it is based on Jesus’ own summary of his mission (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:18, Luke 7:22; cf. John 3:14-17). Instead of being just one (albeit the first) of five distinct activities, this should be the key statement about everything we do in mission.

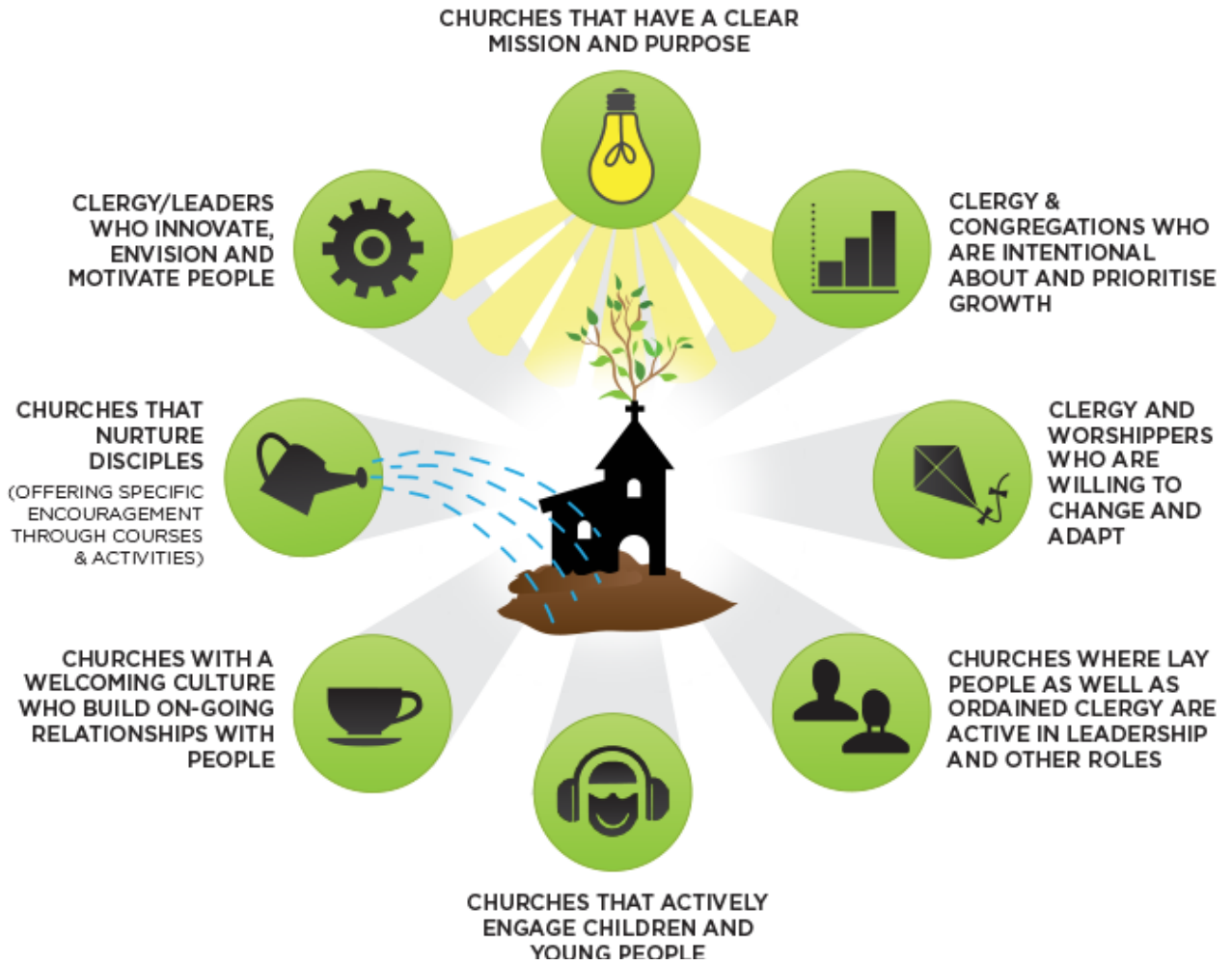


Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





This is the graphic which is helping to guide my thinking on my focus this year from “Evidence to Action”



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Discipleship and Evangelism (i & ii) This Has To Be The Main Thing</p>	<p>Goals</p> <p>To begin a 6 year intentional period of Discipleship and Evangelism</p> <p>To give people the tools and strengthen the desire to talk about our faith and invite others into a relationship with Christ</p> <p>To renew and revitalize parishes</p> <p>To train clergy and lay leaders</p> <p>To encourage biblical study across the diocese</p> <p>Objectives and Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of the Pilgrim Course for Discipleship <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce the course at Clergy conference June of 2016 2. Every rector to be given a leaders guide for the program by September 2016 3. Pilgrim courses to be run across the diocese each year, parish partnerships and groupings to be encouraged • To recruit a second cohort to the Licensed Lay Evangelist Training Program with a view to having an LLE in every parish who is commissioned by the parish to build up the body in being able to reach into the community and to share stories of faith. • Over the Fall of 2016 develop the “Send Out Seventy” program which will look specifically at developing leaders and story tellers for faith and discipleship. The plan is to train a group of people in mentorship of new Christians, home group leaders for Alpha and Pilgrim programs, train in catechesis as a new Marks of Mission Catechism is developed for use in Confirmation programs across the diocese. These people will work alongside clergy so we can ask ourselves:



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW N CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



1. What is God calling us to be in this parish?
 2. What is God calling us to do in this parish?
- Who is God calling us to do this with?
 - Congregational development – continue the use of the **CAT** and parish workshops so that every parish will have completed the CAT and used the results to help with their own mission planning by the end of 2017.
 - To continue clergy mentorship and support.
 1. Continue with portfolio approach to leadership
 2. Appointment of a new Archdeacon for Mission: Ven. Richard King effective August 2016
 3. Educational events that encourage us all in being better and more able ministers of the gospel – in 2016/2017 Study day on “This Holy Estate” with Dr. Stephen Martin, Clergy Self-care with Dr. Lynda Philips; Preaching the gospel of Matthew; Clergy Retreat “Sabbath rest by Galilee”, Clergy Conference with Alan Hirsch; Diocesan Synod Speaker in 2017 Rev. Fr. Michael Lapsley
 - Continue to offer training on **the Seasons of Invitation** initiative through the continued support of Michael Harvey
 1. Every parish using the Seasons of invitation materials to identify invitees, reach out in prayer and remain focused on the building up of the Kingdom
 - Continue to identify parishes that seem to have stalled even though their community is growing, and work alongside to plan ministry and community response
 1. Review all parish Mission Action Plans by September 2016 and identify clusters of parishes who might benefit from working together or having ministry partnerships in addressing common challenges



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



- Reinststate the Bible in a year reading program on the Diocesan Website and encourage its use – in place by September 2016

- Cursillo – to help the Cursillo movement reach out more widely to parishes to encourage participation in weekends and Ultreyas
 1. Continue Cursillo teaching days
 2. Give support from the Bishop’s office to the Cursillo facebook page and also advertising materials
 3. Encourage and produce invitations for Cursillo along the lines of the seasons of invitation initiative

- Continue to support the EFM program of the diocese and provide opportunities for continued growth and study through courses at Newman e.g The Marks of Mission Course in Fall 2016, and through developing lay events with speakers that we bring in for clergy days.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Rural Ministry Initiative (i ,ii, iii)</p>	<p>Goal: To have healthy and vibrant parishes regardless of size. To be flexible in models of leadership and to raise up new clergy and lay leaders with a vocation for ministry in rural settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support for rural parishes by parish groupings and development of area ministry plans <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional meetings starting in October 2016 2. Review of Mission Action Plans 3. Pairing of urban and rural parishes in particular to partner on community events • Appointment of a new Archdeacon for Rural Ministry by end of September 2016 • Explore creative approaches to providing ministry in small communities – e.g. hub parishes with team ministries <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building on “From Evidence to Action” look at Team ministries from the perspective of strength and gifts and build teams with vision and clarity of purpose. 2. First Team ministry to begin in the Western Arm of the Diocese in late September 2016 3. Through Fall of 2016 decide on evaluation model for the new ministry • Develop models and patterns for shared ministry and propose any needed changes for Diocesan canons at synod 2017 • Develop a repertoire of rural resources and Sunday school material available through the diocesan website • Develop a rural curacy be shared between parishes – e.g. three 6 month placements starting Fall of 2017



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Family Ministry Development (i, ii)</p> <p>Youth and Young Adult Ministry (i, ii)</p>	<p>Goal: To further strengthen our ministry to families and children by providing a discipling environment and resources for parishes, families and individuals to grow in their faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messy Church <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rev. Heather Liddell Messy Church Coordinator for the Diocese and forging links with Messy Church Canada 2. Educate through clergy days and training events that Messy Church is Church not church in waiting – be creative with Messy ideas – e.g. Messy Induction in Fort Saskatchewan September 2016 • Distribute a set of expectations and hopes that I have for confirmation candidates by October 1 2016 to ensure consistent cornerstones of confirmation programming • Develop a catechism based on the 5 marks of mission for use in the diocese <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. September 2016 creation of brainstorming team to work with +Jane on content and shape meeting over the Fall months 2. January – June writing and design team work on development of catechism and associated materials 3. June 2017 Clergy conference presentation of the catechism 4. September 2017 launch of the materials • Build on the work of Youth Alpha under the leadership of Amy Croy • Base camp and Winter Camping programs are running well again <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call a meeting of Camp chaplains and staff in October to review Summer camps and discuss the development of a camp program for grades 5 and 6 children during the year to facilitate a move into Junior High ministry and also build



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



	<p>a stronger base for young adult ministry in the diocese</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Ensure that the children of Youth Alpha including Alexis, are encouraged to attend Base Camp 3. Ensure that members form Ascension House and St. Aidan's House speak to the Base camp chaplains about exploring a year spent in one of the communities
--	---

<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>Social Justice (iv and v)</p>	<p>Goal: to more fully share the gospel in our aim to be part of the transformation of this world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute in Fall 2016 the Congregational Action Guide for the End Poverty Edmonton Strategy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce at clergy day in October 2. Collect information in how the guide is being used and shared ideas and stories of community involvement at following clergy days 3. Send information back to the EPE about how faith communities are helping to raise people out of poverty 4. Educational event in Spring 2017 on stereo-typing those living in poverty 5. Encourage each parish to take part in a United way Poverty simulation 6. Encourage parishes to have the John Humphreys youth team come and do their racism workshop • Encourage parishes in joining with Habitat for Humanity and other affordable and/or supported housing projects • Continue to support the Diocesan Social Justice Committee – now a



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



standing committee of the diocese and ensure there is regular reporting to Executive council on projects and initiatives

- Bring back the work from the Bishops Eco Conference in Cape town and look at how we can address our own care and stewardship of creation
 1. Appoint a chaplain for the environment to help with education and events – Sarah Ficko appointed August 2016
 2. Develop a list of suppliers of fair trade coffee and tea in the diocese– Fall 2016
 3. Refrain from using Styrofoam in all our church communities
 4. Encourage the use of Skype meetings
 5. Development of material for both parish and individual use on shrinking our carbon footprint – this work has begun and material will start coming online in October 2016



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>First Nations/Indigenous Ministry Initiative (i, iii, iv)</p>	<p>Goal To provide sacramental and pastoral care to First Nations brothers and sisters particularly in urban centres To extend healing and work for reconciliation and demonstrate support in issues of justice Ongoing evaluation of our work in reaching out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on new relationships with Elders that are coming out of our new ministries in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with Canon Enright to appoint a Diocesan Elder to help shape our response to the calls to action from the TRC • Continue Standing Stones – in terms of regular offerings at ICPM in the community of Immanuel, St. Faith’s, All Saints Cathedral and taking Standing Stones ‘on the road’ to other parishes around the diocese to encourage and foster relationships and understanding - always keeping the gospel at the centre • Rev. Lori Calkins to continue to work with projects coming out of the “we see” and red dress events • Using the Facilitation of Fr. Michael Lapsley we will run Healing of Memories Workshops and Training in October 2016 • Develop a mentorship program for young First Nations Leaders • Continue to shape our plan for rural indigenous support and ministry Fiona Brownlee, Rev. Helen Northcutt



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

<i>2016-2017 Plans</i>	<i>2016-2017 Areas of Focus</i>
<p>The wider Anglican Family</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burundi - continue work with counterparts in the Diocese of Buye on prayer and mission • Supporting the work of the national church – House of Bishops; • PWRDF • Participation in Consultation of Canadian and African Bishops in Dialogue • Encourage people around the diocese to get to know and to join the networks of the Anglican Communion <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Articles in the messenger – Summer 2016 2. Teaching Day for Cursillo – June 2016 3. Presentation at General Synod July 2016 4. Distribution of materials to Social Justice Committee October 2016 • Dissemination of materials from Eco Bishops Gathering • Member of the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

End Poverty Edmonton Strategy Alignment



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 territory, the territory of the Papaschase, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.



EndPovertyEdmonton Strategy and strategic alignment with the Diocese of Edmonton

We are the Anglican Church in Edmonton and area, extending across Alberta and approximately 100 km north and south of Edmonton. Twenty of the 50 parishes are within the city of Edmonton. We seek to further the Kingdom of God by being communities where Jesus' own ministry of healing, reconciliation and new life is lived out in our worship, service and partnerships with other churches and groups locally and around the world.

Out of the 28 priorities in the EPE strategy the following relate directly to initiatives/ projects that we are currently working on or in the process of developing

1. Establish an Aboriginal culture and wellness centre

At least three of our parishes – All Saints' Cathedral, St. Faith's, and St. Mary's – incorporate Aboriginal culture and wellness practices into services and other activities.

2. Initiate people-first and trauma-informed policy and practice

All Saints' Cathedral recently hosted an exhibition on the history of Indian Residential Schools. Approximately 2,000 people saw the exhibit and many of them said that it increased their awareness of the historical trauma experienced by Aboriginal people.

4. Provide opportunities where Aboriginal people in poverty can "show and grow" their talents and abilities.

The Anglican Diocese is a partner, along with the Roman Catholic, United, and Lutheran churches, in the Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM), a Christian ministry of presence serving the people of the inner city of Edmonton. The majority of ICPM's participants are Aboriginal, and it provides them with a unique opportunity to use their talents in worship and ministry.

6. Eliminate racism

Many Anglican parishes are racially diverse. One priest describes his parish as a "mini United Nations." Because of our ties with the worldwide Anglican Communion, many immigrants are already familiar with Anglican traditions and gravitate towards our parishes. Our historic work with indigenous communities also contributes to the diversity. Anglican churches are one place where Canadians of European origins come face to face with others who look different from them and begin to appreciate them as people.



Diocese of Edmonton

65th Synod

Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Diocese is working on implementing a living wage policy among its parishes.

The Diocese is a partner organization with the Greater Edmonton Alliance.

13. Negotiate with other orders of government to increase funding for affordable and supportive housing as well as rental subsidy programs

The Diocese has designated surplus land at two locations for construction of supportive and affordable housing.

15. Improve skills training to help people gain sustainable employment

St. Patrick's parish in Mill Woods has partnered with the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (EMCN) and the Welcome Centre for Immigrants (WCI) to offer job fairs for newcomers.

16. Improve literacy

St. Patrick's recently received a grant from the Anglican Foundation to provide computer training and English language classes for the newcomer population in partnership with EMCN and WCI.

18. Help people navigate systems in order to access resources and opportunities

The Diocese has held a refugee sponsorship agreement with Citizenship and Immigration Canada for many years. Currently about 20 parishes in the diocese are involved in sponsoring Syrian refugees. One of the main functions of sponsors is to help refugees learn to navigate systems in Canada. We find that once parishioners acquire this knowledge they often use it to help people other than refugees.

19. Improve timely access to mental health and wellness services and addictions supports

St. Stephen the Martyr parish founded Our House Addiction Recovery Centre, a 60-bed facility for men in recovery from addictions to alcohol or drugs. Most of our parishes host 12-step recovery groups, and clergy frequently help members of these groups with their step 5.

21. Invest in food security-oriented enterprises aimed at increasing food access and gainful employment.

St. Augustine of Canterbury parish hosts a community garden. A number of parishes operate food bank depots, food co-ops, and collective kitchens. The majority of parishes contribute in some way to the E4C school nutrition program (All Saints' Cathedral and Christ Church are co-owners of E4C).



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



24. Reduce barriers for children and families to access services, including out-of-school care and respite care.

Several parishes host early childhood or after-school care. These churches provide accessible locations in residential neighbourhoods and often host other services as well, effectively acting as community hubs.

27. Keep the individual at the centre in providing care, services and supports

All Saints' Cathedral partners with the Bissell Centre Housing Outreach Team to provide individualized supports to people who come to community meals at All Saints'. A worker from Bissell attends the meal to socialize, connect people with supports, and admit them to the Housing First program if they are interested.

St. Faith's parish operates the Prayerworks program with volunteer support from many other parishes. This program provides several community meals every week, but it also addresses social needs. It is a place of welcome and support for people who have difficult lives. Other groups serving the Alberta Avenue community have become involved.

St. Paul's parish, in conjunction with other churches, operates the Christian Care Centre which provides holistic supports.

28. Launch a collaborative broad-based community engagement initiative to change people's attitudes about poverty.

What are the specific resources that the Diocese of Edmonton can contribute to the EndPovertyEdmonton Priorities?

Our parishes have over 8,000 members; average Sunday attendance is over 2,800. Total yearly income of the Diocese and parishes is nearly \$10 million, of which a portion is devoted to social ministry including ending poverty. As a long-established Christian denomination we have recognized moral leadership in the community.

Recent Activities

Changing our constitution to place Mission at the forefront of our work

- C1A. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton accepts the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council as a description, guide and framework for the pursuit of God's mission in the Diocese of Edmonton. These Marks of Mission are: 1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; 2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers; 3. To respond to human need by loving service; 4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



pursue peace and reconciliation; 5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth [Amended at 64th Synod, April 2015]

- Parishes host their own discussions and reviews on what they are able to do to help end Poverty such as St. Timothy's breakfast: Pathways out of Poverty- January 7, 2017.
- We have ongoing activities within the parishes to raise funds for agencies such as the Food Bank (for example. St. Andrew's Day Dinner) and we participate in raising funds for walks like the Coldest Night of the Year.
- Greater uptake in the Habitat for Humanity program either working as a building crew or providing lunches.

Future Plans

- Social Justice Committee Roundtables:
 - January**- indigenous reconciliation, global justice, persons with disabilities,
 - February**- poverty and homelessness, youth,
 - March**- seniors, refugees
- Mental Health First Aid Certification for all clergy: Participants will learn how to help people who are showing signs of mental health problems or who are experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Indigenous Reconciliation Round Table Gathering of the Parishes: Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Good Shepherd Anglican Church.
- SJE Ending Poverty Together Boot Camp: March 18, 2017, at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church.
- Synod September 2017 Living the fully reconciled life: Guest Speaker Fr. Michael Lapsley
- Healing of Memories Workshop September 2017

Grants received

Anglican Foundation Grants:

- Congregational Poverty Action Guide: resource booklet for faith communities in support of EndPoverty Edmonton initiative



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



- **Maskihkîy âcimowin / Medicine Stories** “Maskihkîy âcimowin/Medicine Stories”—an art installation that will use stories as a tool to create facets of Indigenous experience, building capacity for intercultural understanding. The installation will feature a large tree, inspired by the traditional Métis story, The Giving Tree, a meeting place where a hollow in an old maple tree served as a cache and message centre. Stories will be solicited and collected from a variety of Indigenous and non-Indigenous voices, including teaching stories about traditional medicines and methods of healing.
- “We Are All In This Together: Moving Forward on the TRC.” This project will facilitate ecumenical efforts in communicating the legacy of residential schools, and it will support congregations in the development of reconciliation activities. Inner City Pastoral Ministry and its partner Anglican and United Churches are working together to reflect, educate, and share resources that build relationships across congregations, organizations, generations, and cultures.

In addition, we recognize in the EPE strategy ways in which we as a Diocese can have tangible responses to the TRC’s calls to Action for churches. Here are the recommendations that relate specifically to churches and religious leaders.

We call upon the church parties to the Settlement Agreement, and all other faith groups and interfaith social justice groups in Canada who have not already done so, to formally adopt and comply with the principles, norms, and standards of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. This would include, but not be limited to, the following commitments:

- Ensuring that their institutions, policies, programs, and practices comply with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Respecting Indigenous peoples’ right to self-determination in spiritual matters, including the right to practise, develop, and teach their own spiritual and religious traditions, customs, and ceremonies, consistent with Article 12:1 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Engaging in ongoing public dialogue and actions to support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Issuing a statement no later than March 31, 2016, from all religious denominations and faith groups, as to how they will implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. (*Recommendation 48*)



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We call upon all religious denominations and faith groups who have not already done so to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous lands and peoples, such as the Doctrine of Discovery [the claiming of land occupied by people who were not European subjects] and terra nullius [the claiming of land that had not been considered part of a state]. (*Recommendation 49*)

Church Apologies and Reconciliation:

We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary. (*Recommendation 59*)

We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence. (*Recommendation 60*)

We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for:

- Community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects.
- Community-controlled culture- and language revitalization projects.
- Community-controlled education and relationship building projects.
- Regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self-determination, and reconciliation. (*Recommendation 61*)

Missing Children and Burial Information:

We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including, where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children. (*Recommendation 73*)



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested. (*Recommendation 74*)

We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children. (*Recommendation 75*)

We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles:

- The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies.
- Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.
- Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Synod Resolutions



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Resolution L-1 to the 65th Synod Canon 5 Housekeeping Amendments

Background

These amendments are to bring references to clergy compensation in line with the current practice of the Diocese of Edmonton. References to “stipend,” housing and “allowances” are obsolete.

It will be moved and seconded:

That Canon 5 be amended by:

- a) replacing “stipend” with “salary” in section 5.30;
- b) repealing section 5.31; and
- c) replacing “stipend and allowances” with “salary and benefits” in section 5.111(b)(2).



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Resolution L-2 to the 65th Synod Ecumenical Co-operating Parishes

Background

This amendment is to make provision for co-operating parishes where one or more of the parishes in question is a congregation of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.

For a few years the Anglican Parish of St. Catherine, Edson; has been collaborating with Grace Lutheran Church in Edson, sharing one priest/pastor and engaging in shared worship and mission. The two congregations desire to make a more formal agreement for shared ministry, along the lines of what in secular terms would be called a joint venture. The difficulty is that we have no provisions in our canons for such a joint venture with a congregation of another denomination.

Similar arrangements have been made between Anglican and non-Anglican parishes in other dioceses, such as Toronto, and we are reviewing those agreements between the parishes, and the diocesan canons. We do have existing canonical provisions for a Unit of Co-operating Parishes (Canon 5.97-110). The proposal is to amend this framework to allow for a congregation of a denomination in Full Communion with the Anglican Church of Canada to be part of a Unit of Co-operating Parishes. This framework already requires that an agreement be established between the parishes involved and submitted to the Executive Council for approval. By expanding the Co-operating Parishes framework to allow for Full Communion partnerships we will define these partnerships, clarify the governance structure, and provide canonical mechanisms for their participation in the life, work, mission and governance of the Diocese of Edmonton.

The amendment is worded generically to allow for the possibility of future partnerships with churches other than the Lutheran Church, where desirable.

It will be moved and seconded:

That Canon 5 be amended by renumbering 5.97 as 5.97a and adding:

5.97b One or more of the parishes in a Unit of Co-operating Parishes may be a parish of a church in Full Communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Report from the Secretary of Synod



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



SECRETARY OF SYNOD

As Secretary of Synod, I provide the following information as it has been collected from the councils, committees and staff responsible for it.

The minutes of the 64th Synod (April 24-25, 2015) were duly recorded and properly filed in the Official Minutes book of the Diocese. They are included in this circular, along with the Bishop's Charge from that Synod (Appendices 1 and 2). The Bishop's Report for this Synod reports on the progress and actions associated with the items in her charge from the last Synod, as well as other items she wishes to bring to our attention.

I have recorded the minutes of the twelve Diocesan Executive Council in-person meetings and three electronic meetings since the 64th Synod. The matters related to the business transacted at these meetings have been acted upon. Following the report of the Secretary of Synod is a list of the Council's acts and resolutions undertaken or adopted since the last regular meeting of Synod.

The Diocesan Executive Council has future council meetings planned for the following dates: November 16, 2017; January 18, 2018; March 15, 2018; and May 17, 2018. Council usually meets on the third Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, every second month, excluding the summer.

Should any parish corporation, clergy or diocesan committee have business they wish to have considered by the Executive Council, please feel free to contact the Bishop, Executive Officer or your Regional Representatives. We would appreciate it if items to be included on the Council agenda are submitted at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH STATISTICS

Each year parishes are required to complete Annual Parish Statistics and Financial Statistics forms. These figures are compiled into the Diocesan Statistical Return, which is then forwarded to the National Church. These statistics are important in that they give an indication of the growth of the church in our small corner of the Church. The reports for 2015 and 2016 are included in Appendix 5, along with a five-year summary in Appendix 6.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL REPORTS

The diocese's Financial Statements for 2015 and 2016 as reviewed by Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, have been adopted by Executive Council. These are found in Appendix 4 in the Convening Circular.

Thank you, clergy, wardens, treasurers, vestries and every congregation of the diocese for your faithful remittance of Assessment/Apportionment payments which permit us to continue our shared ministries in the diocese.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

Many members of the diocese give of their time and talents in their attendance at committee meetings and in carrying out their responsibilities and functions. Throughout the year various task forces also contribute to the development of diocesan ministries and policies. Many of these committees and groups have provided printed reports to this Synod, and are in this circular.

The Administration and Finance Committee regularly meets to oversee the administrative matters of this diocese. Following the list of Executive Council acts is a list of the essential resolutions adopted by the Administration and Finance Committee since the last regular meeting of Synod.

Without the sacrificial participation of members of these committees, the operation and ministry of the diocese would never be accomplished. Many sincere thanks and may God bless each of you for your involvement in the life of this diocese.

DIOCESAN STAFF

In June 2016, Charis St. Pierre, Personal Assistant to the Bishop took a year's maternity leave. In her absence, Sara Edwards-Smith acted as the Bishop's Personal Assistant. Charis returned to work in June 2017. Rochelle Nieuwenhuis left her position as administrative assistant in May 2016, and Shelly King assumed the responsibilities of administrative assistant. Jeannette Madill, diocesan treasurer since 2009, retired in June 2016. Rev. John Gee is now the diocesan treasurer. Margaret Marschall was married in August 2016 and is now Margaret Glidden.

Following is a list of the staff of the Diocese:

Diocesan Synod Office Staff:

Bishop	Right Reverend Jane Alexander
Personal Assistant to the Bishop.....	Charis St. Pierre
Executive Archdeacon	Ven. Alan Perry
Treasurer	Rev. John Gee
Director of Communications.....	Margaret Glidden
Administrative Assistant.....	Shelly King
Hospital Chaplain.....	Rev. Regula Brandle
Prayerworks Chaplain.....	Rev. Ruth Sesink-Bott

Thanks to generous funding from the Reach Mission Campaign, the following people are part of the outreach and indigenous ministries staff:

Reach Staff:

Alpha Coordinator	Amy Croy
Educational Chaplain.....	Rev. Sarah Holmström
Assistant Hospital Chaplain.....	Rev. Arthur Dyck
Priest-in-Mission.....	Rev. Johnny Pooten
Rector, St. Mark-Jieng.....	Rev. Akon Akon



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Curate, St. Luke, Edmonton.....Rev. Andreas Sigrist
 Rector, Holy Trinity, Tofield; St. Mary, Vegreville; St. Matthew, Viking....Rev. Laureta Blondin
 Rector, Mission of St. Saviour, Wabumun;.....Rev. Coleen Lynch
 Rector, St. George, Devon.....Rev. Christian Gordon

Indigenous Ministry:

Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministry Ven. Travis Enright
 Oskâpêwis / Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper..... Sharon Pasula
 Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison Fiona Brownlee
 Priest in Mission Rev. Lori Calkins

Rural Ministry Initiative

Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry.....Rev. Canon Chelsy Bouwman
 Priest-in-Mission, St. Columba, Beaumont; St. John the Divine, OnowayRev. Mike Lynch
 Rector, St. Mary and St. George, Jasper.....Rev. Keith Marsh
 Rector, St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead.....Rev. Barry Rose

The Reach Staff, Indigenous Ministry Staff and the Canon for Rural Ministry may be contacted through the Synod Office, but they are most frequently in their parishes.

COMMUNICATION

Various forms of communication are in place for letting Anglicans and others know what is happening around the diocese.

Synod Scene: A regular feature of the email system is the weekly *SYNOD SCENE*, which highlights events and notes of diocesan interest. If you would like to receive the *Synod Scene* by email, just let the diocesan Communications Director know. The *Synod Scene* is also available on the diocesan website, www.edmonton.anglican.org.

The Messenger: This newspaper is published 10 times a year and distributed by the *Anglican Journal*. It includes news and events from the dioceses of Edmonton and Athabasca. It is available free of charge to all members of the Edmonton diocese. You can subscribe online to *The Messenger* at: <http://www.anglicanjournal.com/subscribe/>

Diocesan Website: The website was redesigned in 2017! It has a Find-a-Church function, contains news and events in the diocese, specific information and forms regularly used by clergy as well as a section of information and forms for parishes. The What-We-Do section includes the many and varied activities and programs initiated or supported by the diocese. There is also a section for Mission and Discipleship that contains resources for church growth, such as the ID model presented at this Synod. Overall, the website is a key place to look to find current information on what is happening throughout the diocese.



Diocese of Edmonton
 65th Synod
 Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Executive Council Regional Representatives: The elected members of Executive Council are elected from each region of the diocese. Part of their responsibilities is to communicate with the parishes in their region. The Synod Office sends summaries of Executive Council meetings to People’s Wardens of each parish to share with their vestry and parish. The Regional Reps from Executive Council communicate with the People’s Wardens to see if they have questions, clarify items and receive anything the parishes wish to communicate to Executive Council.

Synod Office E-mail Addresses

General Office and Communications Director	churched@edmonton.anglican.ca
General Office.....	reception@edmonton.anglican.ca
Bishop Alexander.....	bishop@edmonton.anglican.ca
Treasurer	treasurer@edmonton.anglican.ca
Executive Archdeacon	atperry@edmonton.anglican.ca
Personal Assistant to the Bishop.....	assistant@edmonton.anglican.ca
Secretary of Synod.....	barbarab@edmonton.anglican.ca
Synod Office Address	10035 – 103 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 0X5
Synod Office Telephone Number	780-439-7344
Synod Office Toll-free Number.....	1-877-494-8890
Synod Office Fax Number	780-439-6549
Diocese of Edmonton website	www.edmonton.anglican.org
Diocese of Edmonton Twitter.....	@DioEdm
Diocese of Edmonton Facebook Page	facebook.com/anglican.edmonton
<i>The Messenger</i>	anglicanmessenger@gmail.com

We hope you will stay in touch with us!

*Respectfully submitted,
Canon Barbara Burrows
Secretary of Synod*



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SINCE THE 64TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

This report, compiled from minutes of Executive Council meetings taken by Canon Barbara Burrows, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by Executive Council. Procedural motions have not been included in the report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of Executive Council are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Executive Archdeacon, Alan Perry.

Members of Executive Council at September 1st, 2017 are the following:

<i>The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Chair</i>	<i>The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin (Battle River)</i>
<i>The Very Rev. Neil Gordon, Dean</i>	<i>Mr. Kenn Tuckey (Battle River)</i>
<i>The Ven. Alan Perry, Executive Archdeacon</i>	<i>Mr. Roland Teape (Battle River)</i>
<i>The Ven. Lee Bezanson</i>	<i>The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom (Cold Lake)</i>
<i>The Ven. Chris Pappas</i>	<i>Ms. Mary-Lou Cleveland (Cold Lake)</i>
<i>The Ven. Richard King</i>	<i>Mr. Curtis Whale (Cold Lake)</i>
<i>The Hon. Judge Ken Holmstrom, Chancellor</i>	<i>The Rev. Jonathan Connell (Edmonton West)</i>
<i>Ms. Lois MacLean, Vice Chancellor</i>	<i>Ms. Sandra Arbeau (Edmonton West)</i>
<i>The Rev. John Gee, Diocesan Treasurer</i>	<i>Ms. Susan Daniel (Edmonton West)</i>
<i>Canon Barbara Burrows, Synod Secretary</i>	<i>The Rev. Christian Gordon (Whitemud)</i>
<i>Mr. Brian Jolly (Bishop's Appointment)</i>	<i>Mr. Toby Ramsden (Whitemud)</i>
<i>The Rev. Rick Chapman, Chair, Social Justice Committee</i>	<i>Ms. Arlette Zinck (Whitemud)</i>
<i>Ms. Rachel Miller, Chair, Administration and Finance Committee</i>	<i>The Rev. Nick Trussell (Yellowhead)</i>
	<i>Ms. Diann Bowes (Yellowhead)</i>
	<i>Ms. Fran Peacock (Yellowhead)</i>

Each region of the Diocese is represented by two lay members and one clergy member, who are elected at the previous Synod. These elected members are encouraged to pass on news from Executive Council to parishes within their region, and to bring news to Executive Council from the parishes.

Resolution #EC09-15

Be it Resolved that Executive Council adopt the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2014.

Carried.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Resolution #EC10-15

Be it Resolved that Executive Council accepts the first quarter financial statement for 2015.

Carried.

Resolution #EC11-15

Be it Resolved that Executive Council ask the Social Justice committee to examine and encourage fair compensation processes within the churches of the Diocese to ensure that fair living wages are paid for church employees.

Carried.

Resolution #EC15-15

Be it Resolved that Executive Council adopt the proposed budget for 2016.

Carried.

Resolution #EC16-15

Be it Resolved that Executive Council request the Bishop to disestablish the parish of St. John's Millet.

Carried.

Resolution #EC02-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council homologate the resolution on the cosigning of the loan for St. John the Evangelist.

Carried.

Resolution #EC03-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council support the parish of Holy Trinity Strathcona in their project of support for ministry with the Southern Alberta Light Horse regiment, and their application for funding to the Anglican Foundation.

Carried.

Resolution #EC04-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council support the parish of All Saints' Cathedral in their project of public forums, and their application for funding to the Anglican Foundation.

Carried.

Resolution #EC06-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council adopt the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Carried.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Resolution #EC08-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council concur with the disestablishment of the following parishes, pursuant to Canon 5.13, notice having been previously given to Executive Council, pursuant to Canon 5.11:

All Saints Pleasant Valley	Good Shepherd Peavine
Holy Trinity Hughenden	St Matthew Wolf Creek
St Columba Peers (McLeod Valley)	Holy Trinity Irwinville
St Alban's Chailey	Holy Trinity Golden Valley
St Helen's Stellaville	St John's Millet
St Matthew Ashmont	

Carried.

Resolution #EC09-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council confirms that the 65th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton will be held on September 29-30, 2017.

Carried.

Resolution #EC11-16

Be it Resolved that Executive Council adopt the budget for 2017.

Carried.

Resolution #EC03-17

Be it Resolved that Executive Council agrees to send to Provincial Synod 2018 only 3 clergy and 3 lay delegates (one of whom will be a youth delegate), in addition to the Bishop and Chancellor of the Diocese.

Carried.

Resolution #EC04-17

Be it Resolved that Executive Council support the parish of St. Faith's (Prayer Works Hall) in their project of upgrading their kitchen, and their application for funding to the Anglican Foundation.

Carried.

Resolution #EC06-17

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approve the 2016 Year End Statements.

Carried.

Resolution #EC-07-17

Be it Resolved that Executive Council approve the draft agenda for the 65th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton to be held September 29-30, 2017, as presented electronically on August 11, 2017.

Carried.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Resolution #EC-08-17

That the following young people be appointed by the Bishop to attend the 65th Synod: Jada Davis, Joshua Fernandez, Jordan Fernandez, Ben Goetze, Jazmyn Goetze, Julia Heaton, Ellis Jayakaran, Jory Lepine, Joyeuse Nyandebwa, Amy Pretoris, Emily Walker, Luke Wilms; with the remaining 3 to be added as they are appointed by the Bishop.
Carried.

In addition to the above resolutions of Executive Council, Executive Council has engaged in broad discussions and has heard regular reports on the Diocese's finances, issues or concerns about properties around the Diocese, reports from various ministries and initiatives, and has been informed about happenings around the Diocese. At each meeting, Bishop Jane gives a summary of her time since the last meeting, noting any particular highlights or lowlights, and events of which to take note. She reviews her Mission Action Plan regularly to note whether things are on track with her plans or if they need revision.

Our meetings have been structured around the Five Marks of Mission, with various agenda items falling into one of the marks:

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- *To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers*
- *To respond to human need by loving service*
- *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

Other items of interest and import in the past two years in which the Council engaged were the following:

- ❖ *Reach Mission Fund campaign, which the 63rd Synod (2012) approved - we have regularly heard updates of the success of the campaign, and heard how the diocese and parishes are using some of the funds raised.*
- ❖ *Property sales and disestablishment of defunct parishes.*
- ❖ *Conference updates, such as the National Stewardship Gathering, Trinity Institute on Climate Change, Trinity Institute on Water.*
- ❖ *Ordinations in the diocese, and those in discernment.*
- ❖ *40th Anniversary of Ordination of Women celebrations.*
- ❖ *Introduction to the Chaplain for the Environment (Sarah Ficko), and became more aware of environmental stewardship.*
- ❖ *Social Justice Gatherings and Roundtables, organized by the Diocesan Social Justice Committee.*
- ❖ *Introduction to the Discipleship Model.*
- ❖ *Approved projects from parishes applying for Anglican Foundation grants, and heard about how they used the money they received.*
- ❖ *News from international consultations of which Bishop Jane is a member, such as the Consultation of Bishops in Dialogue, the Eco Bishops Conference, Anglican Consultative Council, etc.*



- ❖ *Our partnership with the Diocese of Buyé, visits by Bishop Jane, our partner parishes, the new maternity unit at the hospital, their drought and famine worries. Through these updates, we take part in discussions about mission and discipleship, and we become aware that we are part of a church much larger than ourselves.*
- ❖ *Bishop Jane's involvement with End Poverty – through her updates we are able to learn and refocus ourselves into walking with the poor.*
- ❖ *Visit of CAPA (Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa).*

ACTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE SINCE THE 64TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

This report, compiled from minutes of Administration and Finance Committee meetings, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by Administration and Finance Committee. Procedural motions have not been included in this report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of Administration and Finance Committee are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Executive Archdeacon Alan Perry. Please note that the previous month(s) financial statements are received for information at each meeting of Administration and Finance Committee.

Members of Administration and Finance Committee at September 1, 2017 are:

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander

The Rev. John Gee, Treasurer

The Ven. Alan Perry, Executive Archdeacon

Ms. Carol Blair

The Rev. Keith Denman

Mr. Robert Fessenden

The Rev. Christian Gordon

Mr. Mark Huson

The Rev. Robyn King

Mr. David Kinloch

Ms. Lois MacLean

Ms. Rachel Miller, Chair

The Rev. Robin Walker

Mrs. Margaret Glidden (Recorder)



Resolution AF 03-15

Be it resolved that the A&F Committee recommend to Executive Council for approval the Diocese of Edmonton 2014 Draft Financial Statements.

Resolution AF 07-15

Be it resolved that, effective January, 2016, the travel reimbursement rate increase from 48 cents to 50 cents per kilometer for the first 5,000 km, and remain at 40 cents per km for travel beyond the first 5,000 km.

Resolution AF 08-15

Be it resolved that the 2016 Budget be recommended to Executive Council for approval.

Resolution AF 10-15

Be it resolved that a bridging loan of \$150,000 be made to St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton.

Resolution AF 02-16

Be it resolved that A&F declines a request for subsidy by St. Michael and All Angel's, Edmonton until such time as the parish develops a long-term, sustainable financial plan.

Resolution AF 03-16

Be it resolved that the A&F Committee recommend to Executive Council that the bishop issue a decree of disestablishment for 12 defunct parishes.

Resolution AF 06-16

Be it resolved that, in all occurrences, Signing Authority be given to the Rev. John Gee, as co-treasurer of the diocese effective May 1, 2016, and that, in all occurrences, Signing Authority for Jeannette Madill be removed effective June 30, 2016; and that, in all occurrences, the chair of the Administrative and Finance Committee Jeremy Webster be removed and replaced with the Chair of the Investment Committee Mark Huson.

Resolution AF 08-16

Be it resolved that St. Andrew, Camrose proceed with its roof repair project pending approval by the Property and Planning subcommittee of the parish's application for a DDF loan.

Resolution AF 10-16

Be it resolved that St. John, Millet be disestablished and sold.

Resolution AF 12-16

Be it resolved that A&F authorize the sale of the church property in Bon Accord.

Resolution AF 13-16

Be it resolved that A & F approve the dedication of St. Margaret's land to the City of Edmonton to offset the cost of Arterial Road Assessment (ARA) fees, and any action required to address any land issues arising from the property survey.

Resolution AF 14-16

Be it resolved that, for 2017, the travel reimbursement rate will stay at the 2016 rate of 50 cents per kilometer for the first 5,000 km, and 40 cents per km for travel beyond the first 5,000 km.

Resolution AF 16-16

Be it resolved that A&F commend to Executive Council for adoption the Proposed Financial Plan 2017 for the Diocese of Edmonton.



Resolution AF 02-17

Be it resolved that A&F approve the use of funds held in trust by the diocese for Immanuel, Wetaskiwin to pay its payroll arrears for 2016 of approximately \$12,000 subject to verification of the Trust Fund policy by the Executive Archdeacon and the Vice-Chancellor.

Resolution AF 04-17

Be it resolved that A&F recommend the 2016 Diocese of Edmonton Financial Statements to Executive Council for approval.

Bishop's Appointments for Diocesan Synod – September 2017 *(Constitution C2.1)*

Carol Blair	Administration and Finance Committee
Fiona Brownlee	Aboriginal and Rural Ministries Liaison
Clark Hardy	Social Justice
Eric Kregel	Guest of Synod
Gail Millard	Refugee Coordinator
Sharon Pasula	Oskâpêwis
Jane Samson	Associate Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer
Charis St. Pierre	Diocesan Staff, Credentials
Brian Richardson	Cursillo
Dave Von Bieker	Bleeding Heart Art Space

Bishop's Youth Appointments for Diocesan Synod – September 2017 *(Constitution C2.m)*

Breanna Beeler	St. Michael & All Angels, Edmonton	Cold Lake Region
Jada Davis	Good Shepherd, Edmonton	Edmonton West Region
Jory Lepine	Good Shepherd, Edmonton	Edmonton West Region
Ellis Jayakaran	St. Margaret, Edmonton	Whitemud Region
Leah Marshall	St. Andrew, Camrose	Whitemud Region
Oscar Pearson	Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton	Whitemud Region
Ben Goetze	St. Timothy, Edmonton	Yellowhead Region
Jazmyn Goetze	St. Timothy, Edmonton	Yellowhead Region
Julia Heaton	Christ Church, Edmonton	Yellowhead Region
Joyeuse Nyandebwa	St. Timothy, Edmonton	Yellowhead Region
Amy Pretorius	St. Augustine Parkland, Spruce Grove	Yellowhead Region
Emily Walker	St. Timothy, Edmonton	Yellowhead Region





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Reports from Groups & Committees



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee is a Standing Committee of Executive Council, as set out in the Constitution sections C68 through C78. Its mandate is to manage the funds and properties and administer the business of the Synod. Within that mandate, the A&F Committee oversees the financial operations of the diocese, regularly reviewing financial reports, presenting a budget to Executive Council for approval, and managing the loan portfolio of the Diocesan Development Fund, and the investment portfolio of the Consolidated Trust Fund. The committee also provides oversight to the Stewardship, Property and Planning, and Investment Committees. The committee regularly reviews policies with respect to the finances and administration of the diocese, including salary and benefits, travel reimbursement, and apportionment. With respect to parishes, the committee reviews financial health of parishes and requests further information where warranted.

Since the 63rd Synod, a significant focus for the A&F Committee has been the implementation of resolution G-9 calling for a fundraising campaign for mission – the Reach campaign. Since the 64th Synod, the focus has been on monitoring the expenditures of the diocesan portion of the Reach funds.

Since the last meeting of Synod we have overseen the sale of two properties (Millett and Hinton). Two other properties are still in the process of being sold (Morinville, and St. Mary's, Edmonton, rectory).

Since the beginning of 2017, a particular focus has been responding to the City of Edmonton surprise announcement that it would begin taxing three parish properties.

In the past two years, the A&F Committee has seen some turnover in membership. We have received the resignations of David Barnum, Neil Calhoun, Bob Fessenden, the Very Rev Neil Gordon, Maida Kellgren, the Rev. Steve London, and Roger Thomson. In addition, with her retirement, treasurer Jeannette Madill's position as an ex officio member came to an end. We are grateful to those who have served so faithfully in offering their wisdom and expertise in this vital ministry of administration.

We have been pleased to welcome new members Carol Blair, the Rev. Keith Denman, the Rev. Christian Gordon, Mark Huson, the Rev. Robyn King, David Kinloch, Lois MacLean, and the Rev. Robin Walker. The Rev. John Gee has stepped ably into the role of treasurer and ex officio member of the A&F Committee. Rachel Miller has also been appointed chair.

Members

The members of the A&F Committee are:

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander (ex officio), the Ven. Alan T Perry (ex officio), The Rev. John Gee (Treasurer), Margaret Glidden (Recorder), Rachel Miller (Chair), Carol Blair, the Rev. Keith Denman, the Rev. Christian Gordon, Mark Huson, the Rev Robyn King, David Kinloch, Lois MacLean, and the Rev Robin Walker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Miller
Chair



ALPHA COORDINATOR

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. Being the Alpha Coordinator for the Diocese of Edmonton has allowed me to encourage and empower many forms of Alpha in the Diocese as well as promote and support Alpha for youth across Alberta as volunteer Alpha Youth Associate with Alpha Canada.

Within the diocese, at least 14 parishes have run Alpha in the past three years. Many have used Classic Alpha hosted by Nicky Gumbel, a few have tried the new Alpha Film Series designed to engage young adults in discussing life's big questions, and one parish with young families ran Alpha Parenting. The Anglican Chaplaincy is currently involved with a multi-denominational Alpha at the U of A. Some parishes have used Alpha Youth to start a youth group, for confirmation preparation and for outreach.

Since the launch of the Alpha Youth Film Series in 2013, it has been run in 49 countries, in 19 languages, in schools, homes, coffee shops and churches. I have been able to recruit youth pastors throughout the province to work together and champion Alpha in their communities. A new Alpha Youth Series, to be released October 1, will be even more global and even more engaging for young people all around the world. In Calgary, youth pastors from diverse denominations are collaborating for a united youth-led evangelism strategy using the new youth series. I am working to assist youth pastors in Edmonton to launch a similar endeavor.

I am eager to help groups launch Alpha this fall as well as train and prepare groups for 2018. However, the position of Alpha Coordinator will be ending October 15, so please contact me before then alpha@edmonton.anglican.ca To download FREE Alpha resources go to alphacanada.org.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Croy
Alpha Coordinator*

ANGLICAN MESSENGER

The Messenger provides a monthly look into the lives of people and parishes “Made New in Christ.” By sharing good news stories, members of the Athabasca and Edmonton dioceses connect as neighbours; supporting one another on our journeys of faith.

Common themes emerge from the pages of each issue: mission and discipleship, indigenous and rural ministry and social justice to name a few. While each parish is a unique community, we share a common desire to be more like Jesus and this is reflected in our thoughts, words and deeds.



In the summer of 2015, not long after the last Synod, *Messenger* staff decided the paper needed style makeover. We updated the masthead and page titles, giving the paper a cleaner, more modern look. We enlarged the general text font from Times New Roman 11 to Times 12 to make it easier to read and changed to the Trebuchet MS font for headlines and captions.

Our efforts to encourage submissions from Athabasca parishes have paid off and we receive news regularly from our northern neighbours. Bishop Fraser Lawton contributes a regular column, as does Bishop Jane from the Edmonton diocese.

A new column by our Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship, the Ven. Richard King, has been very popular; and Dorothy Marshall continues to be a strong voice for social justice as the diocesan representative for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). In 2016-17, we featured reflections by women clergy in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women priests in the Anglican Church of Canada. Looking ahead, *The Messenger* will be an important means of sharing the many ways the new ID initiative is equipping lay and clergy members for discipleship.

***Messenger* facts and figures:**

- Number of subscribers: 3,576 (June, 2017 *Circulation Report, Anglican Church of Canada*)
- How many times per year is the paper published? 10 - the *Anglican Journal* does not publish in July or August
- How to subscribe to *The Messenger*? Online at www.anglicanjournal.com/subscribe
- How much does it cost? Nothing. It is free to all members of the diocese. But donations are most welcome!
- Who publishes *The Messenger*? Diocese of Edmonton Bishop Jane Alexander and Diocese of Athabasca Bishop Fraser Lawton
- How is the paper produced? In house (Edmonton Synod Office) by a team that includes Edmonton Editor Margaret Glidden, Athabasca Editor Peter Clarke (via email) and Synod Office staff.
- Where is the paper printed? In Ontario by Webnews Printing. It arrives in your mailbox as a section of *The Anglican Journal*.
- Who pays the printing costs? The dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton. The *Anglican Journal*, in cooperation with diocesan papers, runs an annual fundraising campaign to offset publishing costs.
- How much money was raised by the last Anglican Appeal campaign? The 2016 Anglican Journal Appeal grossed \$497,121.79. Since its inception, the Anglican Journal Appeal has raised more than \$9.8 million, returning more than \$3.6 million to diocesan partners. In 2016, members of the Edmonton diocese generously gave \$16,387 to the appeal. Of that money, \$5,969.40 went to support *The Messenger*, in addition to \$731.85 from Athabasca donors (2016 Anglican Journal Appeal Report).
- How can you be a contributing voice? Submissions are most welcome and can be emailed to Margaret Glidden: anglicanmessenger@gmail.com, or Peter Clarke: seens@telus.net,



by the first of the month, one month prior to publication. The deadline for the November, 2017 issue is October 1.

The Messenger is many voices. I am grateful for everyone who has helped connect our faith community by contributing stories, pictures and reflections!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Glidden
Edmonton Editor, The Messenger*

THE BISHOP'S FUND

The Bishop's Fund was initially organized in Edmonton in the fall of 1951 by a group known then as "The Bishop's Men." The organization is now called the Bishop's Fund in recognition of its inclusive membership, and aid given to the Bishops of the Diocese of Edmonton and the Arctic. The organizing committee of some 12 men and women organize an annual dinner which is attended by approximately 120 people.

The founders wanted to give some practical help to the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton to aid clergy and their families. In 1971, the ambit of the fund was extended to include the clergy and families of the eight parishes of the District of McKenzie and the Northwest Territories which are the responsibility of the Bishop of the Arctic. The help is greatly appreciated by the Anglican priests who work in northern Alberta cities and rural areas and by those who work in the North under very difficult conditions.

This association of Anglican lay persons, clergy and friends has, for its object, the raising of contributions annually from its members. The funds are at the disposal of the Bishops to be used for the following purposes:

- a. as a priority, to provide for emergency situations, especially for clergy and their families, and for superannuated clergy and their families,
- b. to provide some support for the continued education and training of clergy over and above normal funds available from the diocesan budget, so that they may exercise a more effective ministry, and
- c. to provide discretionary funds to the Bishop in forwarding the work of the church.

The annual fundraising dinner is held in November of each year. 100% of the funds raised are given to the Bishop of Edmonton to disburse as the costs of the dinner are covered by the committee. A guest speaker is invited, and the Bishop gives an accounting of the monies received and spent during the year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Gower
Bishop's Fund Committee*



BLEEDING HEART ART SPACE

Bleeding Heart Art Space creates opportunities for art, faith and community-building, often during the same event or exhibition. We operate in the arts-revitalization district of Alberta (118) Avenue, as a part of St. Faith's Anglican Church, located just across the Avenue. Spaces where the arts and religious faith are pursued with equal passion and excellence are rare, and we're proud to have curated such a space in Edmonton for over two years.

To the casual visitor, Bleeding Heart Art Space is a community art gallery supporting emerging and professional artists through a series of curated exhibits. Bleeding Heart is so much more than this. We are a movement, out to serve the arts community of Edmonton with the love of Christ, to provide voice to the voiceless and to recognize the inherent spirituality of beauty.

We serve artists by paying them fees for exhibitions, providing affordable workshops and frequent opportunities to develop community with other creatives, including our annual retreat weekend, *Small, Slow & Beautiful*.

Bleeding Heart provides space to explore Christian spirituality through a creative lens, recognizing that the arts move beneath and behind barriers we have built around ourselves. Jesus himself recognized this as he taught with parables.

We are establishing the role of Arts Chaplain within St. Faith's and Bleeding Heart, seeking to bring the spiritual energy, prayers and support of the Church into the Space, and to bring the creative energy of the Space into St. Faith's and the Church as a whole. As Arts Chaplain, I work with the Rector of St. Faith's to develop arts-infused liturgies that will serve the parishioners and provide a new point of connection for creatives in our community.

Bleeding Heart Art Space has seen incredible engagements with people who may not enter a church. The art on display has opened doors to incredible conversations, like the time a woman opened up about her suicidal depression after wrestling with an image for a few moments. Many people in Edmonton, and artists in particular, have a spiritual hunger that is not being met within the walls of our churches. Right or wrong, they do not see the Church as a place of welcome – a place for them. Some of these people have already found a home in the Bleeding Heart community, and I pray that more do in the coming year.

We have just moved into a new space that better serves the mandate of Bleeding Heart, while saving us on monthly rent. We are increasing the amount we pay our artists. Our full exhibit schedule for the coming year is online at bleedingheartart.space and we look forward to planning our second annual artists retreat.

We believe Bleeding Heart provides a unique opportunity for the Diocese to connect with creatives in our city.



This year, our goals are to strengthen intentional spiritual engagement with our community, to increase capacity within our volunteer leadership team, and increase financial giving, to make Bleeding Heart a sustainable ministry for years to come.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Von Bieker,
Arts Chaplain, St. Faith's Anglican Church*

CAPITAL REGION INTERFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE (CRIHI)

Many thanks are due to the ongoing commitment of the Anglican Diocese here in Edmonton. You have been a partner with this initiative from day one, and your continued support and engagement with our initiative provide great value to our collective work of addressing homelessness here in Edmonton.

The last two years have been very eventful for the Interfaith Housing Initiative. In 2015, CRIHI decided it was time to take on paid staff. We recruited and hired for two positions: a housing coordinator and a housing ambassador. These two positions serve very broadly to provide focus and organization internally, and strengthen our capacity for outward engagement. As these positions came together, you as the Anglican Diocese offered your support by giving housing to our staff, (with office space at Christ Church, Anglican) and serving as our fiscal agent.

What have we accomplished since we last met with you in 2015?

1. We developed a Community Conversation Toolkit to help local communities with healthy ways to listen and engage with each other on contentious topics (like affordable housing). More than fifty such resources have been shared with Community leagues across the city.
2. In partnership with staff at the City of Edmonton, we designed and hosted four regional workshops in clusters of neighbourhoods around the city.
 - a. We invited local community leagues, local faith communities, and local neighbours to a conversation on Affordable Housing; aimed at generating local community wisdom around a healthy response to new neighbours and new units of affordable housing.
 - b. What we heard in these workshops was published in reports and summary articles and shared with all local partners (including faith groups, city councilors, MLAs and community leagues). Learning presented recently at the 7 cities conference.
3. We have developed a robust and informative website, newsletter and social media presence.
 - a. Our website sees daily traffic, usually 150-250 visits per month
 - b. We developed a newsletter, the Neighbourly. Almost 500 current subscribers.
 - c. Our facebook and twitter presence continue to grow. 270 followers currently.
4. Recently, we have broadened our organizational structure with working groups digging deep into the work of Education, Advocacy, Volunteer Engagement and Governance.



5. Our network of faith groups continues to grow, and last year we set a new record in our Interfaith Habitat Build; with over 200 volunteers from 30 different faith groups braving the cold and mud to lift a hammer on the latest build, the Carter Project.
6. One new partnership in action: End Poverty Edmonton and CRIHI led a reconciliation workshop, and we are now beginning work (alongside Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues) to develop a community consultation Toolkit to aid developers and communities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rabbanit Batya Ivry-Friedman, Coordinator
Pastor Mike Van Boom, Housing Ambassador
 CRIHI

CHAPLAIN TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Last year I was honoured to be asked by Bishop Jane to be the inaugural Chaplain to the Environment with a mission to help the Edmonton diocese learn to live more tenderly with the earth. This letter tries to outline highlights from my various activities this past year, and then gives recommendations to the diocese on how to continue taking action to become better stewards of God's amazing creation. Unfortunately, I will not be able to present to Synod myself as my husband just accepted a job in Ontario, so we are in the process of moving as I write this letter. I will be working on my PhD research on land reclamation remotely, and hopefully will be able to continue some of this work on caring for creation through the Ottawa diocese.

When I started as the Chaplain to the Environment, one of the first things I wanted to find out was the range of environmentally conscious practices currently happening throughout the Edmonton Diocese. In late fall 2016, I presented to the Executive Council and asked them some questions about their understanding of where the Diocese was at in caring for creation, and where they would like to see the Diocese in 5, 10, and 25 years. Following that meeting, I released a survey that was sent out to parish priests and in the Messenger. Over the next month, I had 76 responses to questions such as what is your parish currently doing, what would be something easy to implement, and where would you like your parish to be in the future in terms of environmental stewardship.

For the Edmonton Diocese, it seems that most parishes appreciate the need to care for creation, which is a great starting point. Many parishes do activities such as recycling, reducing their reliance on disposable products, regulating temperature, and upgrading lightbulbs to LED lighting. Some parishes have reduced paper use and put water conservation practices in place (eg low flush toilets, avoid watering grass). Many parishes are working on ways to reduce energy consumption in their churches (eg better insulation, energy efficient furnace, conducting energy audits). Many parishes were interested in further reducing their energy consumption with lots of



interest in solar panels or other renewable resources. Other areas that were frequently mentioned for improvement included further reduction in paper use, starting community gardens, composting, and better temperature regulation and lighting. In the long term, suggestions included making recommendations on environmentally sustainable products for churches to buy, conducting eco reviews of all churches in the parish, providing clear guidance on how to reduce an environmental footprint, ensuring more education opportunities on environmental stewardship, using a green energy provider for all churches, ensuring buildings are properly insulated with good windows and efficient appliances, and potentially switching to solar panels or other renewable resources.

In addition, many people wanted ideas and suggestions on how they could be better stewards at home, in their churches, and in the diocese. To that end, I developed a list of practical ideas (which is on the website at <http://www.edmonton.anglican.org/what-we-do/environmental-stewardship>). The list is broken down into ‘easy’, ‘slightly more complex’, and ‘more complex/expensive’ in terms of ease and costs associated with implementing changes. Suggestions range from walking/biking more, to participating in a book study on caring for the environment, to switching to renewable resources such as solar panels or geothermal. I have also included a list of possible resources, books, and websites for anyone who would like more information.

Since producing the survey, several parishes have implemented changes (that I know about!), which include having a Lenten theme of care for creation, doing book studies, and creating a community garden. At St Aidan’s House (StAsH), one of the intentional living communities, we collectively tried to implement some of the strategies from the list, including slowly reducing meat to once or twice a week (which involved finding new recipes and ideas on what and how to cook), hanging clothes outside or on clothes horses, meal planning (to reduce food waste and number of trips to the grocery store), installing a programmable thermostat (reducing temperature overnight and during the day if no one was home), composting, plugging electronics into power strips/turning off when not in use, and drinking fair trade coffee. While we have not been perfect, it has been an interesting process, and highlights that even with good intentions, changing habits can be challenging in the long run, so it is important to view setbacks as part of the learning process rather than as failures and a reason to quit. In addition, StAsH put in a garden for the third summer, and were able to donate a large amount of fresh produce to the UofA campus foodbank, who were very appreciative of having fresh vegetables!

Over the last year, I have written several pieces for the Messenger, presented to several church vestries, an AGM, and several student groups, and tried to bring a message of HOPE, that with God’s help, we can better learn to care for creation and help conserve, preserve, and allow creation to flourish for future generations to enjoy. At the same time, I’ve tried to be realistic. Canada signed the Paris Agreement, which requires countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. I believe that as Christians, we can and must be leaders in areas of social and environmental justice. Many people also echoed this thought in the survey, that we must be caretakers and role models, and teach by example. At this tipping point for greenhouse gases in the atmosphere augmented by human activities (and seeing the catastrophic impact of



climate change in Texas and South East Asia), each of us must actively choose to take action - in our personal lives, and as a community, to collectively reduce our emissions by 80% or more. To do this, it will require sacrifice, dedication, persistence, and a willingness to learn how to do things differently. However, I believe that with God's help, we can learn to tread more lightly on the earth.

In March 2017, Archdeacon Alan Perry and I attended a conference on solar panel installation in Edmonton which was very informative and helped highlight that Edmonton is an excellent location for solar panel installation. Shortly afterwards, we travelled to New York City to attend a Water Justice Conference held at Trinity Institute. On some level, I had been avoiding thinking about how water and water justice are integrated with, and integral to, caring for creation, as it is such a big topic that it can easily become scary and overwhelming. I believe this conference was a little nudge from God to help me stretch out of my comfort zone and begin to think about these issues and start collaborating with other Christians who understand how vital water is for the survival of all creation. Alan and I had hoped to offer a follow up water justice conference in May in Edmonton to help discuss from a local perspective how we can protect and conserve our water resources, but it has been rescheduled to the fall (date to be determined) as there were not enough people available for the date we had selected. In the meantime, Alan has also been looking into how parishes can benefit from changes the provincial government has implemented for funding and rebates.

Moving forward, some next steps I would recommend for the diocese include:

- Develop a baseline set of expectations for every Anglican to meet or surpass in their daily lives
- Develop a baseline set of expectations for all parishes/the diocese (eg. no Styrofoam)
- Adapt or implement an Environmental Stewardship Award with different levels (similar to Eco Church - <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>)
- Assist parishes in applying to the Anglican Foundation to put solar panels on churches, and/or investigate ways for parishes to pool money to buy community solar panels
- Present a statement at Synod on caring for creation
- Incorporate caring for creation throughout the year, including celebrating the Season of Creation (September 1 to October 4)
- Recommend that parishes incorporate ways they will care for creation into their strategic plans
- Develop resources to help churches develop green teams/host green events/reduce environmental footprint, etc that are accessible on the website
- Create opportunities to be outside in nature, and help children appreciate creation
- Host a regular diocesan gathering on the environment between Synods
- Find Champions to continue promoting environmental sustainability in their parish and diocese

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has participated, reached out for information, offered support, and/or helped me on this journey over the past year. It has been a wonderful opportunity to help the diocese begin an important conversation about how and when to take actions in our personal lives and communities to better care for creation. In preparation for Synod and the



coming months, I hope everyone will take the time to ask God for wisdom and guidance on how we can be better stewards and care for God's awesome creation.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Ficko
Chaplain to the Environment*

CHRIST CHURCH CEMETERY, POPLAR LAKE

The Cemetery

Christ Church Cemetery Poplar Lake is a historic pioneer cemetery that belonged to the second Anglican parish established N of the River, Christ Church Poplar Lake. It is located at 82nd Street and Valour [195th] Avenue. Poplar Lake, a municipal region loosely centred on Township 54 Range 24, was named after Poplar Lake, the prairie slough that causes the bend in 82nd Street just N of 167 Avenue.

The log church was erected in 1893 by Canon William Newton, the first Anglican missionary in the Edmonton area, the parish with huge parish bounds was created by Deed of Erection in 1894. Title to the land was granted in 1897, the first burial was in 1899. The cemetery, but not the log church, was consecrated in 1904 by the Bishop of Calgary. The parish was closed in 1926. The log church burned down during World War Two but the cemetery remained, suffering progressive states of neglect. Over the years there were frequent complaints from family members about the state of the place of repose of their loved ones. By 1990 it had become a local refuse dump overgrown with shrubs and poplars. St. Michael & All Angels executed a herculean clean up task. In 2003 Good Shepherd was asked to consider assuming the maintenance of the cemetery. We agreed on the condition that it be reopened as an operating cemetery.

Restoration

To achieve that goal we had to

- a) *identify grave locations.* We conducted a ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey of the site which identified 18 probable burial locations; these locations were marked with granite markers at head and foot of each grave site.
- b) *determine who is buried there.* From research in the Synod office cemetery file, Alberta Genealogical Society, Provincial Archives of Alberta, City of Edmonton Archives and many online resources we have confirmed so far 11 definite historic burials and one doubtful one. For one of the known burials we know only the family name -- it is the subject of ongoing research. Three previously unknown burials have been identified.
- c) *enhance the condition of the grounds.* Mowing of the area of known burials was a first step, then a perimeter of rose bushes was planted around that historic burial area, and, finally, in 2010 we initiated mowing of the entire 2 acre property. With seeding and weed control the turf ground cover is now very good. Gardens, shrubs, trees and a cotoneaster hedge on the N



fence-line have been added to enhance the property. Bird houses on the perimeter fence house a population of tree swallows in the spring and early summer.

- d) *plan and lay out new grave plots.* Alberta Consumer affairs authorized the reactivation of the cemetery in 2009. We have planned, surveyed and marked 5 rows each of 56 new grave plots.
- e) *publicize and market the cemetery.* A series of newspaper articles including *The Messenger* and *Global TV News* features have helped put the cemetery in the public eye as has a cemetery page on the parish website. Recently we have distributed information packages to north side funeral directors and we expect to have the same package out to all parishes in the diocese. Since reopening the cemetery to new burials in 2010 we have sold 17 plots, 13 of which are for cremations. There have been 11 burials including 1 casket. Most purchasers have been from the diocese – Good Shepherd, St. Stephen the Martyr, and St. Mary parishes – and two to the general public who learned of the cemetery through various news articles or our website.

Operation

Good Shepherd assumed the task of maintaining and operating the cemetery out of a sense of obligation to these early pioneers who sacrificed so much in building our province. We do so on behalf of the diocese. Having gone to all the work of reactivating the cemetery we can now offer it as an outreach activity, to ensure that a time of personal loss does not become a time of inordinate financial loss. Our grave plots are very competitive, casket plots 4' x 12' are \$1,000, cremation plots 4' x 6' are \$500. The cremation plots are particularly good value and are tailored to multi-generation family burials.

We do this task on behalf of the diocese but we are asking if you can help. For starters, help us in spreading the good news. Our grave plots are very affordable. When you hear of fellow parishioners or friends discussing funeral plans tell them about your Christ Church Cemetery Poplar Lake. We could also use assistance with grounds upkeep. The cemetery is in a country location and a pleasant place to work. For anyone who enjoys gardening we have tasks that could consume as little as 30 minutes every couple of weeks. Do you do genealogical research? You might be able to help us in our ongoing research. And we would love to hear from anyone with information about the Poplar Lake parish, families and community.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Matthews

Chair,

Christ Church Cemetery Poplar Lake Committee



CURSILLO

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course”. The two day weekend is simply a short course in Christian living and is under the guidance of our Bishop. The intent of Cursillo is to enable groups of Christians to proclaim the “Good News” through action and support in our ordinary, everyday environments and to bring the world to Christ in worship, devotion and service. It is important to know the laity and clergy work closely together as partners and this is a grass roots movement.

The Cursillo weekend through a series of talks, singing, worship and quiet time provides participants to deepen their Christian faith, experience the love of God in a caring and prayerful setting and examine what it means to be a Christian in today’s world. Following the weekend participants are encouraged to use their gifts in their home parishes and communities.

In response to the ever changing lifestyles of the modern family Cursillo in the Diocese of Edmonton has responded by shortening the traditional weekend from a Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon to a Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. This change will take place at our next weekend which is Nov. 10-12, 2017. The weekend is Co-Ed and takes place at the beautiful Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert.

Under the strong leadership of Bishop Jane the Cursillo community has been charged to be more present in the community and so we have been speaking and attending church services, supporting the U of A students in the Worship Room, helping with building homes for Habitat for Humanity, supporting “Prison Prayer Ministries” and attending and supporting the various Truth and Reconciliation events. In addition to our regular monthly meetings held the 3rd Friday of each month at St. Timothy’s we are presently planning to have regular meetings in Drayton Valley and Vegreville to support our rural ministries in addition to the regular meetings in Emmanuel parish in Gibbons.

It is important to know that we are all on our own faith journey and each participant meets God exactly on their own time and in their own space. The Cursillo weekend is designed exactly for that and everyone has their own experience as God intended. For nearly 30 years the Diocese of Edmonton Anglican Cursillo continues to be a catalyst for developing strong leadership in the church and in our communities. Many weekend participants have continued their journeys by becoming involved in various ministries as well as Lay Readers, wardens, vestry members, committee chairs and even entering the priesthood.

As we face many challenges in the world today I believe there is no better time to take a leap of faith with other like-minded Christians by attending a Cursillo weekend. Please check us out on our website at: www.edmontoncursillo.ca

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Richardson
Lay Director, Cursillo Secretariat



DIOCESAN ADVISORY AND RESPONSE TEAM (DART)

The DART Committee was established many years ago as an advisory committee whose members are responsible for advising the Bishop with respect to any allegation of abuse within the diocese.

The committee's responsibilities have evolved over the years, and now include two separate functions. The first is an educational function, which involves encouraging parishes and diocesan programs to establish practices and procedures which reduce the risk of any potential abuse from occurring. The second function is the traditional advisory function, which involves advising the Bishop or parish clergy on how to respond to any particular situation which may arise.

Our most frequent activity is to respond to enquiries from clergy dealing with challenging or difficult situations.

The committee members are appointed by the Bishop, and usually include representatives from the legal profession, the medical profession, a psychologist, and both lay and clergy members.

As a church community we want to encourage active participation in ministry programs and activities. We also want to ensure that both the program participants and any staff or volunteers are safe, secure, and protected as much as is possible in any given circumstance. Some activities such as the diocesan camps involve inherent risks, and in such circumstances, we work to reduce the risks as much as possible, while recognizing the importance of the programs to the spiritual lives of the participants.

Clergy and wardens are always welcome to consult with the Bishop and the members of DART if they have issues or concerns. DART also provides materials to parishes on best practices, how to establish job descriptions, how to conduct police checks, and on the identification of high risk issues.

The members of the committee look forward to continuing to work with Bishop Jane in supporting our clergy and parishes, and to ensuring that we provide a safe and secure environment for those to whom we, as the diocese, minister.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lois MacLean
Chair, DART Committee*



DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Diocesan Development Fund was established and is governed by Canon 10A. The Fund provides loans to parishes for major capital expenses, which may include: retirement of existing debt (such as refinancing a commercial mortgage); purchase or construction of a new building; or major repairs to an existing building. (See Canon 10.20) In addition, if there is at least \$750,000 in the Fund available for lending some of the excess may be used for ministry purposes upon the recommendation of the Bishop. (Canon 10.21A)

The Fund's assets consist of Unallocated Funds (that is, funds available for loans) and the amount owed by parishes on existing loans. As at 31 December 2016, the Fund had \$694,103 in Unallocated Funds and \$965,155 in outstanding loans, for a total of \$1,659,258 in total assets. At the time of writing (July 2017), there are 9 outstanding loans with a balance of \$852,452.

The Fund earns income by investing Unallocated Funds in the Consolidated Trust Fund, and from a regular contribution from the diocesan budget in the amount of 1% of the assessable income of parishes. (Canon 10.4) In addition, the Fund earns interest on the balance of outstanding loans to parishes.

Interest rates charged for DDF loans are competitive (currently 3%), and extra repayments may be made without penalty. The effect of making an extra payment is to reduce the term of a loan and save the parish interest.

A parish may apply for a loan for one of the above-mentioned purposes by contacting the Executive Archdeacon.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Ven. Alan T Perry*

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

The Anglican Archives (Diocese of Edmonton) is housed at the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Records in the collection date between 1895 and 2011. There are approximately 75m of processed records which are described in a finding aid which is arranged by parish, and then by Diocesan committees and function. There is also a backlog of just under 45m of records awaiting processing as several large collections have come in to the archives in the past two years.

The Archivist is a volunteer position supported by three very dedicated individuals who assist with processing the materials into new acid free folders and boxes and compiling the file box lists. Jeanette, Beth-Anne and Diane contribute hundreds of hours a year to support the Anglican Archives program.



This year was very exciting for Beth-Anne who was able to participate in the opening of a display in the north of a collection of artifacts associated with Kenna Exham's years as a priest in Old Crow.

In the last year the archives responded to 28 research requests including those from people either searching for copies of their baptismal or wedding records, or looking for a relative who served as clergy in our diocese in the 1920s. Once the record is discovered a transcript from the sacramental register is prepared for signature of the Provincial Archivist. Those records can be used to get married (in a Catholic church) or verify identity or status (Metis or Indigenous) or fill in a genealogical storyline. Some requests were from parishes gathering information for an anniversary celebration – from the names of their clergy to when their church building was dedicated – or who were looking for architectural drawings or cemetery records. Some are fairly easy searches but others are more complex because the date of the baptism (or even which parish is involved) is uncertain and multiple registers need to be searched.

As Archivist, I attended the Network of Anglican Archivists meeting in Toronto in the fall of 2016 hosted by Nancy Hearn of the National Church Archives. Meeting with about twenty other diocesan and provincial archivists was positive in sharing our experiences and expertise around continuing to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action to make the Archives accessible to Indigenous peoples, to preserve our records and look to the future of preserving and making digital records accessible. In Edmonton the Anglican Archivist also participates in a group of Faith based archivists from various denominations who share a brown bag lunch workshop every couple of months.

On-going work this year will be to continue to process the back-log of newly accessioned collections from parishes both closed and continuing. We will also be updating the finding aid to incorporate the new material coming in and to include more historical information about the parishes and if available a photograph of individual churches from the collection.

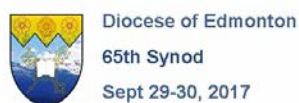
Respectfully Submitted.

Kathryn Ivany

Diocesan Archivist

ECUMENICAL / INTERFAITH REPORT

We live during a time in history where ecumenical and interfaith sensitivity and activity are more central to the work of being Church than perhaps they have ever been before. A big part of how we live the Gospel in our time is by showing that we value unity and collaboration with other Christians (even those with whom we disagree on certain things), and that understanding and peaceableness with other religious traditions is a high priority. That is why it is so important for us as Anglicans in the Diocese of Edmonton to make every effort to forge relationships and partnerships with other faith communities wherever we can. It is a great privilege to be able to see and take part in many of the good things that the people of our churches are doing in this



MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



regard. While I would surely not be able to list everything that is deserving of mention, I do want to use this report to offer a representative sampling:

On the ecumenical front, the Rev. Kevin Kraglund has done tremendous work as president of the Edmonton and District Council of Churches for the last several years. Many of us have also worked closely with ecumenical partners to engage the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The influx of refugees over the past few years has provided an opportunity for many Anglicans to cooperate with other Christian churches in order to sponsor, welcome, and support newcomers to Canada. We have continued to see bonds formed with our Mennonite and United Church sisters and brothers around things like peacemaking, the environment, and gender and sexuality rights. The year 2016-17 has been noteworthy for the way it has seen Anglicans working particularly closely with our Lutheran and Roman Catholic partners on a variety of events in connection with the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the European Reformation and its meaning in our day and age. This is to name but a few.

In terms of interfaith activity, many of our parishes, both urban and rural, have organized formal and informal dialogue events of various kinds aimed at bringing together people of different faiths to grow in awareness and friendship, with everything from potlucks and visits over tea to discussing ethical questions and sharing of spiritual traditions. We have been closely involved in the growth of Christian-Muslim relations through A Common Word Alberta at the city level, and through a number of grassroots connections between parishes and mosques. Both clergy and laity of many of our parishes have been heavily involved in the Interfaith Housing Initiative and the End Poverty Initiative in the city of Edmonton. The Interfaith building projects organized by Habitat for Humanity have provided opportunities to serve the needs of others with a diverse range of people from across the spectrum of faith backgrounds. Our Chaplains at both educational, health care, and correctional institutions work with a wide range of faith communities. The list could go on.

The God who has been made known to us in Jesus Christ is defined by relations of diversity in a perfect triune unity. It is no surprise, therefore, that we human creatures, created in God's image, are called to relationship across our diversities. As followers of Jesus, who was the ultimate bridge builder between the things we create to divide ourselves from one another, we are surely called all the more into a way of dialogue for the sake of unity, community, and peace. It is a tremendously difficult journey, but the many encouraging steps we see one another taking in our various contexts and ministries is without question of great encouragement to me and to many, and a sure sign of the movement of God's Spirit in our midst.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman
Ecumenical Coordinator*



EDMONTON ANGLICAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (EAME)

EAME is part of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) movement (<http://www.wwme.org>) and is a ministry of the Edmonton Anglican Diocese. Our mission is to enable and support good marriages to become even better and to promote marriage and Christian marriage culture to family, church, community and country. Edmonton is also the home of four of the six directors for our national organization, Canadian Anglican Marriage Encounter (CAME). This allows, God willing, for more efficient establishment of Encounter Weekends and events across Canada.

Celebrations

We are the largest, most active and vibrant Anglican Marriage Encounter Community in Canada.

Our last three Weekends have reached maximum registrations for our host facility, the Providence Centre—16 new couples have been encountered per Weekend. A Common Protestant Outline allows us to promote Marriage Encounter ecumenically, which we believe to be one of our success factors. Not only do we promote within the three dioceses in Alberta, but to various Lutheran, United, Presbyterian, Baptist and Evangelical churches. We also have a close working relationship with our Catholic brothers and sisters who host their own Weekend.

As of recently, we have an all-Alberta Team, including Reverends Gary and Lee Sinclair from Red Deer, in the Diocese of Calgary. This has substantially reduced our travel costs for putting on Weekends here in Edmonton.

We have our own website (www.eame.ca) which helps dramatically with our promotions. The faces and stories from couples who have benefited from our Weekend completely “speak for themselves.” Our website is linked to the website of the Edmonton diocese which gives us much exposure. We have a Facebook page as well, giving us an added presence.

Our successes can also be measured by the number of couples that stay involved following the Weekend. We now have nine Spirals (house groups) in Edmonton and Red Deer with more than 60 couples meeting monthly to practice and help maintain the communication tools they have learned on the Weekend. A huge bonus is that the Spiral groups take on different organizational responsibilities on a rotating basis over a 6-year schedule, this helps immensely with our volunteer capacities, helping to avoid burn-out.

On May 27th of this year, we celebrated Edmonton’s 35th Anniversary. It was an exciting night; of note is that one couple attended who were on the very first Weekend in 1982 (Pougnnet/Roloff), another couple attended from Saskatoon (Keeley) that had presented on 75 Marriage Encounter Weekends across Canada, the US and Barbados. So much to celebrate, such blessings!

In addition, July 21-23, 2017 two Team couples from EAME were requested to attend the Interfaith Board Meeting in Houston, Texas. Because of our successes, we have been asked to take on international responsibilities as well, which we are carefully considering at this time.



Needs

A clergy couple from the Edmonton diocese would be excellent, as the Sinclairs have just both retired.

Promotions in all parishes are paramount. ME was very popular in the early days and went through parishes like wildfire. It has been much quieter in the last 5-10 years. We've experienced a resurgence in some churches as new couples to the church have been encouraged to go. Their feedback has been very positive. We've found stronger marriages lead to stronger families and stronger churches and ultimately stronger communities and world. We've also found that couples who attend with no church affiliation have grown in their faith—another blessing!

Our next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Nov. 3-5, 2017 at the Providence Renewal Centre. Links to more information can be found on our website or by accessing it on the Edmonton diocese website.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Heather and Gary Tansem
Area Coordinators, Edmonton Anglican Marriage Encounter*

EDUCATIONAL CHAPLAINCY

In the early years of the Diocese of Edmonton, there was a drive to raise funds and secure land to create an Anglican college at the University of Alberta. There was even a name picked out – St. Aidan's College. Two world wars and a number of other challenges got in the way, and thus this dream never materialized in the way it was initially imagined. However, the Diocese adapted, and decided instead to invest money and energy into creating the position of Educational Chaplain in order to offer ministry to the University community.

In retrospect, there are reasons to be thankful that the history unfolded as it did. For nearly 60 years now, the Diocese of Edmonton has supported outreach to the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Alberta. By having a chaplaincy instead of a bricks and mortar college, we were forced to be outside the walls, making connections where people are at, collaborating with other groups to find common ground, etc. In effect, it has been a missional ministry before "missional" became a word that the Church was talking about as something we needed to recover.

It is sometimes a challenge to measure the impact of a chaplaincy. You don't have a congregation to work with for decades at a time through all the seasons of life. Sometimes you have just a single passing encounter. Sometimes you see people once or twice in a moment of crisis. At best you share in someone's journey for a few years before they move on to jobs and families and so on. In a given year I probably encounter 2-300 different people in some chaplaincy capacity, but only 30 or so of these on a regular basis. But I am convinced that seeds are planted in each of these moments, and at a critical time in people's lives, which are then



watered and grown in the years to come. As such, chaplaincy, especially student chaplaincy, is a critical ministry of the Church.

There is much about the present expression of Educational Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Edmonton that is the same as it has been in iterations past. We continue to provide a worshipping community for students (The Worship Room), venues to explore questions of faith (Pub Theology), opportunities to connect with others and build positive and supportive relationships, and ways to give back to the wider community (PrayerWorks Community Dinners). People come to faith, grow as Christians, are baptized, are confirmed, get married, discover vocations, and so on; there is much to celebrate! There are also new opportunities that come with a growing international student population, greater interreligious diversity, a post-Christian culture, and the challenges of 21st century society.

In a nutshell, I would define the work of educational chaplaincy as finding new ways to bring the voice of spirituality and faith into the halls of academia and the big questions of our time. It is a massive field of mission, and one which our Church has made a priority year after year. It is a pleasure to serve in this ministry. Thanks be to God!

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman
Educational Chaplain (to August 2017)*

EDUCATION for MINISTRY

Education for Ministry (EfM) has been active in the Diocese of Edmonton for over a quarter-century, with a substantial impact on Diocesan life in that time. Almost 150 people have graduated from the program, including many lay leaders of the Diocese, and several clergy. At the 2015 Synod, when EfM people were asked to identify themselves, about one-third of those present rose.

EfM is a theological study program that goes beyond traditional bible study. Spread over four years, the program covers much of the same academic material as a typical first year of seminary. Students study the Old Testament in Year One and the New Testament in Year Two. Year Three deals with the history and evolution of the Christian church, and Year Four involves Theology, Ethics, and Interfaith Relations. Strongly endorsed by Bishop Jane, EfM is recognized as one of the finest adult theological education courses available outside a university environment.

Students meet in seminar groups weekly or bi-weekly over each year, under the guidance of trained mentors. There is currently one group active in the Diocese, along with several students pursuing the program on-line. There has been very gratifying growth this year, from six students to fifteen. The existing group will have nine students this year, and we are currently (as of Aug. 31) setting up another group, with the required six registrants.



Enquiries about registration are always welcome. The current diocesan brochure is available by e-mail request to the Synod Office. For other questions, interested parties may contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Robin Walker

EfM Coordinator

Ph. 587-523-4297

Email: robin_walker1948@outlook.com (Please put "EfM" in the subject line!)

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

The Examining Chaplains committee is an advisory group under the direction of the Bishop, tasked with prayerfully aiding in the selection and support of individuals in official discernment for ordained ministry. The Examining Chaplains help to shepherd this process in the latter stages of initial inquiry, and then through the preparatory stages of candidacy and finally to postulancy prior to ordination as Deacon or Priest.

The committee meets every two to three months. In between, members are engaged with conducting interviews with candidates, and with offering support along the way, particularly to those preparing for the assessment process of ACPO (Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination). Currently, the committee is involved with approximately twenty people at various points in the process, and we are looking forward to celebrating the ordination of ten ordinands in September just prior to Synod.

The committee's work of discernment, assessment, and recommendation is guided by the *Competencies for Ordination to the Priesthood in the Anglican Church of Canada* and the Ministry Grids of the Anglican Communion. We also seek to be attuned to the specific ethos and pastoral needs in the Diocese of Edmonton. Over the past couple of years the committee has been giving attention to the process itself, and to that end has produced two helpful guides, available on the diocesan website:

- 1) *Praying Together: Parish Discernment for Vocations*, to guide the work of a parish discernment committee; and
- 2) *Discernment for Ordination: A Clergy Guide*, which gives clergy an overview of the discernment process as a whole and helps with encouraging and fostering potential candidates for ministry from within our parishes.

In addition to Bishop Jane Alexander, the members of the committee consist of a mix of lay and ordained members, including Dr. Marion Allen (St. David, Edm), Dr. Mark Pepler (St. John the Evangelist, Edm), Valerie Wilbur (Good Shepherd Edm), Dr. Arlette Zinck (St. John the Evangelist, Edm), and the Revds Jonathan Crane (St. Augustine, Edm), Maureen Crerar (Christ Church, Edm), Sheila Hagan-Bloxham (St. George, Edm), Stephanie London (St. Thomas,



Sherwood Park), Stephen London (St. Thomas, Sherwood Park), and David Tiessen (St. Matthias, Edm).

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. David Tiessen
Chair, Examining Chaplains*

HOSPITAL VISITORS

Since 2015, the hospital visitors have continued to serve the diocese through their ministry of presence and prayer. There are currently nine hospital visitors, and two beginning discernment, who regularly visit Anglicans in hospitals and care facilities. Offering visits and prayers to those who are in care, the lay hospital visitors are able to support Anglicans who may or may not be attached to a parish, and those who are far from home.

Over the past two years, support and training opportunities have been offered in the spring and the fall. Workshops have included lay visitors training, mental health and the church and dementia care. These workshops have been offered as continuing education to the hospital visitors and to the diocese more widely.

If you are interested in becoming a hospital visitor, please speak to your parish priest about your sense of call to this ministry, and then contact the Rev. Alexandra Meek for more information. All hospital visitors are required to have a letter of support from their parish priest, a criminal records check, and complete training from both the diocese and the volunteer requirements of the hospital/care facility where you will serve.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Alex Meek
Coordinator, Hospital Visitors*

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

Inner City Pastoral Ministry continues a ministry of presence within the inner city of Edmonton. ICPM serves one of the most needy and marginalized populations in the city by offering pastoral care throughout the week and ministering to the Emmanuel Sunday worship and lunch community.

Supported by the Anglican, United, Lutheran and Roman Catholic traditions, ICPM is truly an interdenominational Christian ministry of presence. In partnership with the community, and guided by the Spirit of God, we walk with the people of the inner city of Edmonton.

With the leadership of Michelle Nieviadomy, Oskapewis, (Helper in Cree), and Gord Holub, Indigenous Helper, the ministry amongst indigenous people, who comprise 47% of the inner city



population, has expanded. In 2017, ICPM embarked on the “Our Common Ground” series of ambitious public gatherings. Our Common Ground – Prayer (March 18), Wisdom (June 17), Healing (September 23), and Thanksgiving (December 16), each provided a meaningful response to living well on the land and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s – Calls to Action. With the assistance of the Anglican Foundation, and support of the Diocese of Edmonton, the United Church Edmonton Presbytery - Moving Forward in Reconciliation Group, this series was a truly Ecumenical undertaking.

Jim Gurnett recently joined the ICPM Ministry Team as Pastoral Associate and will undertake a ministry of care, friendship and pastoral support of persons re-entering the life of the community after spending “time away” while addressing life challenges, such as addiction and mental health. In harmony with ICPM’s core mission, values and goals, the pastoral and social justice plan is to build relationships and to accompany individuals on their journey back into the community. The long term goal is to help persons leaving institutions to reintegrate into the life of the community by offering friendship, along with the care and support of the faith community. Busy days and forward vision continue to open doors of care and pastoral support with many community members living life within the inner city. Jesus said, “Go ... The harvest is plentiful ... freely you have received, freely give and proclaim the Good News of the reign of God.”

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Rick Chapman
Pastor, ICPM*

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES INITIATIVE

Over the last couple of years, the country and the diocese have travelled in some good water, and yes, even in some rough water. We have shown the strength of being what it means to be a Christian community intent on being the active reconciling church that Jesus gave to Peter. “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

However, to be perfectly transparent, we have also shown that we may still be rooted in a colonial mindset. I recently had an intense and honest conversation with an indigenous leader; she has worked hard to understand the complex relationships between indigenous mothers who have their children in government mandated foster care and some hard working foster parents. She works to find ways in which these children can find hope in difficult times. She called me, shaken, one day. I was with my daughter Evatta, which added extra weight to the conversation we were about to have. She was outraged by the news of the day; teens committing suicide in Northern Ontario First Nation communities...a woman found dead in a hotel room, her killer was set free... a child died in foster care... an artist not understanding the difference between cultural appropriation and cultural appreciation, never mind culture sensitivity. In a desperate shriek...she cried... “I am tired of being angry, no one cares...I am tired of crying, no one cares.” As I



watched my daughter play safely, a stream of tears rolling down my face, we prayed together. We committed to finding ways in which society can find common ground.

Which leads me to the Diocese of Edmonton Indigenous Ministry.

I, personally, have tried to make space for the opportunities for indigenous, settlers, newcomers and those yet to come to find common ground. I have tried to teach that we are all Treaty People, with this knowledge we can set a path that will lead to mutual respect and mutual responsibility. Through my direct participation in ICPM's events entitled On Common Ground, a four-part conversation leads the participants through a dialogue process that is meant to empower the young, the elders, the leaders and the bystanders. We, as a collective, are the people of reconciliation we have been waiting for. We have to see the strength of those that are committed to the work. The four events highlight the hard work of seeing great possibility in those in vulnerable situations, the hard work of the church staying in conversations that are uncomfortable and the role of a compassionate and loving Creator that hopes for a reconciled creation. Jesus was made incarnate to see with us through this hard work.

I also helped animate a four-week colloquium at All Saints', entitled "Land Language and Lodge." We brought in elders, artists and leaders to frame common threads in language, ceremony and healing between the church and indigenous spiritually. Bishop Jane presented a heartwarming and frank talk on her road to reconciliation and the use of symbols. She presented an honest and hope-filled presentation that challenged us. We can find common ground if we risk to listen and act.

St Faith's has become a place of Standing Stones, where ceremony and communities are made real, and a place where a person can find many ways into the community. St Faith's is where people, both indigenous and non-indigenous, can find voice and freedom. They can experience the opportunity to smudge in a church that sees this cultural practice as normative. They can voice the frustration of being poor or isolated or lonely and finding community that sees them as part of the possible good in the world, not as a challenge that has to be solved. They have the sacraments of wedding, baptism and death in a church that provides cultural sensitivity. We provide space for teaching Evangelical pastors to come in and learn about different worldviews and allow them to repent their struggles with racism and misunderstanding.

My prayer is that we can find common ground, we can find the Kingdom Way of engaging each other, we can find the joy that Jesus Christ promises at Christmas and Easter. We can be a church that makes room for all to find this promise.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Travis Enright
Canon Missioner for Indigenous Ministry



INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES INITIATIVE – PRIEST-IN-MISSION

My part-time ministry with the Indigenous Ministries Initiative has centered on a variety of bridge-building, grass-roots work involving the arts: visual art, story-telling, written word and song. It has focused largely around the issues of reconciliation and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Boys and Men.

A major component has been two interactive, collaborative public art installations located in the Arts District of Edmonton. These projects formed out of numerous partnerships with local community members and organizations, both indigenous and non-indigenous.

The first of these installations, *Ni wapataenan/We see*, took place in the winter of 2016 and featured 40 red dresses representing the more than 1,200 indigenous women who have been murdered or gone missing in recent decades.

Maskihkîy âcimowin/Medicine Stories was a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's *Calls to Action* and funded by a generous grant from The Anglican Foundation. The project was accessible to the public in May and June of 2017 and focused on themes of reconciliation. It featured a large tree sculpture inspired by the traditional Métis story, *The Giving Tree*, created by local artists and community members, as well as an on-site, walking audio tour built around stories of reconciliation from a variety of local voices of various ages and cultures. *Maskihkîy âcimowin* also included three free public Saturday events and an opening and closing ceremony. Bleeding Heart Art Space was an essential partner in both projects.

I've also used KAIROS' Blanket Exercise as an educational tool for community groups, in churches and in the public school system. And I walk alongside some Elders in the community doing shared pastoral care and ministry with women.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Lori Calkins,
Priest-in-Mission*

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES – OSKÂPÊWIS

The often lone voice of an indigenous follower of the Jesus Way has been heard in the inner city of Edmonton, city hall, on paper, in emails, pulpits, interfaith gatherings, university campuses, social media, indigenous events, in homes and community halls to outdoors in nature. This voice has reminded people that we are more than intellect; we have a spirit and there is a Creator who is good and receives worship from the heart. This voice has also reminded people that we are citizens, we have moral and spiritual responsibilities and that we are all treaty people. Community was made aware or reminded that indigenous people believed three parties were present when the treaties were signed; the government, indigenous people, and Creator. This voice has been met both with gratitude and joyfulness to distain and rejection. A challenging



journey is what Creator promised so I am not disappointed. “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

*Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Anne Pasula, M.A.
Indigenous Ministries Oskâpêwis*

INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES – ABORIGINAL AND RURAL CHURCHES LIAISON

There are people in every rural parish in our diocese who have a *heart* for the ministry of neighbourly reconciliation. They are willing to do the hard work of listening and being present with those who carry the history of Residential Schools in their families. They are willing to do the work of educating themselves and others on how we as a church move forward. As the liaison for this work it has been my great privilege to be with those who are becoming the hands and feet of reconciliation in their communities. They are opening their churches and their communities to becoming agents of reconciliation, to remembering that we are all treaty people of this good land.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Fiona Brownlee
Aboriginal and Rural Churches Liaison*

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES

Christians living together in “intentional community” is by no means a new thing. This phenomenon has expressed itself in Church history in many different forms and in all kinds of places, going back to the very earliest centuries. Often these movements for common life have arisen in response to the circumstances and needs of a particular time. In recent years, a fresh resurgence of interest in ‘living together on purpose, and for God’s purpose’ by younger adult followers of Jesus has been emerging in Anglican circles in recent years. As the culture around us struggles with human isolation and disconnection and their effects on people and society, it appears that God is doing something new to show another way.

With the tremendous support of Bishop Jane, the Diocese of Edmonton is blessed to be the host of two such intentional communities: Ascension House, which formed in 2014 and is located in the former rectory of the parish of Christ Church, and St. Aidan’s House which was formed in 2015 and is located in the former rectory of the parish of St. George’s Edmonton. In their short time of existence, 23 young adults have called these communities home for 1-2 years. Many of these have been students, some have been in early career, and all have been drawn by the



opportunity to spend a season of time exploring God's call on their lives through a particular commitment to shared life, regular prayer, hospitality to others, and outreach to those in need.

Life in community can be a source of tremendous blessings, but it is also hard work. There is no single goal for an intentional Christian community, each individual person comes into a community with a variety of desires and needs, and each group is different depending on the particular makeup of the house from year to year. There are joys and challenges, and there are ups and downs. The courage and openness of the residents to undertake this experiment in Christian discipleship is inspirational, and I offer my sincere appreciation to those who have been part of these communities for taking a leap of faith and trusting in God to lead into the unknown ahead. I also give thanks to those who have offered their leadership and spiritual mentorship to the residents of these communities, and for the part that these efforts have played in the history of Ascension and St. Aidan's House to this point. The members of the parishes of Christ Church and St. George's warrant particular mention here.

Some of the earliest Christian communities to come into existence now have 16-17 centuries of lessons to draw from. So far these communities have 2-3 years. But intentional community, by nature, is a form of ministry that is always a work in progress. I am greatly encouraged by the ongoing potential of Ascension House and St. Aidan's House to be places that God uses to form women and men of firm faith and sharpened discernment, well fitted to become the leaders of the Church of the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman,
Chaplain

LAY EVANGELISTS IN THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

Lay Evangelists are a new order of lay ministers in the Diocese of Edmonton, working alongside lay readers, lay pastoral visitors and lay administrators. The particular focus of their evangelistic ministry will be outside the church, working to spread the good news of Jesus, to equip congregations to live and share Christ's love with those who have not yet come to know Him, and to help new disciples take their first steps of faith. Our evangelists will also help their parishes engage with their neighbourhoods and build bridges for the sharing of the Gospel.

In order to equip them for this ministry we have established a two-year formation process, each year being comprised of six Saturday sessions. The current outline is as follows:

Year One:

- How to Relax and Enjoy Evangelism (an introduction to relational evangelism)
- How to Help New Disciples Grow
- Dealing with Common Questions and Objections to the Christian Faith
- The Big Picture of the Bible Story



- Evangelistic Preaching/Testimony (parts 1 & 2)

Year Two:

- Courses for Inquirers – overview
- Christianity in Focus – a sample one-day Inquirers' course
- Invitation Sundays and how to run them
- Engaging our Neighbourhoods – some ideas for community outreach
- Equipping People in our Parishes for Witness and Evangelism / Spirituality for Evangelists
- Where Do We Go From Here? Practical Planning for our Future Ministry as Evangelists

Facilitators so far have included the Rev. Tim Chesterton, the Ven. Richard King, Dr. Steve Martin and the Rev. Chris Roth. The Rev. Tim Chesterton was appointed by the bishop as Warden of Lay Evangelists and has been giving overall leadership to the program.

Four candidates were accepted into the program, and we began the formation process in February 2016. We anticipate that in late 2017 or early 2018 our first four evangelists will be commissioned and licensed by Bishop Jane.

In the summer of 2017 Bishop Jane introduced a new Christian Foundations program which in the future will be required as a prerequisite for training for all lay ministries in our diocese. Once our first group of evangelists have been licensed we will seek to recruit a second group; these new candidates will take the Christian Foundations program alongside other lay ministers in training, before beginning their specific formation as Lay Evangelists.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Tim Chesterton,
Warden of Lay Evangelists*

LAY READERS

In the diocese of Edmonton, Lay Readers are defined as laypeople who minister in their local parish as leaders of worship, according to their gifting and the needs of their congregation, and under the supervision and guidance of local clergy. Lay Readers are licensed by the Bishop for a period of four years, following completion of the Lay Reader Training course, and licenses are extended as Lay Readers attend continuing education seminars. Lay Readers are trained in four areas: leading Morning and Evening Prayer; preaching; leading public prayer liturgies; and leading funeral services. Lay Readers are trained to lead the rites of both the *BCP* and *BAS*.

Understanding that Lay Readers are put forward for this ministry with a variety of education and experience we have introduced a prerequisite course on Christian Foundations for all new Lay Readers from 2017 onwards. As with any program there are those whose prior education, such as EFM, means that this course is not necessary.



Additional courses are offered from time to time on various aspects of ministry so that we can encourage our Lay Readers as leaders in the parishes in which they serve.

The licensing of Lay Readers in the Diocese of Edmonton will take place on September 17, 2017. It will be a double celebration as a delegation from the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) are visiting at that time to learn more about ministry here in the diocese.

Program Status

There are 75 licensed lay readers who minister in 36 parishes in our diocese.

Program Activity

This year I offered workshops for Lay Readers based on the Christian Foundations curriculum from Wycliffe College. Additional sessions were also offered on preaching, missional model, and leading Morning and Evening Prayer. Modulators on these topics are being developed for the diocesan website, which Lay Readers will be asked to complete within a year of being licensed.

Program Acknowledgements

I wish to acknowledge to our Synod the hard work, faith, and commitment of the Lay Readers of our diocese, who take up liturgical leadership in a variety of settings and contexts. I also wish to thank the Very Rev. Neil Gordon, the Ven. Richard King, and the Rev. Matthew Oliver for the teaching they have provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee Reports that:

1. It has received and considered:
 - a) A proposal for housekeeping amendments to Canon 5 – Parishes to bring references to clergy compensation in line with the current practice of the Diocese of Edmonton;
 - b) A proposal for an amendment to Canon 5 - Parishes to provide a framework for close collaboration with churches in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada by allowing for co-operating parishes where one or more of the parishes in question is a congregation of a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.
2. The first proposal has been put into the form of a resolution which is published as Resolution L-1 in the Convening Circular for this meeting of Synod.
3. The second proposal has also been put into the form of a resolution which is published as Resolution L-2 in the Convening Circular for this meeting of Synod.
4. The Constitution requires that resolutions to amend the Constitution or Canons not be put



to a vote by Synod unless they have first been considered by the Legislative Committee and by the Executive Council. The above-mentioned two resolutions have been considered by both. They were considered by Executive Council electronically in August, 2017.

The Legislative Committee members are Ken Holmstrom, Lois MacLean, the Ven. Alan Perry.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Hon. Judge Ken Holmstrom
Chancellor of the Diocese of Edmonton*

PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY OF CANADA (PBSC) – EDMONTON BRANCH

The PBSC exists to advocate for and take measures to enhance the use of the Canadian *Book of Common Prayer* (1962) in worship, but also, and perhaps more critically, in our day-to-day prayer life. One aspect of prayer is that it is a discipline; discipline has the same root, meaning knowledge / instruction, as disciple – and prayer is fundamental to who we are called to be as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Rather than sponsoring activities in a central location, normally St. Faith's, since the 64th Synod the Edmonton Branch PBSC has "hit the road." A series of activities has taken place in several parish churches combining both prayer book worship and informative talks. These included:

- The Rev. David Tiessen, rector of St Mathias, addressed "*Prayers For and From the Church: Reflections of a Churchly Spiritual Life from the Book of Common Prayer.*"
- At St. George's by the U of A, the Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman spoke on "*Anglican Liturgy and the Legacy of the Prayer Book in Global Anglicanism.*" His talk for students and Edmonton Branch members was part of his course at Newman Theological College and was preceded by a BCP 'High Mass' Holy Communion, led by the liturgical team from St. Stephen the Martyr.
- The Rev Steve London at St. Thomas Sherwood Park shared his passion for John Wesley with "*An Appreciation of John Wesley: 18th Century Lessons for 21st Century Mission,*" and then led us in choral Evensong.
- Back at St. Faith's for our May 2016 AGM, the Rev. Armand Mercier gave us "*Christian spirituality with Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.*"
- At Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona, the Rev. Canon Travis Enright chaired "*Death, Pleasure, Work & Body – a colloquium on the big issues in life through the lens of the BCP,*" with presenters the Rev.s Heather Liddell, Steve London, Sarah Holmström and Armand Mercier.
- And the very week following the 64th Synod we hosted the National AGM of the PBSC at St Faith's church where the president, the Rev. Gordon Maitland, rector of St. George's, Windsor, gave us "*The Voice of Prayer Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: the changing nature of liturgical English as seen in the BCP, BAS, and future liturgies,*" and led us in choral Evensong.



We would love to take our road show to your parish. We are prepared to help you worship with the BCP and can help with cantors/choristers that are familiar with BCP liturgy. And we would love to hear your presentation on a subject you are passionate about. It is to be noted, by the way, that five of the seven priests that shared with us their insights to the BCP did not have the BCP in their spiritual upbringing.

At the 64th Synod we launched a program to distribute to parishes and diocesan ministries complete 7-volume sets of *Commentaries on the Prayer Book Lectionary*. These guides are an ideal resource for anyone wanting a serious bible training program. Using the BCP lectionary, one reads the entire New Testament twice in the year and a “bleeding chunk” of the Old Testament once. The guides give one paragraph summaries of each of the four daily readings and show how the Collect, Epistle and Gospel define the spiritual theme for the week. These sets are gratis for parishes and chaplains/diocesan officers and we can offer sets at cost to individuals for \$85.

We continue to provide BCPs to Bishop Jane for presentation to confirmation candidates. We also purchased copies for the Mission of St. Saviour, Wabamun and a prison chaplaincy.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Travis Enright
President, Edmonton Branch PBSC*

PROPERTY AND PLANNING

The Property and Planning Committee reports to the Administration and Finance Committee. Under diocesan policy, any building project over \$10,000 requires the approval of the Property and Planning Committee.

The primary goal of the committee is to encourage high quality work when parishes are repairing or renovating their buildings. As a matter of good stewardship, the proper care and maintenance of our building assets are essential to ensure that the spaces we use for worship, fellowship and mission are safe, comfortable and attractive places to gather. In addition, taking the opportunity to improve the environmental footprint of a building when renovating is an act of environmental stewardship in line with the fifth Mark of Mission.

This year the Alberta government announced programs to assist with better environmental stewardship promoting energy efficiency and solar energy installations. An earlier program for energy audits omitted churches as eligible applicants, but churches are included in the more recent programs. Many of our parishes have already installed more efficient furnaces and LED lighting. In addition to reducing our carbon footprint, energy efficiency also reduces our utility costs, though the rate of the payback of the investment varies considerably from medium to long term, and typically should not be counted on to pay back costs in a short term. (For example, solar systems are typically estimated to repay over the course of about 15 to 20 years.)



Since the last meeting of Synod, Property and Planning has been involved with projects in a number of parishes in our diocese. Six parishes have done repairs to roofs, and two have done major work to windows. We have also been consulted on a project to make a building accessible, including installation of lifts and accessible washrooms. One parish completed a major project affecting its roof, foundation and HVAC system. In addition, the committee has been consulted on a few furnace replacements and other jobs that have not met the \$10,000 threshold for approval.

The committee is always happy to consult on projects to ensure that our buildings will serve God's people for years to come, in a condition that truly honours the presence of God in every community.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Ven. Alan T. Perry,
Chair, Property and Planning*

PWRDF (PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND)

PWRDF is the Canadian Anglican response for emergency relief, refugees, development and justice; it's making a difference in the world.

How is PWRDF accomplishing that? It is because of you and me; a network of volunteers in Anglican parishes in our diocese and across Canada. These volunteers share the stories of the projects and raise support, which means that donated dollars go to support those projects; less than 9% of donated funds are used for administration.

The majority of PWRDF's work is in the field of international development. We work with partners in 28 countries around the world, with local people so that they can improve their health, access to food, human rights and more. Our partners are present in communities, and work with local leaders and people to determine the needs and the most appropriate responses to those needs. PWRDF, in partnership with them, supports those responses.

PWRDF partners provide programs that enable vulnerable people to improve the quality of their daily life, to become more self-reliant and to address root causes of poverty and injustice. We are the enablers of positive change.

We work in several areas including Maternal, Child, and Newborn Health; Food Security, support initiatives in Canadian indigenous communities, and refugee programs.

Some PWRDF programs receive matching funding from the Canadian Government, at a ratio ranging from 3:1 to 6:1, depending on the program.



PWRDF also works in the area of disaster relief throughout the world, as well as at home such as the Fort McMurray wildfire and the fires in the B.C. interior.

Each parish is asked to have a PWRDF representative, who works with the diocesan rep to spread awareness. We now have reps in the majority of parishes in our diocese, but if your parish does not currently have a representative, there is probably someone who would be happy to use their gifts in this ministry, if asked. Please contact me if you need more information.

PWRDF is the official relief and development agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, YOUR development and relief agency. Together, we can make a world of difference.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Marshall
Diocesan Representative, PWRDF
camfarm@syban.net*

REACH CAMPAIGN

The 63rd Synod adopted Resolution G-9:

1. That the Diocese proceed with a Mission Funding Campaign as recommended in the Planning Feasibility Study Final Report prepared by M&M International, and
2. That the Synod request the Bishop to appoint a Feasibility Study Initiative Working Group (FSIWG) as described in that report.

The Reach Campaign raised \$4,825,061 in pledges, or 96.5% of our goal of \$5 million. Fourteen parishes exceeded their goal. As of 30 June 2017 we have received \$3,024,909.23 in donations. Donations have come in the form of one-time donations, and pledges payable in annual, quarterly and monthly instalments. Pledges have ranged from \$50 to \$100,000. Twenty-one donors have chosen to donate securities. Currently, 266 donors are contributing \$26,879.83 per month through Pre-Authorized Giving. A total of 872 people made pledges averaging \$5,533.

Total Campaign Expenses were \$500,215.29 out of an approved budget of \$550,000. This represents fees paid to our campaign consultant CCS and expenses including travel costs, printing, postage and some office help.

To date, cheques totaling \$1,261,767 have been issued to parishes, \$961,440 to the Diocese of Edmonton and \$127,450 to the National Church.

We are particularly grateful for the generous donations of all who have contributed to the Reach Campaign. These funds have allowed new initiatives in mission to be funded across the diocese



in parishes and at the diocesan level. Many of the reports in the *Convening Circular* reflect the fruit of your generosity in supporting the Reach Campaign.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Ven. Alan T. Perry
Executive Archdeacon*

REFUGEE COORDINATOR

2016 and 2017 have been stellar years for the diocese in the increase in participation in refugee sponsorship. The tragedy in Syria had a silver lining in that people became aware of refugees and the refugee program. There are several new parishes that have become a sponsor or are planning to sponsor next year. Many of these parishes are very small, but the parishioners felt the call of the Lord to do right by these our neighbours who were in desperate need of a place to call home. Many of the parishes have not, as yet, received their sponsored families, but the ones that have, have had the thrill of meeting the family at the airport. It is a very special feeling indeed. The following months of sponsorship bring challenges some of us have not even thought about but with God's help, and our perseverance, most challenges get resolved and the families continue to bring the sponsors joy in knowing they are indeed doing God's work.

The challenge in 2017 was that Canadian Immigration put a cap on how the number of persons Sponsorship Agreement Holders can sponsor, and the diocese only received spaces for 32 persons. The wonderful thing is that now I have parishes lined up to sponsor next year. The reason behind this cap is to enable the visa posts to work on getting the people here, who were sponsored four or more years ago. So far, I think they are keeping up with the new cases and making inroads into the old cases. Please pray for this mission that God will enable us to work for all refugees.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Millard
Refugee Coordinator*

RURAL MINISTRY

In November, 2016 I was installed Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry. It was a joy to be able to share this celebration with everyone and also a bit terrifying as I began to start thinking about my dreams for the rural parishes in our diocese.

As you know, the Diocese of Edmonton comprises almost 78,000 square kilometres of the province of Alberta, consisting of a band across the central part of the province, extending to the borders of the adjacent provinces of British Columbia to the west and Saskatchewan to the east. The diocese consists of a mix of small, rural centres and suburban bedroom communities of the



capital, as well as the province's capital city. The diocese's population is served by 50 parishes (of which approximately 30 are rural) and stretches from Edmonton west to Jasper, northeast to Cold Lake and south to Ponoka.

So what are my plans for as the Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry?

I intend to make monthly visits to rural parishes to give rural priests an opportunity to show me their parish and their community and share their life in rural ministry. These visits are intended to be a form of fellowship, support and encouragement to fellow rural ministers. I have been blessed to have visited the parishes of St. John the Baptist in St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist in Cold Lake, All Saints' in Drayton Valley and St. Mary's in Ponoka. I look forward to many more road trips where I can visit with priests, enjoy fellowship and glean from one another's experience.

The Rural Ministry Facebook page has been up and running since November, 2016. This page is being used as a means of communication between rural ministers, as well as a place to share ideas for ministry with each other, and seek prayer from colleagues for our individual ministries. This resource has proven to be very helpful in sharing resources we have found beneficial to small parishes who find difficulty in mission due to small numbers or a lack of finances.

The first Rural Ministry Shindig with Michael Harvey was held on May 16, 2016. Rural ministers were invited to gather at St. George's in Fort Saskatchewan to spend an evening together over a hearty bowl of chili and discussion about mission in our communities. Rural ministers were given an opportunity to share joy and sorrow, and celebrate with each other the work that God is continuing to do in each of our communities and within each of us. Our next Rural Ministry Shindig is planned for Wednesday, October 18 at St. Paul's in Leduc. All rural priests are invited to come for dinner and a time of fellowship and de-brief of Synod. My hope is that this may be an annual event for us so that we may eat, pray, and be intentional in our fellowship with one another!

When I was serving in Vegreville, St. Mary's hosted a Celebration of Rural Ministry. We gathered at a parishioner's farm, invited the Bishop and the synod office staff to join us as we stood in the family's canola field and asked God to bless the fields and the harvest. After a time of worship, prayer and blessing we gathered together for a barbecue potluck and for a time of fellowship. Complete with guided tours of their farm and all of their farm equipment, guests got an up-close look at equipment used during seeding and harvest, as well as the process by which farmers sow, reap and distribute their crops.

Immanuel, Wetaskiwin has been invited to host this year's Celebration of Rural Ministry. My hope is that as different parishes host these celebrations they will let their ministry shine and we will be made witness to the diversity of ministry that the rural parishes in our diocese are working to nurture and strengthen. God is alive and at work in our rural parishes and I think too often we get caught up in trying to keep up and keep going. These celebrations will give us the



opportunity to intentionally stop and give thanks for our ministry; not just in our individual communities, but with the wider body of the Church!

We also have our very own spot on the new diocesan website! Be sure to take a look in the next few months to find out about upcoming rural events, to check out photos of rural church events and to be witness to Good News stories that are taking place among us in our diocese!

I am excited about rural ministry in the diocese. We have an incredible group of priests and laity who are serving in our smaller communities; priests and laity who are faithfully and joyfully sharing their love of Jesus with their communities; priests and laity who are equipping, enabling and encouraging the rural Church throughout the diocese to be disciples and good news bearers and hearers in their daily life and work.

We ask your continued prayers for the ministry of our rural parishes. That we may continue to bear good fruit and help our communities to build a strong relationship with Jesus, and that he may be made visible in all we do.

If you have any questions, ideas, prayers or would like to hang out and talk Good News, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Chelsy Bouwman
Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry*

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

As a newly formed Standing Committee of the Diocese of Edmonton, the Social Justice Committee is hard at work researching and discerning the overall interests and activity of the many parishes of the Diocese. The mandate of the Social Justice Committee responds to the fourth call of the Five Marks of Mission, "To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation."

The function of the Social Justice Committee is to:

- a) Plan, guide, review social justice activities of the synod,
- b) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed social justice activities and policies of the Synod and Executive Council,
- c) Receive reports and appraise progress and results of the social justice activities of the Synod,
- d) Evaluate social justice plans and related budgets and report in that regard to the Synod or Executive Council,
- e) Execute decisions taken by the Synod or Executive Council relating to social justice activities,
- f) Through education, encourage awareness and understanding of the theology of social justice, and of its biblical foundations,



- g) Provide assistance to Parishes in the area of social justice by offering encouragement, resource materials, and personal help,
- h) Co-ordinate Diocesan social justice activities and the activities of the Committee with the activities of similar bodies in the National Church, in other Dioceses, and in other churches and faith communities.

Fulfilling this role, the Social Justice Committee embarked on a series of Round Table dialogues titled, “1 + 1 = 3: Discuss, Engage, Synergize.” Held throughout the Diocese, September 2016 – June 2017, the Round Tables followed on the heels of an earlier survey carried out throughout the Diocese which identified 8 key areas of concern.

The Round Tables included:

- Indigenous Reconciliation
- Food Security
- Poverty/Homelessness
- Seniors
- Youth
- Global Justice
- People with Disabilities
- Refugees

The roundtables gathered like-minded parish representatives who shared passions, information, resources, and discussed struggles encountered. Both urban and rural participants were eager to share their experiences and grow from those of others. The committee is now aware of the engagement with many social justice actions within the city of Edmonton such as: End Poverty Edmonton, The Mayor’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative and Welcome Home. There is building support for a variety of ministries linked to supporting marginalized people such as E4C, the Inner City Pastoral Ministry, with special regard highlighting the Indigenous Ministry of the Diocese. We are also now aware of many rural parishes supporting a variety of creative initiatives taking place in rural areas of our Diocese, each appropriate for the specific community it serves.

Future initiatives will support the goals of linking parishes to create awareness and enable growth of social justice knowledge and action within our Diocese. As we move forward with our mandate we are exploring the concept of discerning the Gospel concept of Social Justice and how we can shape a Christian understanding of how and why we do social justice.

Social Justice is the work of transforming unjust structures of society so all may live well in the land.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Rick Chapman
Chair, Social Justice Committee



ASSOCIATES OF SSJD

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is an Anglican Religious Order founded in 1884 in Toronto. A group of Anglicans wanted to start a religious community and their prayers were answered when Hannah Grier Coome, who was on her way to England to join a community, said yes to the group. The Sisters' first commitment is to God through a life of prayer, and then community. Out of their prayer and their community life flows their ministry. They were in Edmonton from 1936 to 2003. They came and managed the diocesan home for unwed mothers (St. John's House) and in 1968 the house was renamed St. John's Priory. The Sisters continued to live their rhythm of prayer, community and ministry but their ministry was now focused both inside and outside of the Priory. They provided guestrooms, conducted retreats, helped out at local service groups and schools and offered spiritual direction. Many of you will remember The Reverend Sister Rosemary Anne who guided many clergy and Sister Beryl who was involved in the Bissell Centre.

We are Associates (lay persons and priests, men and woman) of SSJD. We commit ourselves to a rule of life that includes prayer, participating in the church and offering financial support, as we are able. Since last synod, we have held two Quiet Days each year for the Associates and those in the diocese who wish to attend. We appreciate all those who have conducted our Quiet Days. A Sister from St. John's House in Victoria, B.C. visits Edmonton every other year to conduct a Quiet Day and visit us. For those who can afford it we ask for a \$15 contribution to pay the conductor.

The Reverend Mother Sister Elizabeth visited in March 2016 to conduct a Quiet Day and speak to the diocese about the Companions program, which the Sisterhood was starting. The program, for women between the ages of 22 and 39 years, is to introduce women to community living for a year, teach them about prayer and develop their spirituality. They also participate in the life of the Sisters.

SSJD also offers a program called Alongsiders in which women live in community for one year. There is no age limitation on this program but health is important.

The Sisters today have a guesthouse in Toronto and a Branch House in Victoria, B.C. They do pastoral care and spiritual direction, conduct retreats, Quiet Days and Workshops, support the local Diocese and the national church as requested and other ministries as needed.

Please visit the SSJD display table to read about the different ministries in which the Sisters have been involved since 1884. Brochures are available for pickup.

We seek more participation in Quiet Days and support for the Sisters of St. John the Divine, who express for us the ideals of poverty, chastity and obedience and the fruits of the Spirit in their outreach activities.



We maintain an email list and would be pleased to add your name about events.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gen Ashwell, General Secretary (email: gclaire@telus.net)
Beth-Anne Exham, Treasurer (bexham@telusplanet.net)

DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Canon 5.113-115 requires every parish to run an annual stewardship campaign (referred to in the canon as a “revenue canvass”). The Stewardship Committee’s primary function is to offer support to parishes in this vital area of ministry.

At our last synod in 2015, the Stewardship Committee report reflected that in order to run a successful stewardship programme a parish needs a dedicated committee whose primary task will be to “create a culture of giving...*a culture of contagious generosity.*” Several parishes have taken up that challenge and are running effective stewardship programmes.

A lot of stewardship experts say that stewardship isn’t about money, but then focus on money as the primary concern. So let’s be honest: stewardship is about money; but it’s about much more than money. And first and foremost, stewardship is about our spiritual journey. How we spend and give of our time and treasure and talent reflects who we are as followers of Jesus, and who we are becoming by God’s grace.

All of us would want to be described as generous. The challenge for each individual in his or her stewardship journey is to ask what generosity could look like if taken to another level. How can my life reflect the abundant generosity of God?

Since the last Synod, the Stewardship Committee has offered workshops on stewardship twice. Several book reviews have been published in *The Messenger* and on the diocesan website. We have seen a number of parishes improve their stewardship programming.

A number of people have stepped down from the committee in the last two years, and we take the opportunity to express our gratitude for their dedicated service to Jim Allen, David Connell and the Rev. Joanne Webster. Special thanks are due to David Barnum, who has stepped down after several years as chair of the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee Members (2015-2017): Jim Allen, David Barnum (chair), Robert Betty, David Connell, Margaret Marschall, The Ven Alan Perry, and The Rev Joanne Webster



YOUTH MINISTRY – CAMPING

Since the last Synod in 2015...

The Camping Committee itself has been in hiatus for four or five years, shortly after our two youth-in-cabins camps were merged with the Lutheran Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Hastings Lake offers camps for families and children of all ages, with amenities: cabins, chapel, dining hall, and in-ground swimming pool. Our own Rev. Steven London directed one of the camps this summer (2017).

With the younger camps having been folded into Hastings Lake, the diocese continues to sponsor a camping program for older youth. Leaving behind the comforts of civilization, Base Camp takes junior high students into the wilderness (in provincial and national parks) at different locations around the province. In 2015, we were at Switzer Park (foothills), finishing up in the Rockies at Jasper National Park.

In 2016, 14 campers (half of whom were returning) travelled to Sir Winston Churchill Park on Lac La Biche. In keeping with the Star Wars theme, our young padawans set up tents, and began training as jedis. Canoeing instruction, hikes, campfires and camaraderie caused the time to fly by. (Notable side trip included a visit to the Lac La Biche Mission site, circumnavigating the Park by canoe, and a swim at the community pool in Lac La Biche.)

For 2017, we went south with 17 youth (10 returning, two with younger siblings). Bad Donkey Base Camp started with a two-day canoe trip (65 kms), which flowed into five days camping at Tolman Bridge group site. With 30°+ temperatures under clear blue skies, it was nice to be able to cool off in the Red Deer River. Hikes in the surrounding badlands and at Horse Thief Canyon provided stunning vistas and challenging trails. We explored Rowley, a prairie ghost town. And on a beautiful warm evening under blue skies and in the shade of hoodoos, we saw the Drumheller Passion Play – a highlight of the week.

One of the wonderful things of Base Camp is the opportunity to get to know the campers as individuals. A high ratio of staff to campers (10:17 this last camp) is one of the reasons the camp is successful, and so many campers (and staff) return. Staff stalwarts of the past two summers include our chaplain Heather Liddell, cooks Susan and David Daniel, bus driver Greg Rose, Greg Aylard, Leah Marshall and Emily Walker. Other staff included an old-timer, Dan Helm, and a first timer, Richard King, our second chaplain.

In addition to summer camps, we often offer a winter camping weekend. In 2016, we camped (and were challenged by the cold nights!) at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre (geocaching, tobogganing, hiking, etc). And this spring (2017) we ‘camped out’ at the Daniel’s property east of Onoway, with bonfires, a midnight hike, snowshoeing, bareback horse riding, skating, and various other activities. The weekend finished at the TriLeisure Centre pool.



Camping offers opportunities to build community, live in community, sing songs around a fire, pick up some woodcraft skills, learn to canoe, try one's hand at different crafts, explore geographically/ecologically different parts of the province, experience God in creation, and worship in the great outdoors. Base Camp has very few rules: we learn to live and have fun while loving and respecting God, and loving one another as oneself. Our days start with morning worship before breakfast, and end with compline around the campfire. We do our best to build memories that will last for a lifetime.

I thank the diocese and Synod Office staff for all of the moral, financial, and logistical support for the camping program – it is truly a team effort.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Mark Armstrong
Director, Base Camp*



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendices



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

**Appendix 1: Proceedings of
the 64th Synod
April 24-25, 2015**



64TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
April 24th and 25th, 2015
Minutes of Proceedings

Friday, April 24, 2015

The 64th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton opened with Eucharist. The Bishop included parts of her Charge in the homily. The meeting followed the service.

1. Opening Prayer

The Chair opened the proceedings of the 64th Synod with prayer.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 pm.

3. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Ven. Alan Perry reported that there were 122 members of the clergy who are eligible to attend this Synod, and 63 had registered, thus there is more than 1/3 of the members of the Order of Clergy present and a Quorum in the Order of Clergy.

Ms. Charis St. Pierre reported that there are 172 members of the laity who are eligible to attend this Synod, and 140 have registered, thus there is more than 1/3 of the members of the Order of Laity present, and a quorum in the Order of Laity.

4. Report of the Agenda Committee

Canon Barbara Burrows, Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee, reported that the agenda was included in the Convening Circular, and could be found on pages 6 to 8. It was noted that the elections would be held that evening, immediately following the business part of the meeting.

5. Appointed Members of Synod:

According to the Constitution, the Bishop is allowed to appoint up to 10 lay members of Synod and 15 youth members of Synod. They are the following:

- Fiona Brownlee – Aboriginal and Rural Ministries Liaison
- Amy Croy – Alpha Coordinator
- John Gee – Community Development Facilitator
- Margaret Marschall – Anglican Messenger, Diocesan Staff
- Paul Nahirney – Canon for Missional Development
- Sharon Pasula – Oskâpêwis
- Debbie Phillipchuk – Cursillo
- Charis St. Pierre – Diocesan Staff, Credentials
- Roger Thomson – Diocesan Development Fund
- Lauren VanderHout – Youth Cohort

The youth appointments included the following:



- From the Battle River Region:
Chiamaka Morah – St. Patrick’s, Edmonton
- From the Cold Lake Region:
Luke Armstrong – All Saints’ Cathedral, Edmonton
Jenna Brown – St. John’s, Cold Lake
Anya Zoledziowski – St. Stephen’s, Edmonton
- From Edmonton West Region:
Sydney Caron – Ascend / St. Paul’s
Tristan Fair – St. Peter’s, Edmonton
Graham Ward – Ascend / St. Paul’s
- From the Whitemud Region:
Claire Casault – St. George’s, Devon
Gabiella Hicks – Holy Trinity Riverbend
Leah Marshall – St. Andrew’s Camrose
- From the Yellowhead Region:
Jonathan Christian – St. Augustine, Parkland
Olivia DeBourcier – Christ Church, Edmonton
Sarah Dickson – Christ Church, Edmonton
Becca Stephens – Christ Church, Edmonton

6. Guests

The Chair introduced a number of guests who will be part of our Synod:

- Bob McKeon – Roman Catholic Archdiocese
- Lewis Longard – music ministry
- Angela Bokenfohr – music ministry
- Mark Armstrong – speaking on the Cathedral Reach campaign
- Chris Pilon – the new Cathedral Community Engagement Worker
- David Barnum – Stewardship
- Amy Agwiking – Filipino Community

7. Minutes of the 63rd Synod

The Chair informed Synod that the minutes of the 63rd Synod had been distributed to Synod members (Appendix 1 of the Convening Circular) and their acceptance must be moved and seconded by persons who were in attendance at that Synod.

MOTION: The Very Rev. Neil Gordon moved that the Minutes of the 63rd Synod be approved as published in the Convening Circular.

Seconded by Alexandra Munn.

MOTION CARRIED.



8. Receiving of Printed Reports

The Chair announced that the reports included in the Circular were presented for reception by the delegates.

MOTION: Canon Barbara Burrows moved that the reports be received as published.

Seconded by the Rev. Lesley Hand.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Appointment of Accounts Examiner

The Ven. Alan Perry, interim chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, reported that the Review Engagement Reports for 2012 and 2013 were approved by Executive Council, and are included in the Convening Circular, Appendix 4. The Review Engagement Report for 2014 is not yet ready. It will be approved by Executive Council when it is ready. He referred to sections C120 and C122 of the Constitution with regard to the appointment of a chartered accountant.

MOTION: The Ven. Alan Perry moved that the firm of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, of Edmonton, be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.

Seconded by Roger Thomson.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Report of the Resolutions Committee

Ken Holmstrom, Chair of the Resolutions Committee and Chancellor of the Diocese, reported that the Resolutions Committee had not received any resolutions for consideration at this 64th Synod, except for those from the Legislative Committee dealing with Constitutional and Canonical changes, which were included in the Convening Circular, beginning at page 32.

At this point, Bishop Jane Alexander relinquished the Chair, and the Dean, Neil Gordon, took over as Chair.

11. Resolution L-1: To add the Marks of Mission to the Constitution as section C1A.

Bishop Jane spoke about the importance of the Marks of Mission as adopted by the Anglican Communion. They are God's mission for us; they say who we are and what we are about in our diocese. She would like to see them front and centre for us in the Diocese; they help us discern how to become involved in the world.

MOTION: Moved by Bishop Jane Alexander that the title "Solemn Declaration" in the Constitution be amended to read "Solemn Declaration and Marks of Mission" and a new section C1A be added as follows:

C1A.

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton accepts the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion adopted by the Anglican Consultative Council as a description, guide and



framework for the pursuit of God's mission in the Diocese of Edmonton. These Marks of Mission are:

1. *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
2. *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*
3. *To respond to human need by loving service*
4. *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation*
5. *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

Seconded by the Ven. Alan Perry.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Bishop resumed the Chair.

12. Resolution L-3: Canon 3 (Clergy)

The Ven. Alan Perry indicated that this resolution is intended to simplify Canon 3; it removes redundant material, which appears elsewhere, and modernizes the language from stipend to salary.

Section 3.5 (3.3 of the old canon) addresses a Normal Retirement Date for clergy to coincide with the date of eligibility for the Old Age Security pension.

Section 3.14 (3.21 of the old canon) addresses non-ecclesiastical employment, and makes it easier for the Bishop to grant permission to a member of the clergy to enter secular employment, without consulting with Executive Council.

MOTION: Moved by the Ven. Alan Perry that Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3.
Seconded by Ken Holmstrom.

It was pointed out that in Sections 3.11 and 3.16 there is reference to section 3.10, but "3.10" is missing from the wording of the motion. That will be corrected in the final draft.

MOTION CARRIED. (see Appendix 1 for wording of the new Canon 3)

13. Resolution L-4: Canon 12 (Discipline and Court)

The primary purpose of a new Canon 12 is to transfer the provisions for discipline and the court from Canon 3 to a stand-alone canon for the purpose of simplification and clarification.

MOTION: Moved by the Ven. Alan Perry that a new Canon 12 be adopted as printed in the Convening Circular.

Seconded by Ken Holmstrom.

MOTION CARRIED. (see Appendix 1 for wording of the new Canon 12)



14. Greetings from Ecumenical Partners

The Ven. Alan Perry introduced Bob McKeon, Coordinator of the Office of Social Justice from the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, to bring greetings on behalf of the Archdiocese. Bob spoke of our two dioceses' joint passion for social justice, and congratulated the diocese and Bishop Jane for outstanding work, on social justice, work around the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, bringing good news to the poor.

15. Report of the Nominations Committee

The Ven. Joanne Webster thanked the Nominations Committee members (Archdeacons Lee Bezanson, Jacques Vaillancourt, Dean Neil Gordon and Rev. Cameron Burns), those who helped recruit Synod members to let their names stand for nomination, and those who did let their names stand.

She presented the report of the Nominations Committee, which was included in the Convening Circular, on page 13 (dated April 7).

Elections would be held for these positions:

- Executive Council – Cold Lake – Clergy
- Executive Council – Whitemud – Laity
- General Synod – Clergy
- General Synod – Laity
- Provincial Synod – Clergy
- Provincial Synod – Laity
- Lay Recorder for the 65th Synod

Unless there were further nominations, there would not be elections for these positions:

- Executive Council – Battle River, Edmonton West, Whitemud, Yellowhead (clergy)
- Executive Council – Battle River, Cold Lake, Edmonton West, Yellowhead (laity)
- Diocesan Court (clergy and laity)
- General Synod – youth delegate
- Provincial Synod – youth delegate
- Clerical Recorder for the 65th Synod

There are 2 slates that are not full – Executive Council – Battle River (laity) and Provincial Synod – Youth.

MOTION: Moved by the Ven. Joanne Webster that the final report of the Nominations Committee be accepted, noting that there is still a vacancy in Lay member for Executive Council from Battle River, and youth delegate for Provincial Synod.

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Neil Gordon.

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no further nominations.

The Rev. Peter Yeung noted that Provincial Synod canons request that there must be a youth delegate. Bishop Jane noted that she would appoint one.



16. Appointment of Elections Officer and Scrutineers

The Chair appointed Judy Kesanko as Elections Officer, and Diann Bowes, Mike Falk, Lorne Halabisky, Treena Murray, Fran Peacock, Kenn Tuckey, Judy Ukeniek to be Scrutineers for voting.

17. Balloting Procedure Explained

Judy Kesanko explained in detail the process for voting. Every member registered was entitled to vote. Balloting would close half an hour after the end of tonight's meeting.

18. Announcements

Canon Barbara Burrows acknowledged Impark for extending free parking for that evening in the parking lot next door to the Cathedral.

Delegates were reminded that Synod would reconvene the following day at St. Matthias with coffee and muffins at 8:00, Morning Worship in the hall at 8:30; and the call to order at 9:00. Barbara explained the seating plan, so that everyone was prepared, noting that Synod delegates' name tags were marked with a number. Delegates were requested, on Saturday morning, to sit at the table whose number corresponds with the number on their name tag. It was suggested that delegates were welcome to bring their laptops or iPads to Saturday's proceedings, and were encouraged to download the electronic version of the Circular to their devices.

19. Closing Prayers and Recess for the Day

The Chair closed the session in prayer, and the Synod recessed at 9:40 pm.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Morning Prayer was led by Bishop Jane, with music led by Alison Hurlburt, Angela Bokenfohr and Lewis Longard.

20. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

21. Report of the Credentials Committee

The Ven. Alan Perry and Charis St. Pierre announced the number of members of the Synod registered: 67 of the 122 members of the Order of Clergy were present, thus a quorum was present; and 145 of the 172 members of the Order of the Laity were present, thus a quorum was present. The total number of members present was 212 out of a total possible of 294.

22. Addendum to Voting on Marks of Mission

Vice Chancellor Lois MacLean spoke about adding the Marks of Mission to the Constitution, which had been voted on the previous evening. But since that motion brought about an amendment to the Constitution, there needed to be a vote by orders, according to Constitution section C136.

The same motion L-1 was moved again by Bishop Jane, and seconded by the Ven. Alan Perry.



Voting by Orders, the results were:

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE CLERGY by greater than 2/3 majority
(unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE LAITY by greater than 2/3 majority
(unanimous)

23. Report of the Elections Committee

Judy Kesanko, Elections Officer, presented the results of the balloting from Friday night. Number of ballots cast was 203.

In the report below, * indicates persons elected by acclamation.

Diocesan Executive Council: (one clergy and two laity from each region)

Region	Clergy	Laity
Battle River	Ann Marie Nicklin*	Kenn Tuckey* Roland Teape (appointed during Synod to fill vacancy – see #41 below)
Cold Lake	Rick Chapman	Mary-Lou Cleveland* Curtis Whale*
Edmonton West	Jon Connell*	Sandra Arbeau* Susan Daniel*
Whitemud	Nick Trussell*	Toby Ramsden Areltte Zinck
Yellowhead	Sarah Holmstrom*	Diann Bowes* Fran Peacock*

Diocesan Court:

Clergy: Lee Bezanson* Jacques Vaillancourt*

Laity: Charlene Hendry* Lois MacLean (Law Society Member)*

General Synod:

Clergy: Alan Perry	Laity: Margaret Marschall
Joanne Webster	Dorothy Marshall
Nick Trussell (Alternate #1)	Sue Trenchard (Alternate #1)
Travis Enright (Alternate #2)	Toby Ramsden (Alternate #2)
Youth: Graham Ward*	

Provincial Synod:

Clergy: Jon Crane	Laity: Margaret Marschall
Neil Gordon	Bethann O'Neil
Steve London	Sarah Skinner



Scott Sharman
 Christian Gordon (Alternate #1)
 Youth: Graham Ward (appointed during
 Synod as per note in #15 above)

Sue Trenchard (Alternate #1)
 Rita Milligan (Alternate #2)

Synod Recorders for 65th Synod:

Clergy: Alexandra Meek*

Laity: Rochelle Nieuwenhuis

MOTION: Judy Kesanko moved that the report of the Elections Committee be accepted and the ballots destroyed.

Seconded by Michael Falk.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. Centennial Review / Reach Initiatives

Following a slideshow of pictures showing a review of activities of the Diocesan Centennial year from Pentecost 2013 to Pentecost 2014, Bishop Jane noted how we had learned a great deal about ourselves during the year of celebration, that we have a vibrant expression of the kingdom of God right here – we are enlivened by worshipping together, and working together; we have enthusiastic youth, two new parishes, new ministries; we can shape our future together through church development, and a partnership with Buyé. Our centennial year led into our Reach campaign where we saw that God is working in us. Delegates to the 63rd Synod in 2012 gave us the mandate to do Reach, and so far we have raised over \$4.6 million. Bishop Jane confessed that ‘thank you’ is too small a word to say to the hundreds and hundreds of people who have committed in many ways to their parishes’ Reach campaigns and to further ministry. Today, we will see some of the results of this campaign and hear stories of initiatives made possible.

25. Celebration of Diocesan Leaders in Mission Initiative

Prayers were said at the beginning by youth delegate Becca Stephens.

The Leaders in Mission Initiative is phase 2 of the Barnabas Initiative, which is an ongoing program. It includes Back to Church Sunday, doing church differently (Messy Church, Spaghetti Church, etc.), reaching out to mothers and seniors, even small changes in the way we do something indicates that a parish is in mission. Mission Days are offering a new sense of partnership with God.

The Reach goal was \$750,000 for this initiative over five years. Perhaps this can be our year to have a Mission Day. We will continue to work with the National Church. We will continue to support ‘seasons of invitation’, not just one day (Back to Church Sunday).

Parishes have used a Church Assessment Tool to help them decipher where their strengths are. Barnabas has provided leadership training for lay and clergy, leading to more people called to ordained ministry. Team members are to be resources for parishes to use in their ministry initiatives. The Bishop reminded Synod that ‘the diocese’ is you, not the Bishop.’



26. Resolution L-5, Lay Evangelists

The 63rd Synod asked the Bishop to establish a program for the recruitment, training and deployment of licensed lay evangelists. This resolution establishes a canonical framework for the licensing of Lay Evangelists similar to the framework for Lay Readers.

MOTION: Moved by Rev. Tim Chesterton that Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists. This addition to Canon 4 is included in Appendix 1.
Seconded by Alison Hurlburt.

Synod was asked to add in to Canon 4.3, section “d. Lay Evangelists.”
MOTION CARRIED.

27. Celebration of Parish Initiatives re: Leaders in Mission

a. St. Paul’s Edmonton

The Rev. Michael Williamson spoke about St. Paul’s Reach campaign, which focused on the nature and purpose of God’s work in their parish and community, and that they wanted to connect with the community at different times and places. The first focus of their community engagement is a June workshop called “Moving Back into the Neighbourhood”.

b. St. Catherine’s Anglican / Grace Lutheran, Edson

The Rev. Ann Salmon spoke of the focus of their Reach campaign to hire an intern for ministry for their two small rural congregations. There was an intentional move to become one church in one building. They have been transformed to a church looking outward. Putting bums in pews is no longer their goal, but working in the community is their goal and that’s exciting. They are building strong relationships with one another. Both churches went over their goal, and have been able to hire an intern already.

c. Good Shepherd, Edmonton

The Rev. Jon Connell spoke of the two parishes within their one parish – those who attend weekly, and those who built the parish and are now spread over the city, in nursing homes and seniors’ homes. Their mandate was to grow community involvement, to create new opportunities for mission, to build their child and youth ministries. They have almost reached their goal, and will be able to hire more staff to help achieve their mandate.

d. St. George’s, Edmonton

The Rev. Alex Meek spoke about the desire of the parish to become a spiritual and education centre in their area, to connect with the University Hospital and Cross Cancer Clinic. They will use their Reach money to create St. George’s Centre for Wellness and Learning, and offer a support group for care givers, called “When Life Changes”, a space for people to come and share, a place for a time out, where they can be prayed for, a place for healing and wholeness.



- e. All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
- Mark Armstrong spoke about the desire of the Cathedral to engage the community. The Cathedral sits in the middle of a huge community of high rises and condos and a number of educational institutions, and wanted to make a connection with them, as well as with aboriginal people in the area. For now, the Cathedral is focusing on reaching out to the community in the condos, and have recently hired a community engagement worker, Chris Pilon. Chris spoke about the desire to make the Cathedral a relevant pillar in the community, using the image of a lighthouse, where the light never goes out. They want to point their light at the heavens so people downtown will see it.

Prayers to close this section were led by youth delegate Luke Armstrong.

28. Table Discussions

During the times for table discussions, delegates were asked to take turns telling others at their tables about the goals and vision for their parishes, and for their Reach campaigns, using the following questions as guidelines:

- What were your goals?
- Why did you choose them / it?
- Where are you now in achieving them?
- Were there any curve balls thrown in your way?
- Do you have a good news story?
- Where do you want to be in 5 years?

29. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees:

a. Cursillo

Debbie Phillipchuk introduced Synod to Cursillo, which is a short course in Christian living. More information can be found at www.edmontoncursillo.ca

b. EfM

The Rev. Robin Walker spoke of the program Education for Ministry, which has proven itself as an invaluable tool to build a committed lay membership. There is a need to build a group of clergy mentors. Sally Harrison also gave a testimonial of the value of EfM.

c. Marriage Encounter

Mark and Terri Polet showed a video clip from CTV / Edmonton about Marriage Encounter. The group meets monthly, and reaches out to all denominations and to non-church 'attenders'. There is a need for a clergy couple from our Diocese to be on the executive. They were very grateful for the support of this Diocese.

30. Connecting with ... Students and Young Adults

a. Alpha

Amy Croy spoke about the Alpha program in the diocese, particularly Youth Alpha. The first training session at St. Augustine's Parkland grew from three students to



twelve. St. David's and Holy Trinity Riverbend are using Youth Alpha, and are offering a session for parents at the same time. Amy has run the program at the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, and it is now going into schools. Her hope is that Youth Alpha will be in every school in the province. See www.alphacanada.org for more information.

b. Educational Chaplains:

i. U of A

The Rev. Scott Sharman is the Anglican chaplain at the U of A. He offers students dinners and a safe environment in which to talk. They even offer "Pub Theology"... i.e. discussion groups where students meet in coffee houses and pubs and talk about world views. At the Sunday evening Worship Room, students learn that a spiritual life is a critical part of a young adult's life, critical to emotional and spiritual health. It is an anchor place, a hub for young adult ministry.

ii. Ascension House and St Aidan's House

Loneliness is a common theme for young adults so these houses provide an experimental way of living together in an intentional way. They provide homes, resources, prayer, ministry, all of which are shared in these places by young people. They are seeing a resurgence of this idea all over; we have two communities in our Diocese.

Ascension House is in the rectory of Christ Church Parish and is comprised of 8 young adults living together there. It's like a laboratory of what it might look like to radically follow Jesus.

St Aidan's House is the former rectory of St. George's parish – Reach funds will open this house in September. It will contain a library, chapel, have a chaplain and will be a residential community of the U of A.

iii. NAIT

The Rev. Nick Trussell has just become one of 10 chaplains at NAIT which came about from a request of the college. This multi-faith group looks forward to seeing where it will go.

c. Camping Ministry

Synod guest Dr. Mark Armstrong was invited to add some comments about the camping ministry. After some time Base Camp will be back this summer. Dr. Armstrong will take messages for the camp through the Diocesan office.

31. Celebration of Diocesan Indigenous Ministry Initiative

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Olivia deBourcier and Gabi Hicks.

a. Canon Missioner for Indigenous Ministry

The Rev. Canon Travis Enright began by talking about how we can share the land of our indigenous peoples. We have come from a dark place of no inclusion, taking apart



and destruction but he says that Mother Earth feeds us and we need to continue to walk together. Even though we did not have a residential school here, that is nothing to be proud of. We are rural and urban peoples here within our Diocese. There are 52,000 indigenous people here in Edmonton which is 5% of the city's population. Travis says that the indigenous peoples' language matters, particularly when we talk about missing and murdered women. But... There is always hope. The mandate of this initiative is education, reconciliation and Mission. Mission was not a good word but now indigenous people can "mission us" – There is a Mission team in the Diocese – Travis, Sharon Pasula, and Fiona Brownlee. They are changing people's lives by listening to their stories – in a sacramental ministry. In the last month Travis had 4 funerals, with 500 people in attendance, 10 baptisms at Easter and a wedding. He told the story of a family who comes to St Faith's. The mother came to smudge and came with her son but the son would not cross from the narthex into the church. The lady asked if they could smudge together and the son that day broke the threshold of the church, dipped his fingers into the font. Finally, he felt safe enough to do this to worship our Lord Jesus Christ.

b. Urban Ministry

Sharon Pasula, Oskâpêwis / Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper, spoke and played the drum which is a gift from the Creator. Sharon is Cree Métis on her mom's side and Jewish by her dad. Her choice is to be a follower of Jesus' way in the Anglican tradition. Indigenous people today don't know who they are, from knowledge of the land to their culture, so they cannot pass that to their indigenous brothers and sisters. Sharon works at the food bank and has started to smudge there. This is reconciliation. Our Anglican Church took away these things and now we are offering it again. Sharon spoke of a lady who had forgotten how to smudge but once she began again, she remembers what it was all about. Mayor Iveson is helping to develop a new narrative. Sharon also works at the Edmonton Young Offenders Centre. She lets the children have the drum while they talk. It affected one young man very profoundly.

c. Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison

Fiona Brownlee spoke of her work in Wetaskiwin, which means a place that brings peace. They are working at being neighbours with Maskwacis and learning together. The goal is to grow relationships between the communities. She wants to see rural communities across the Diocese do this work. Using the example of planting the Centennial chokecherry trees, she pointed out that we need to get back on our knees and do work. It is a scary task but just as the trees are small but will grow, our words need to be heard and grow... our words matter. We must make our words matter. We can't just talk about Reconciliation – we have to act.

32. Celebration of National Church Initiatives of Indigenous Peoples

Bishop Jane indicated that \$200,000 of our Reach dollars are committed to walking with Indigenous peoples in the national church, in the areas of fair compensation for full time aboriginal clergy, providing funds for youth suicide prevention, and pastoral care for



indigenous people in urban centres. The Sacred Circle, Council of the North, ACIP and the National Church will work together on this. Bishop Jane noted especially the new Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh in northern Ontario, which is a major milestone in the journey of establishing a self-determining, self-sustaining Indigenous church within the tradition, order and discipline of the Anglican Church of Canada.

A video called “A Spiritual Movement: a report about the 2013 Joint Assembly from the Indigenous House of Bishops Leadership Circle” will be on the Diocesan website for viewing after Synod.

33. Celebration of Parish Initiatives

a. Immanuel, Wetaskiwin

The Rev. Hugh Matheson spoke of Immanuel’s goals. Immanuel is located on a corner lot in town and kiddy corner from the court house. They are 20 minutes north of Maskwacis First Nation. There is a high level of integration in a negative way between the legal system, the aboriginal people and the town. The parish decided that common ministries with the native people of the area would be beneficial, providing space in the church, and offering joint events ... with them, not to them. Their parish will become multicultural.

b. St. Mary’s, Edmonton

i. Community Outreach to Indigenous People

Sharon Pasula spoke about St. Mary’s outreach to indigenous people, with a weekly smudge ceremony. They also had a “When Christmas Hurts” healing circle and a monthly sharing circle. She says everything they do is Christ centric. She thanked all for helping to make healthy communities.

ii. Community Outreach to the Market

Corinna Kubos spoke about the way St. Mary’s set up a Market with vendors. They decided to talk to neighbours so at first they served coffee in a local hall (not at the church). People who entered were acknowledged and welcomed... given hospitality. Then they added a meal... sandwiches, soup, meat dish, veggies, etc. And now there is a wonderful energy in the room. Through this initiative the biggest impact at St. Mary’s is from conversations with/ between parishioners. They also have a prayer shawl ministry. There are a few couples who don’t come to church because church as it is, isn’t what they want. They will work with these young professional people to develop church for them.

c. St. Timothy’s, Edmonton

The Rev. Chris Roth told of St. Timothy’s need to develop youth and children’s ministries. They made it a priority. But they simply had no resources to make any changes. To that point Sunday School programs came from donations from parents. The decision was to use REACH funds for a quality curriculum, and to pay a salary to the Rev. Regula Brandle. They have gone from 6 children to 24. Their Messy Church ministry is growing with 58 people attending at Christmas. Chris says it’s easy to invite



new families to Messy Church. They are also doing youth ministry with St. Paul's and will give some REACH funds to St Paul's for their youth group work. St. Timothy's is in Laurier Heights where there is a huge number of seniors – 23% of the population in their area, so they have developed a pastoral visitation group and a staff position to manage the pastoral visitors' team. This gives Chris the time to have more time to do his pastoral work.

This section ended with prayer by youth delegates Olivia deBourcier and Gabi Hicks.

34. Table Discussions

35. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees:

a. Stewardship

David Barnum, Chair of the diocesan Stewardship Committee, spoke of the work of the committee, which advocates year round generosity. There are resources for this ministry on the Diocesan website.

b. ICPM

Following a video about the work of ICPM, the Rev. Rick Chapman spoke about his work at ICPM as a great privilege to work among the people of the inner city and the homeless. He works ecumenically with Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, 7th Day Adventist, Judaism, etc.

c. Social Justice

Focusing on the baptismal covenant, John Gee showed what we need to be doing for social justice, as this is close to the third, fourth and fifth Marks of Mission. The church has struggled with the place of social justice in the church. It is an Integral or Holistic Mission. Our words need weight. Scripture has described this mission... particularly in Isaiah. The Diocese has had an ad hoc Social Justice committee since 2012. It stepped up following the "We Believe we Can" conference, and the Justice Camp last summer, and has hosted The Justice Tour 2015 with national church leaders. Now they are proposing to make social justice a more integral part of the diocesan structure.

36. Resolution L-2: Social Justice

This motion is to remove outdated references to the Program Committee and create the Social Justice Committee as a standing committee. It also provides a definition of social justice.

MOTION: John Gee moved that sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the new sections C79 through C88 (see Appendix 1); and that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 to define Social Justice (see Appendix 1)
Seconded by: Rev. Rick Chapman

The Rev. Hugh Matheson and the Rev. Sarah Holmstrom asked for clarification of the



purpose and goals of the committee, and if it is to oversee the work that is being done in parishes. Bishop Jane noted that this committee takes the place of the Program Committee of the Diocese, which has not functioned for nearly two decades. The Rev. Rick Chapman explained how the committee, as an ad hoc committee, has been used for educational events and conferences, and the new committee could enable communication between parishes and the diocese and help that to happen from a central point. It will not oversee the work of the parishes.

The Chair called for the vote.

MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE CLERGY by greater than 2/3 majority
MOTION CARRIED IN THE ORDER OF THE LAITY by greater than 2/3 majority

37. Connecting with ... Groups and Committees

a. Prayer Book Society

The Bishop spoke about the importance of the Book of Common Prayer as the official prayer book of the Anglican Church of Canada. She noted that it is used across the diocese on a regular basis in 23 parishes, and in countless seniors' homes. Many people use it for their daily offices and compline. She noted the Rule of Life on page 555 of the BCP.

John Matthews noted that the Prayer Book Society provides each confirmand with a BCP. He pointed out the benefits of the BCP in using the daily readings and themes.

There is now a set of commentaries that he recommends for each parish. He presented the Bishop with her own set.

38. Celebration of Diocesan Rural Ministry Initiative

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Leah Marshall and Gabi Hicks.

Bishop Jane and the Ven. Jacques Vaillancourt spoke of rural ministry in the diocese. Our diocese is predominantly rural. There was a time when every small community had its church. There is a change in the shape of this, and now we have multi-point ministries. We need to be flexible enough to change with it. The Rural Ministry Initiative seeks to provide support in terms of collegial and pastoral support, clergy training and funding support for different approaches to rural ministry in a few pilot areas.

Jacques noted that rural ministry is multi-dimensional. It used to be the entry level for ministry, following which the priest went to a well healed city parish. The Bishop has chosen a different path. Rural parishes are not a weigh station anymore. Now we are equipping laity and using technology and distance learning. RMI allows for the time of transition for parishes that cannot afford full time ministry.

Rural parishes are places of great faith, and are strong and vibrant centres of community. They are full expressions of ecumenical work, with churches of various denominations sharing in ministry.

In many rural areas people are facing issues of affordable housing, seniors' housing and services. They wonder how to provide youth ministry, support youth at risk, and aid hunger issues. They are similar issues to those facing urban and suburban centres. The parishes



feed people, both physically and spiritually. Often in rural communities there is not a critical mass to carry out ministry, so it is approached ecumenically.

Bishop Jane noted that the diocese is looking for full time clergy in a number of places.

These parishes are part of our dna. Initiatives have been taken to lay in place the idea of rural ministry with an archdeacon for rural ministry, frequent episcopal visits, clergy days, mission days and other initiatives. It was noted that the roads go both ways – that city priests are invited to visit the country for meetings, too (e.g. for clergy days). We hope for a continued missional focus with a synergistic collaboration between rural and urban sisters and brothers.

39. Celebration of Parish Initiatives

a. St. Patrick's Whitecourt

The Rev. Rita Milne spoke enthusiastically about a Bible rally and community engagement in Whitecourt. St. Patrick's have a small church building and a small congregation with huge hearts. They decided to use their Reach funds to spread the word of God through the area. They joined with St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church and the United Church of Sangudo. They created a package which contained Bibles and gave them to parishioners who were then asked to give them away. They distributed 250 packages. Now they are working on a production of "Mary Jones". The whole community is getting involved.

b. St. Saviour's Mission, Wabamun

Michelle Squance-Slade spoke about what St. Saviour's is all about. They are not a year old yet – they are "tiny but passionate." They have an average attendance of 14 people (including 2 babies) each week. Every four months they send out a note to 1600 homes telling people to come. They do what they can to be seen. They volunteer at the local thrift shop. The Rev. Coleen Lynch and another lady attend the Seniors' Centre dinner. Reach came when we were only a couple of months old. Currently, Colleen is only 1/3 time. The Rural Ministry Initiative covers her salary. The Reach campaign will help them grow more in their community. They want to have a coffee night and are looking to advertise. They have phenomenal information coming back to them from people in the community.

The Rev. Coleen Lynch said they call themselves 'Team Jesus'. They have adopted a portion of Hwy 16 (north side) and on June 13 will be cleaning the highway – Reach will allow them to have t-shirts with "Team Jesus" on one side and St. Saviour Mission Church on the other. Also, they will be a part of the Dragonfly Festival in Wabamun on June 19-21. The church group will do a pancake breakfast and they will buy 1500 bottles of water for the parade. They have offered to rent the hall and have something Sunday morning for the festival.... "Cowboy Church". They have been asked to have parking for horses. This is so exciting to the community, they have been told now to have overflow parking for horses. It will be an ecumenical service so everybody can take part.

c. St. Mary's, Wainwright /Edgerton

The Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin spoke of the multi-generational approach to mission and evangelism in Wainwright and Edgerton. Both congregations have started REACH late.



But they are already doing things in their communities. The congregation finds life in faith, and they want others to know. She feels that children need to start in the worship community early, so they will create a children's area in the church. They'll have a church school after school. Also they will do a VBS in the summer. For 20+'s, she will meet them and develop a style of worship that meets their needs. They know they will be dealing with young families so child care will be funded by Reach when programs are on.

Closing prayers for this section were led by youth delegates Leah Marshall and Claire Casault.

40. Youth Delegate for Provincial Synod

The Bishop announced that she has appointed Graham Ward to be the Provincial Synod Youth Delegate.

41. Executive Council – Battle River Region

Bishop Jane announced that Roland Teape will be the second lay representative for Battle River on Executive Council.

42. Celebration of New Worshipping Communities

At the beginning of the section, prayers were led by youth delegates Graham Ward and Jonathan Christian.

a. St. Mark-Jieng

James Gurech Wai spoke for St. Mark-Jieng, the new parish of Sudanese. He thanked his pastors, who are not paid. A few years ago they asked the Dean of the Cathedral if they could pray there. They became a parish assembly. They pray in Dinka, a language of South Sudan. Sometimes there are 30 people & then 300 people at Christmas. They see about 31 children every Sunday so they now have a Sunday School. They are building a foundation for the children to grow in the path of God. He mentioned a special luncheon of traditional foods and dancing on June 27. The Pastors visit every family and visit families with new babies, even in the hospital. The Reach campaign has allowed them to pray together and become stronger.

b. Filipino Community

Amy Agwiking spoke about the new Filipino Community. They are one year old. The congregation is made mostly of foreign workers and is a support for them. They needed a place to meet. Amy met Father Kevin Kraglund at St. Matthias, and then Father David Tiessen, and asked them if they could use the church. Initially, they had mass once a month, but now it's every week. At first they had a priest come from Calgary to officiate, but now Deacon Johnny Pooten is there. There are now 80 families worshipping. They are now looking for more Filipino people to join them and hope to move from being a mission to being a parish. Amy thanked St. Matthias for giving them a home. Now they can go further.



c. Emmaus Road

The Rev. Jon Crane spoke about the service of Emmaus Road. This is a Contemplative Community at St. Augustine of Canterbury – a Eucharistic and contemplative service that moves through each of the seasons of the church. Their original commitment was to meet once a month but they now know they cannot build a community that way. It's not often enough. It is an exercise in silence and lectio divina, with an emphasis on community, rooted in Anglican liturgies, using the aboriginal pattern of praying together in the evening.

Closing prayers for this section were led by youth delegate Graham Ward.

43. Youth Presentation

The youth delegates spoke about events that are significant to each of them.

- a. Bishop's Youth Extravaganza – they were asked “What's next in our lives”, which gave them food for thought.
- b. Youth Alpha – they thanked Amy for her great job with this. Youth Alpha lets them go to a safe space to make faith their own.
- c. Community Involvement – they help with dinners, babysitting, help people who need that, run booths.
- d. Ascend – a great experience for young adults.
- e. Youth Ministry Needs – They like connecting (any event to spread the word) They need more events, and more opportunity to serve. They said that we should be sure that the youth in our parishes know they are needed. Youth need to make faith their own.
- f. Youth Farm Day – Most youth in our diocese are urban and don't know about growing food. June 13 Farm Day is a time to learn about how food is grown and what God wants us to do about lack of food.

Amy spoke about “Episcopalooza” on October 16 and 17 – a day when the Bishop will meet all the youth. The theme is “Out from the Shadows”. It will be at St. Matthias Church. We are all to be sure to invite our youth.

44. ACW / Buyé Mothers' Union

Synod viewed pictures of the activities of the ACW of the Diocese of Edmonton and the Mothers' Union of Buyé, culminating in pictures from their joint conference in June 2014.

45. Celebration of National Church Initiatives

a. In Partnerships Together (Africa)

Bishop Jane noted that \$100,000 of the Reach campaign was identified for National Church partnerships – to rebuild capacity to support mission in Africa where there are issues we cannot even understand. The Bishop says she is more aware than ever from her work with the Canadian and African bishops' dialogue group, the Eco-bishops' conference, and our own partnership with the Diocese of Buyé, that our help is needed. Specifically, we hope to assist in the renewing of relationships between our church and the Council of Anglican provinces of Africa (CAPA). These dioceses are trying to get



their lives back in order after a number of tragedies.

b. Celebration of our Partnership with Buyé

John Gee spoke and showed pictures of Buyé. There is a trip this summer of ten young adults who will join young adults from Buyé at a conference.

Leah Marshall from St. Andrew's Camrose spoke about why she wanted to go on this trip. In January she went to the Bishop's Youth Extravaganza. When she was there, she asked God what he wanted her to do next. And then she heard about the trip. She is sure it is God's will that she go to Burundi as she has received financial support when she didn't even ask for it. Leah quoted Micah 6:8. They held a fund raiser last week at the Cathedral. She's nervous for her first plane ride and her first time out of Canada. Leah led Synod in a prayer for their time away.

c. PWRDF

Dorothy Marshall, St. Andrew's Camrose, is the PWRDF diocesan representative. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is the development and relief agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, working around the world responding to humanitarian crises, long term community development, and engages in education and advocacy. It is a ministry of encouragement as God calls us to be a servant church, and, importantly, it is a faith-based movement.

PWRDF carries out its work through a network of partners with international, national and local organizations, relying on local leadership and expertise. It makes financial resources available to support partners' long term development initiatives and to respond to emergencies. It is giving a hand up, rather than a hand out; walking alongside people to enable them to improve their own lives by supporting projects they have identified as important. PWRDF operates through monetary donations from Anglicans (and others) from across Canada, and relies on a network of volunteer parish representatives to play a role in communication, stewardship and raising of awareness.

46. Acts of Synod and Bishop's Assent

Bishop Jane declared her assent to the Acts of the 64th Synod.

47. Prorogation

Bishop Jane noted that we have concluded all our business, and thus prorogued Synod.

48. Worship

Synod closed with worship and prayer.



64TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
April 24th and 25th, 2015
Minutes of Proceedings
APPENDIX ONE

Resolution L-3 – Canon 3

Moved by: The Ven. Alan Perry

Seconded by: Ken Holmstrom

That Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3, following:

*(Note: changes are in **bold** and one deletion indicated by ~~strikeout~~. These will not be retained in the adopted text.)*

CANON 3

CLERGY

LICENSING OF CLERGY

Requirement of a Licence

3.1. Every bishop, priest or deacon, before exercising in any way an ordained ministry in the Diocese shall obtain the licence or temporary permission of the Bishop to do so.

3.2. No licence shall be granted by the Bishop unless the proposed licensee has, in the presence of the Bishop or the Bishop's nominee, made, taken and subscribed the Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Canonical Obedience and the Declaration of Submission to the General, Provincial and Diocesan Synods set out in Canon VI of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. **The licensee shall renew these oaths and subscriptions at such time as the Bishop may require.**

3.3. Every bishop, priest or deacon shall exercise ordained ministry subject to the requirements of the oaths and subscriptions, and of the canons of the General, Provincial and Diocesan Synods, as well as all episcopal directives and diocesan policies which may from time to time be in effect. **In particular, every bishop, priest or deacon shall be subject to the terms of the General and Provincial Synod canons on licensing, discipline and the relinquishment and abandonment of ministry.**

3.4. No licence shall be in force until the proposed licensee has declared assent to the terms thereof.

Retirement

3.5.1. **The Normal Retirement Date for clergy shall be the end of the month in which the cleric becomes eligible for the payment of the Old Age Security pension, according to the eligibility rules for that pension which may from time to time be in force.**



3.5.2 A license shall not continue in force beyond the **Normal Retirement Date** of the licensee (notwithstanding the terms of a license issued prior to that date), but the Bishop in the Bishop's sole discretion may in accordance with section 3.1 license a bishop, priest or deacon past the Normal Retirement Date for a period not exceeding one year, which license may be renewed from year to year thereafter at the sole discretion of the Bishop.

Continuing Effect of Licence

3.6. A licence shall remain in effect during the time that a bishop, priest or deacon is on leave from the diocese unless expressly revoked by the Bishop or unless its term expires during the term of the leave.

3.7. A licence shall remain in effect according to its terms notwithstanding the resignation, death or removal of the Bishop who granted it, and shall be deemed to be a licence granted by the succeeding Diocesan Bishop until that Bishop amends or revokes it, or issues a new licence.

Temporary Permission

3.8. The Bishop may issue temporary permission to a bishop, priest or deacon of the Anglican Communion, in good standing, to function in the Diocese of Edmonton, upon such terms, and at such place and for such time as the Bishop may state.

3.9. Temporary permission shall be held at the Bishop's pleasure and may be revoked at any time by the Bishop.

Inhibition of the Unlicensed

3.10. When the Bishop has reasonable grounds to believe that a bishop, priest or deacon who does not hold a licence or temporary permission from the diocesan bishop is officiating or is about to officiate in the diocese, the diocesan bishop may, by notice in writing to such bishop, priest or deacon, inhibit such person from officiating in the diocese.

3.11. When the Bishop issues a notice pursuant to section 3.10, the Bishop shall cause the notice to be recorded in the Register and may advise such persons as the Bishop considers appropriate that such notice has been issued.

Requirement of Consent of Incumbent

3.12. No bishop, priest or deacon shall have public prayers or services, or administer the Sacraments within the limits of a Parish to which such bishop, priest or deacon is not licensed, without the consent of the incumbent of the Parish provided that a member of the clergy holding a licence from the Bishop may visit pastorally any person in the habit of attending the ministrations of that member of the clergy.

3.13. Notwithstanding section 3.12, the Bishop may issue a licence or temporary permission to a bishop, priest or deacon to authorize the exercise of a specific ministry not directly related to the ministry of the bishop, priest or deacon of the Parish within the territorial boundaries of which the specific ministry may be performed.



Non-Ecclesiastical Employment

- 3.14. The Bishop may grant permission to a member of the clergy of the Diocese to enter employment other than ecclesiastical employment without relinquishing clerical orders, where the Bishop, ~~having consulted with the Executive Council~~, is satisfied that the member of the clergy will have and use opportunities for the exercise of Christian ministry.
- 3.15. A member of the clergy granted permission to enter non-ecclesiastical employment pursuant to section 3.14 shall report to the Bishop annually and in writing as to their Christian ministry.
- 3.16. A member of the clergy who fails to report as required by section for a period of two years may be removed by the Bishop from the roll of clergy canonically resident in the Diocese and transferred to the House of Bishops' list. The Bishop shall give written notice of intention to effect such a transfer to the member of the clergy affected.

REMUNERATION OF CLERGY

- 3.17. The Executive Council shall specify the **salary** rates payable to Clergy licensed in the Diocese.
- 3.18. Where a position held by a member of the Clergy is deemed by the Bishop to be a part-time position, the minimum **salary** applicable to that position shall be such portion of the minimum **salary** set pursuant to section 3.17 hereof as the Bishop shall establish.
- 3.19. Unless otherwise ordered by the Bishop, licensed members of the Clergy, who hold full-time secular employment shall not be entitled to receive a **salary** but shall be entitled to receive full compensation for expenses incurred in the exercise of their ministry as well as such honoraria as may be offered.

Resolution L-4 – Canon 12

Moved by: The Ven. Alan Perry

Seconded by: Ken Holmstrom

That a new Canon 12 be adopted as follows:

CANON 12**DISCIPLINE AND THE COURT**

12.1 Every member of the Clergy, licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese or holding any charge under or being in any sense subject to the Bishop's jurisdiction or receiving any allowance from or discharging any duties for the Synod of the Diocese, and every lay person holding any office within the Diocese of Edmonton, shall be liable to trial and subject to punishment if charged and found guilty of any of the offenses mentioned in the Canon on Discipline of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada or with offenses against the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Edmonton or the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land.



12.2 The Bishop may exercise initial jurisdiction with respect to any charge, or may refer the matter to the Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

12.3 A charge of any offence shall be preferred in writing by the Bishop or by any member of the Clergy or by at least three communicants of at least one year's standing provided that if any member of the Court shall prefer a charge he shall not sit as a member in the event of the charge being heard by the Court, **and provided that if the Bishop prefers a charge the Bishop shall not exercise initial jurisdiction but shall refer the matter to the Court.**

12.4 A charge shall be submitted to the Synod office and shall contain a clear statement of the offence alleged to have been committed by the accused with particulars where appropriate; and the names and addresses of the person or persons preferring the said charge.

12.5 Upon the preferment of the charge, the Bishop shall forthwith transmit a copy of the charge to the accused with a request for explanation and if no explanation is forthcoming within seven days from the date of the transmittal of the said copy to the accused or if the Bishop deems the explanation given to be unsatisfactory, then the Bishop shall forthwith serve notice of the place where and the time when the accused shall appear before the Bishop or member of the Court commissioned in writing by the Bishop to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty and elect whether the charge shall be dealt with by the Bishop or Court member presiding in a summary way or by the Court. The said notice shall be transmitted at least fourteen days and no more than twenty-one days before the date set for the appearance of the accused.

12.6 At the time the charge is transmitted to the accused, notice shall also be given to the accused that at all stages of the proceedings instituted against the accused, the accused is entitled to be represented by a barrister duly admitted to practice in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

12.7 The Bishop shall appoint a prosecutor to present the case against the member of the Clergy, such prosecutor to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta.

12.8 If the accused admits the charge and requests the Bishop or member of the Court presiding to deal with the same in a summary way, the Bishop or member of the Court presiding shall pronounce sentence without any further proceedings provided that any sentence pronounced by the member of the Court presiding shall be confirmed by the Bishop and that any sentence pronounced hereunder shall be subject to appeal to the Court.

12.9 If the accused does not admit the charge but the accused and the person or persons preferring the charge state in writing that they are willing to submit to the discretion of the Bishop, or the member of the Court presiding, the Bishop or the member in such manner and at such time as the Bishop or the member shall think fit, provided that the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding shall hear the matter within fourteen days from the date of the accused's first appearance unless either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge request and the Bishop consents to a hearing at a later date. The decision of the Bishop or member of the Court presiding and any sentence imposed shall be subject to appeal to the Court.

12.10 If the accused does not admit the charge and either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge do not consent to the charge being dealt with by the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding in a summary manner, the Bishop or the member of the Court presiding shall proceed to hold a preliminary inquiry *in camera* wherein the prosecutor shall present the case against the accused who may reserve defence if the accused thinks fit. If the Bishop or the



member of the Court presiding considers that there is a sufficient *prima facie* case against the accused, a date shall be forthwith set for the appearance of the accused before the Court for trial. At the trial the person who presided over the preliminary inquiry shall not sit as a member of the Court. The trial shall not be held more than fourteen days from the date of the preliminary inquiry unless either the accused or the person or persons preferring the charge request and the Bishop consents to a later date.

12.11 At the trial, the Court shall pronounce judgment and if the accused is found guilty shall determine sentence according to the Canon on Discipline of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and the decision and sentence shall be in writing and shall be entered in a book to be kept by the Registrar for such purpose.

12.12 A record of all proceedings held under this Canon shall be kept and made available to the accused. All expenses incurred in connection with proceedings held under this Canon with the exception of expenses incurred by the accused shall be borne by the Diocese of Edmonton provided that if the accused is found not guilty or the charge is withdrawn or not proceeded with for any reason,

- (a) the accused shall be reimbursed by the Diocese of Edmonton for all reasonable expenses incurred by the accused, and
- (b) the Bishop or the Court shall have the right to require the person or persons preferring the charge to pay such portion of the total expenses as the Bishop or the Court may deem reasonable.

12.13 The witnesses at any trial shall be examined *viva voce* before the Court by the party calling them and shall be subject to cross-examination and re-examination and further examination by the Court. The evidence shall be recorded in writing and the witness shall be required to sign a declaration in the form prescribed by the Canada Evidence Act to the following effect:

I, A.B., do solemnly declare that all answers made to questions asked me before the Courts and all statements made by me to the Court are true and correct and contain the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

12.14 The decision of the Court and the sentence imposed, if any, shall be subject to appeal to the Court of the Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land or to the Supreme Court of Appeal of the Anglican Church of Canada in accordance with the Canons of the Provincial and General Synods constituting the said Courts.

12.15 This Canon is subject to the provisions of the Canons on Discipline of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land and of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Resolution L-2 – Social Justice

Moved by: John Gee

Seconded by: The Rev. Rick Chapman

- 1) That sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the following:



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

C79. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Executive Council which shall be called the Social Justice Committee.

Composition

C80. The Committee shall consist of:

- (a) The Bishop, as an ex-officio member,
- (b) The Executive Officer of the Diocese as an ex-officio member, and
- (c) Not fewer than 12 and not more than 16 other members.

C81. The non ex-officio members of the Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) Not fewer than 8 and not more than 12 members by the Bishop,
- (b) Such additional members, to a maximum of 4, by the Committee as may be required by it to carry out its functions.

C82. (a) The appointed members of the Committee shall each hold office for a period of three years from the date of their respective appointments.

(b) The terms of office of no more than 4 of the members of the Committee shall expire in any year.

(c) The Bishop may appoint members of the Committee to take the place of members whose term of office expires in any year no later than the 30th day of June in each year.

(d) The Committee may, and if there are fewer than 12 appointed members shall, appoint members to take the place of members whose term of office expires if the Bishop has not done so by the 30th day of June in each year.

C83. The Bishop shall appoint a Chair for the Committee from among its members.

Function

C84. The Committee shall:

- (a) plan, guide and review the social justice activities of the Synod,
- (b) review and make recommendations concerning proposed social justice activities and policies to the Synod or Executive Council,
- (c) receive reports and appraise progress and results of the social justice activities of the Synod,
- (d) evaluate social justice plans and related budgets and report in that regard to the Synod or Executive Council,
- (e) execute decisions taken by the Synod or Executive Council relating to social justice activities,
- (f) through education, encourage awareness and understanding of the theology of social justice, and of its biblical foundations,
- (g) provide assistance to Parishes in the area of social justice by offering encouragement, resource materials, and personal help,
- (h) co-ordinate Diocesan social justice activities and the activities of the Committee with the activities of similar bodies in the National Church, in other Dioceses, and in other churches and faith communities.

C85. The Committee shall have the power to establish subcommittees comprised of members within or without the Committee.

C86. The Committee shall report its activities to each Regular Meeting of the Executive Council.



Meetings of the Committee

C87. The Committee shall meet at least 4 times a year at the call of the Chair.

Quorum

C88. A quorum of the Committee shall be 6 members.

2) And that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 as follows:

1.15:Social Justice:Any activity specifically directed toward one or more of the following objectives:

- a.To respond to human need by loving service;
- b.To seek to transform unjust structures of society;
- c.To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Resolution L-5 – Lay Evangelists

Moved by: The Rev. Tim Chesterton

Seconded by:Alison Hurlburt

That Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists as follows:

Lay Evangelists

- 4.22 The Bishop may licence Lay Evangelists upon nomination of the proposed licensee by the Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.23 A license issued by the Bishop to a Lay Evangelist shall authorize the licensee to exercise the gift of evangelism as a recognized public ministry of the Diocese of Edmonton in accordance with guidelines for the ministry of Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton approved by the Bishop.
- 4.24The licence of a Lay Evangelist:
 - a.shall be for a specified period,
 - b.may be renewed by the Bishop, for a further specified period, and
 - c.may be revoked by the Bishop after consultation with the Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.25 Licensed Lay Evangelists shall submit regular reports on their ministry as required in the Guidelines on the ministry of Lay Evangelists.

Warden of Lay Evangelists

- 4.26 The Bishop shall appoint a member of the Clergy of the Diocese as Warden of Lay Evangelists.
- 4.27 The term of office of the Warden of Lay Evangelists shall be at the pleasure of the Bishop.
- 4.28The Warden of Lay Evangelists shall:
 - a.give leadership and guidance to the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese,
 - b.after consultation with the Bishop, and with the approval of the Bishop, revise and update the Manual of Lay Evangelists for the Diocese of Edmonton,
 - c.coordinate the training, discernment of call, and continuing education of the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese,
 - d.nominate suitable candidates who have satisfactorily completed the training programme specified in the Manual of Lay Evangelists to be Lay Evangelists,



e.maintain and administer, in cooperation with the Diocesan staff, all records concerning the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese including licensing records, training records, and program materials,

f.communicate information concerning the Lay Evangelist program of the Diocese to the people of the Diocese,

g.advise the Bishop, the Executive Council and Synod of the Diocese as to the state of the Lay Evangelist program of the Diocese and activities of the Lay Evangelists of the Diocese.

Manual of Lay Evangelists

4.29 There shall be a Manual of Lay Evangelists for the Diocese of Edmonton, the contents of which shall be determined and approved by the Bishop in consultation with the Warden of Lay Evangelists and shall include, at a minimum, requirements for the training of Lay Evangelists and guidelines for the ministry of Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton.



64TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
April 24th and 25th, 2015
Minutes of Proceedings

APPENDIX TWO – Acts of Synod

1. **Minutes of the 63rd Synod:** That the Minutes of the 63rd Synod be approved as published in the Convening Circular.
2. **Receiving of Reports:** That the reports [included in the Convening Circular] be received as published.
3. **Chartered Accountants:** That the firm of Grant, Thornton, Chartered Accountants, of Edmonton, be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.
4. **Marks of Mission:** That the title “Solemn Declaration” in the Constitution be amended to read “Solemn Declaration and Marks of Mission” and a new section C1A be added [to include the Marks of Mission]. (*see Minutes for exact wording*)
5. **Canon 3:** That Canon 3 be replaced with a new Canon 3. (*see Appendix One for exact wording*)
6. **Canon 12:** That a new Canon 12 be adopted. (*see Appendix One for exact wording*)
7. **Nominations Committee Report:** That the final report of the Nominations Committee be accepted, noting that there is still a vacancy in Lay member for Executive Council from Battle River, and youth delegate for Provincial Synod.
8. **Election Ballots:** That the report of the Elections Committee be accepted and the ballots destroyed.
9. **Licensed Lay Evangelists:** That Canon 4 be amended to include provisions for Licensed Lay Evangelists. (*see Appendix One for exact wording*)
10. **Social Justice:** That sections C79 through C88 of the Constitution be repealed and replaced with the new sections C79 through C88 (*see Appendix 1 for exact wording*) and that a new section 1.15 be added to Canon 1 to define Social Justice (*see Appendix 1 for exact wording*)





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 2: Bishop's Charge to the 64th Synod April 24-25, 2015



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Bishop's Charge to the 64th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Right Rev. Jane Alexander

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4: 17b-19

We are blessed to be able to gather for this the 64th synod of the diocese of Edmonton. We are into our second 100 years of ministry in this diocese and have learned so much about who we are and what we need in order to face the challenges before us. This synod is a time of celebration and challenge. I have taken the opportunity to release this charge ahead of time so that I might be able to share a little more with you than the time of the opening service allows. I will be drawing on parts of this charge during our time together.

This synod is really all about our vision and hope for the church as seen through parish and diocesan dreams for what the church is called to be and where we are called to go. First and foremost the church is about the business of knowing Christ and making Him known. It’s about becoming disciples and believing with all our heart and mind and soul that Jesus wants others to become his disciple as well. Hence the theme of our Synod, “connecting with God, our neighbours and the world.” We are looking at a chain reaction that is both relational and incarnational. During our time together we will hear about diocesan and parish initiatives that look to how we will shape ourselves to be part of the mission of God in this diocese over the next five years. The incredible response to the REACH campaign across the diocese shows that we are indeed a people of hope and vision for the future of the church.

REACH is the largest and most unified campaign that the Diocese of Edmonton has ever run. We had an ambitious plan, to raise \$5,000,000 over five years with the funds raised going to parish projects (50%), diocesan initiatives (40%) and national ministries(10%). I think it would be fair to say that at the 63rd Synod when we approved going ahead with such a plan we were all a little nervous. For myself, I viewed the whole REACH campaign as an exercise in mission and discipleship. We asked ourselves questions about where we felt called to go over the next five years. We cast new visions and asked God in Christ to send us out. We prayed to have the courage to step out in faith with our talents, time and yes, our treasure, so that those dreams God placed in our hearts become a reality. Our campaign has exceeded \$4.6 million to date. Every gift, be it large or small, has been equally sacrificial and precious. Because of people’s generosity, some long-held dreams can now finally become a reality and you are going to hear about many of these at this synod. Through our presentations and table discussions we will encourage and celebrate with one another.

Let me say a huge thank you to all of you who serve the church by coming to Synod and taking part. We are blessed in this diocese to see people being called to both lay and ordained leadership in the church. We have people called to ministry seeking ordination for both diaconate and priesthood, in fact since our last synod we have celebrated 8 ordinations to the diaconate and



6 ordinations to the priesthood. We have seen growth in our lay reader training program and in our lay evangelist program. We do not expect those who are ordained or licensed to ministry in the diocese to do all the work for us – far from it, but we do know that we need people with vision and energy to invite us to go to places we have not gone before.

We know that connecting with God, our neighbours and the world requires us to form relationships and to build upon them. If we think about our theme passage for this Synod, Jesus is BRINGING good news; Being SENT out to the captives, the blind and the oppressed, and He is PROCLAIMING the year of the Lord's favour. All very active things and we as his followers are called to action. Some actions are simple but nevertheless scary. It is only three weeks since Easter when we heard Mary's proclamation "I have seen the Lord" We in our turn have seen the Lord through word, prayer action and ministry but I am not sure we have told many people about Him. This has to continue to change. When the Archbishop of York was here with us during our centennial year he said "I talk to someone about Jesus everyday" – there are thousands of people on our parish rolls – just imagine what might happen if each of us spoke to someone who does not know Jesus about Jesus everyday. We can no longer assume that the story of Jesus is known. Our evangelism efforts cannot assume that we are reacquainting people with an old friend or a childhood memory, but are often about a completely new introduction to God in Christ Jesus. And we have seen firsthand that as much as we might wish it, the prevailing culture doesn't bring people through our doors.

We have been blessed with everything we need and we are learning to be braver in using it. In 2014 we hosted Launch Pad events with Michael Harvey and over 170 people attended with nearly every parish sending someone. There was great energy and good conversations at these events which looked to a culture of invitation and boldness in planning. I am sure that in many ways this has helped with our parish Mission Action Plans and with the REACH campaign. We also had the opportunity to hear many stories of faith which we published on the website. When a story is shared others are able to say 'me too' or 'really I thought I was the only one.' When a faith story is shared we can encourage, comfort and, above all, witness to the incredible redeeming love of Christ.

Also during our Centennial we challenged one another to read the Bible over the course of the year and I know that many of you joined in. It is my intent to run this program every year. We are a people of scripture and need to be rooted in the word.

We continue to provide resources for parish and congregational development. It is true that "There is no single recipe for growth; there are no simple solutions to decline. The road to growth depends on the context, and what works in one place may not work in another. What seems crucial is that congregations are constantly engaged in reflection; churches cannot soar on autopilot. Growth is a product of good leadership (lay and ordained) working with a willing set of churchgoers in a favourable environment."¹³

¹³ Professor Daivd Voas, Data Analysis and Church Profiling Strand of the Church of England Report From Anecdote to Evidence.



We continue to look at tools that are helpful in giving us a clear picture of who we are, how we are doing and how we might focus our energies to do better – The Church Assessment Tool; Transforming Mission; Natural Church Development; Back to Church and Culture of Invitation; Mission Days – these are the local initiatives. Nationally we are part of the Inter Diocesan Learning Community on church growth and also part of the Vibrant and Healthy Parishes initiative. Learning new skills and refining old ones will prepare us to meet the challenges of reaching new people for Christ. Our results will not be seen overnight, there is no magic bullet, but I am sure that we are on the right track.

The odd thing is that sometimes we see that things work and then we seem to stop doing them. For example, when we introduced Back to Church Sunday in the diocese on September 26th 2010. We, as a diocesan family, invited people to come to church and they came. Attendance in church that day across 43 churches was up by an average of 51%. So many more people than attended on one of those days have said that they would like to come to church, even though they could not make it on that day. Some of those we invited came back the next week. We found that people like to be asked personally to come to church. That they felt included, welcomed, wanted. Each one of us wants to feel included, welcome and wanted. Because in those visceral feelings we find hope to believe that God wants to include us, to welcome us, to want us to be part of His family.

Having created a more intentional inviting church we encouraged people with Advent invitations, Experiencing Easter programs and Easter invitations and we were seeing attendance for ‘special’ seasonal services on the rise. What did we do then? Well in many places we stopped. I find it really hard to believe but we found something that seemed to help us to be brave and invite people to join us and after doing it once or twice we didn’t do it again. I hope we can get over this and get right back on inviting people to join our communities. These initiatives were **never** about increasing church attendance for one day, it was always about developing a **culture** of invitation and reminding ourselves that this is part of the mission of the church. **I am asking every parish to reinstate invitation Sundays and to consciously look at developing and maintaining a culture of invitation.**

Continuing to look at mission in our own context is incredibly important and I invite parishes who have not yet thought about hosting a mission day, or weekend, to hold one in the coming year. Six parishes held Mission days in 2014, let us try to **double** that number this year. For those parishes who held a mission day over the last 4 years perhaps it is time to offer an in-parish Mission-Shaped Ministry course. I would be delighted to help you make this happen.

*Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ
Didst give commandment to the Apostles that they should go into all the world
and preach the Gospel to every creature:
Grant to us whom thou hast called into thy Church a ready will to obey thy Word;
And fill us with a hearty desire to make thy way known upon earth
thy saving health among all nations;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Our theme passage says, **“He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:19.** There is more than one Greek word for oppressed, but the word used can be translated as “broken to bits.” To set free those who are broken to bits by life was Jesus’ ministry and it is to be ours. Jesus shows us how the radical love of the incarnation is to be lived out. To have an active faith that asks questions such as ‘who is captive?’ or ‘what have I become blind to?’ or ‘who around me is broken?’ This is our task. To walk alongside proclaiming by our words and by our actions that God is present. We must bring our whole selves to the task holding nothing back.

In 2011 we, the Anglican diocese of Edmonton, signed an interfaith statement on homelessness and affordable housing. We committed ourselves to work together with the city of Edmonton’s 10 year plan to end homelessness. We committed to work with community agencies and partners to do whatever we could to ensure that everyone has a place to call home.

This is what we said: Our religious and spiritual communities share important values: respect for human dignity, solidarity with those who are poor and vulnerable, and an affirmation of the importance of inclusive and welcoming communities where individuals and families can thrive. *We recognize* that safe, stable, and affordable housing is a key part of this human thriving. Everyone needs a place that can truly be called home. Religious and spiritual communities and individual community members are present in every part of the city, and we commit to continue and expand our presence in neighbourhood and city wide homelessness and affordable housing initiatives. *We commit* our own religious and spiritual communities to continue to support present initiatives, to find new and creative ways to take action in support of *Edmonton’s 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness* and address the issues of homelessness and affordable housing in our communities.

So what does that look like? For many churches that means making people feel welcome in the community, taking part in Habitat for Humanity Builds, providing community supports of various kinds and trying to be both proactive and reactive to the many causes of homelessness in our community. Homelessness is not just an urban issue, it is a problem in all our communities throughout Alberta. Homelessness carries with it any number of subsidiary issues. It carries with it that loss of a sense of dignity and identity which drives people into downward spirals. “It’s not just the raw physical experience of vulnerability, of cold and hunger; it’s also that sense of exclusion and that sense of lasting stigma which affects so many people.” (Rowan Williams)

Sometimes I know that it can seem as though the enormity of this challenge is beyond us but it is not. I remember that Desmond Tutu explained how he was sure that Apartheid would end in South Africa and that justice would prevail. He said he knew it would happen ‘Because Jesus Christ rose from the dead’ Jesus has called us to action in his name to do whatever we can to end the suffering of people around us. Once you know the causes of poverty and don’t do anything, that diminishes us as human beings. It diminishes our humanity if we don’t speak out and act to end poverty. We need to speak about our common humanity.



Shortly after I was appointed as the co-chair of the Mayor's task force to eliminate poverty in Edmonton, I received an email challenging me on the appointment and saying that they thought poverty did not really exist in Edmonton. Remembering that poverty exists across the diocese in rural and urban communities let us just think about the city of Edmonton for a moment. In 2012, 100,870 persons lived on low incomes in the city of Edmonton, a rate of 12.3%. Child poverty (children 0-17 years old) in Edmonton is at 18.4%; more than 40% of these children live in lone parent families. The majority of people who live in poverty are full time low income workers earning minimum wages. The populations most impacted by poverty are Aboriginal people; their poverty rates are twice as high as the over-all poverty rates. Foodbank use in Alberta has gone up over 48% since 2008. We as Anglican communities are in the heart of neighborhoods where poverty is rife.

The closest parishes to the 17 neighbourhoods that have "deeply entrenched" poverty are as follows:

All Saints: Downtown. Boyle Street. McCauley. Central McDougall
 St. Mary: Abbottsfield, Rundle Heights, Cromdale
 St. Michael and All Angels: Sifton Park, Belvedere, Balwin
 St. Faith and St. Stephen the Martyr: Eastwood, Westwood, Spruce Avenue
 St. Peter: Inglewood, Queen Mary Park
 St. Paul: Britannia/Youngstown
 St. Patrick: Richfield

In addition, there are three neighbourhoods whose high incidence of poverty can be attributed to a concentration of university students: Garneau (St. George) Queen Alexandra (Holy Trinity) Malmo Plains (St. John the Evangelist).

As parishes what are we doing to proclaim good news to the poor? Many parishes offer meals, food programs of other kinds, clothing drives, shelter. We will need to continue these efforts but we must also be advocates for the poor and challenge systems of inequality and injustice. I am so happy to see the renewed energy around social justice in the diocese and hope that every parish can have conversations around poverty where our faith compels us to ask one another questions such as 'how can we help equip people to regain control of their lives, to reintegrate into family, friendship, community; how can we help to create a society where everyone has a place to call home?' I am pleased that at this synod we will be looking at rooting the 5 Marks of Mission in our constitution and in naming the Social Justice committee as a Standing Committee of the diocese.

God of Justice,

*Have mercy on those who sleep on the streets or in hostels, on the floor or on a sofa,
 In store rooms or offices, and those who know their friends' hospitality is at breaking point.*

Help us build a fairer society,

Where having no home does not exclude anyone from work and health and respect.

Help us to build a society where all may 'dwell in safety'.

In the name of the homeless saviour Jesus. AMEN



In 2008 I said “If we really want young people to be part of our church what are we prepared to do about it?” A recent report from the Church of England¹⁴ said that out of 12,000 churches nearly half of them had fewer than 5 under 16s and that a predictor of decline was the absence of children. We have work to do in this area. Some of our parishes have vibrant children’s ministry whether that takes place in a traditional form on Sunday mornings or whether it is happening at other times in more of a “Messy Church” context. Our parish statistics do not reflect a healthy ministry to children and youth. I know we can do better. We have a core of young people with vision and passion for Christ. We have young people who have dreams for their future and ministry in the church (over 130 came out to meet the Archbishop of York). We will be hearing more at this Synod about ministry to young adults and the new communities at Ascension House and St. Aidan’s House.

At the Bishop’s Youth Days I meet people who have stories to share and real hope for their church. As I travel round the diocese meeting young adults coming forward for Confirmation I am always inspired by the stories they share and the letters they write to me. However, when I am next in the parish many have disappeared. This is not acceptable, we have to continue to mentor and support young people in their lives in faith. We have a dedicated leader for Youth Alpha in the diocese and this seems to be producing fruit. There is new energy and new leadership emerging in youth ministry. I believe that across the diocese we are gaining a better understanding of the importance of dedicated ministry to children and families as evidenced by the many REACH campaign goals that are focused on this area but we cannot be tardy in rising to meet this challenge. As many other church bodies have found, the children of many churchgoing parents do not attend when they reach adulthood. The assumption that they will return once they have their own children is, for the most part, false. Moreover, we are in danger of making worship and church attendance or membership something we only do when we have time. I do not think that was Jesus’ plan. **I am asking every parish to make teaching and discipling of children and youth a priority.**

*God our Father, we pray to you for all those who have the care of children.
Guide them with your Holy Spirit that they may bring children up
in the ways of truth and love.
Through their care enable children to grow in grace
and become daily more like your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

We have had some changes in the shape of our diocese since we were last together. We have closed St. Francis of Assisi parish in Hinton after many years of faithful ministry and the people of the parish have joined with Grace Lutheran church there. The final service in the parish showed us all something amazing. The Lutheran congregation came after their worship service to join with St. Francis for worship. As the time for worship approached the door of the parish opened and people just kept coming in. They were there to stand with their brothers and sisters in Christ on what they knew would be a difficult day and to welcome them into their family. I know

¹⁴ From Anecdote to Evidence: Findings from the Church Growth Research Program 2011-2013



how much this meant for the people of St. Francis. Our full communion with the ELCIC took on a new meaning in Hinton. St. Andrew's Morinville as many of you know was burned to the ground and after many many months of prayer St. Andrew's decided to cease. The parishioners attend in St. Albert and in Gibbons and Bon Accord, but St. Andrew's parish Morinville no longer exists. We give thanks for the past ministry of that parish. We continue to give thanks for the new parishes of St. Mark-Jieng, and St. Saviour, Wabamun. However, we know there will be more changes in ministry in the coming years as we continue to build on what we learned from the demographic surveys presented at the last Synod. We know that we need to look at our presence in new communities. I believe that looking at change as our response to opportunity is healthy and that we should be considering moving into new areas by choice, perhaps taking a healthy group and replanting. Two new committees will be formed over the coming months, one looking at where we have the right opportunities but growth is stagnant and asking ourselves what we need to do; the other group looking at where we need to be and what resources we have to do new things.

*Draw your church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples,
Together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life,
Together serving him in his mission to the world,
And together witnessing to his love on every continent and island
We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.*

We are entering our 7th year of our partnership with Buyé Diocese in Burundi. We have been so blessed with this companion relationship and we will hear more about it during the Synod. We have visited back and forth in each other's dioceses and this year a team of young adults will join with young people in Buyé for a Bible camp. There has been a sharing of ideas on mission and evangelism, a partnering of parishes in both dioceses. We had a wonderful conference of the ACW in 2014 where they welcomed members of the Mother's Union in Buyé and each group shared their ministries one with another. Over the course of our partnership we have supplied tangible support through the provision of medical supplies, mosquito nets and in the building of an HIV clinic. The latest project is in the provision of dignity kits that will enable girls to stay in school during their periods. The ACW have made it possible for women to be trained for ordained ministry and through our 1% of diocesan income going to Buyé it has been possible to provide funds for the Diocesan Theological college to open for the first time in many years. I believe we are growing into the vision that we held for this relationship.¹⁵

¹⁵ We, the Bishops of the Anglican Dioceses of Edmonton and Buyé, on behalf of our people do make a solemn commitment to walk together in faith. We pray that God will bless this partnership, will help us to experience through it the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, and will use it to make us more effective in our sharing of the good news. It is our prayer that through our partnership one with another that we might grow in mutual affection and communion, seek a more profound experience of truth, build up the Church in unity and give glory to Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Nous, les évêques des diocèses Anglicans d'Edmonton et Buyé, au nom de nos personnes prenons un engagement solennel pour marcher ensemble dans la foi. Nous prions que Dieu bénira cette association, nous aiderons à éprouver par elle la grace et la paix du Jésus-Christ, et les emploierons pour nous rendre plus efficaces dans notre partage des bonnes nouvelles. C'est notre prière qui par notre association ensemble que nous pourrions nous développer dans l'affection mutuelle et la communion, chercher une expérience plus profonde de la vérité, accumuler l'église dans l'unité et donner gloire au Jésus-Christ à notre sauveur.

Signed on this day 25th May 2009



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



*Gracious God, bless the theological college of our sister diocese of Buyé.
May it be a lively centre for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom;
And grant that those who teach and those who learn
may find you to be the source of all truth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams said "For the Church of the 21st century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian." At our last Synod it was my hope that by now we would have moved a little further on our efforts to be a more environmentally conscious diocese. Care of creation is a huge conversation for us to have with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world and I commend to you the statement "The world is our host"¹⁶ for further discussion and study. However there are things which every one of us can do in our homes and in our parishes, I bring back to you the request that you think about how your parishes can be **more environmentally sound** in physical structures and in how we use non recyclables. Please once again have the discussion about using **only recycled paper products in offices, washrooms and kitchens and ending our use of Styrofoam and plastic cutlery.**

*Creator God, give us your Spirit to work together to restore your creation
and to hand on a safe environment and climate to our children and theirs.
Let our care for creation be our act of worship and obedience to you.
Your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

We continue to build on our commitment to our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, partially through the Indigenous Ministry Initiative which we will hear more about throughout the Synod, but also through the work of the National church and through the outpouring of support that came from every parish in this diocese during the TRC events of 2014. We are now in a time of living into our promises of finding new and healthy ways to walk together. I am delighted that the National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald and I will be meeting this summer to see how we can work more closely together. The national church is committed to just relationships with aboriginal peoples in church and society. Three areas will benefit from additional financial support from our diocese:

- the provision of fair compensation for full-time aboriginal clergy;
- suicide prevention among aboriginal youth;
- pastoral care for indigenous people in Canadian urban centres.

With our financial assistance, the Sacred Circle, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the Council of the North, and the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop will steward action on these priorities. You will have noted that the first nations communities in the diocese have now been added to our prayer cycle so that we have a better understanding of who our neighbours are. The Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 land. Treaty 6 was signed at Carlton and Fort Pitt in 1876

¹⁶ <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/148818/the-world-is-our-host-final-text.pdf>



and covers central Alberta and Saskatchewan representing 16 Alberta First Nations. Since our last Synod there have been many educational events and we continue to look for ways to offer sacramental and pastoral care in ways that extend healing, reconciliation and support in issues of justice.

Our Primate ++Fred, +Mark and the House of Bishops have called for the church to have 22 days of witness in the days from Pentecost on May 31st leading up to the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer on June 21st. There is a dedicated website where you can learn more: 22days.ca. In this diocese I hope we will all enter into these days of prayer and reflection. I encourage all churches with bells to ring bells for each of the 1017 indigenous women and girls murdered between 1980 and 2012 and for the 105 indigenous women and girls classified by the RCMP as missing in suspicious circumstances, 1122 in total. The sound of the bells will indicate our solidarity with the Indigenous peoples in their cry for justice and their call for a special commission. Bells could be rung on National Aboriginal Day; 11 days out of the 22 days: or every day for 22 days.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

*You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.*

*Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life. Amen.*

We are still challenged in finding people to lead ministry in rural settings. We are working on this and looking at different models of training and preparation for ministry. We are a predominantly rural diocese covering an area of some 7.700 square kilometers. As many of you know the Rural Ministry Initiative of the Diocese of Edmonton (RMI), was established in 2010. The Initiative seeks to provide support in terms of collegial and pastoral support, clergy training and funding support for different approaches to rural ministry in a few pilot areas. We have great opportunities in many of our rural communities to build on existing relationships and strengthen our churches. It is often in our rural parishes that we see strong expressions of ecumenism and partnerships. Not every church will be large, but all can be healthy. Just recently I was in a rural parish where children made up a third of the congregation, there was a real mix of people from all walks of life and ethnic backgrounds, the worship was heartfelt and when they sang I swear the roof lifted. I counted 13 people involved in the liturgy as readers, acolytes, etc. There was an incredible sense of being the gathered family of Christ. That is what we are working towards across our parishes.

God of Mission, Who alone brings growth to your Church.

*Send your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, Faith to our lives, Hope to our communities,
And love to our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I believe that we have good news to share in this diocese and that the only thing holding us back is our timidity in proclaiming it. We do not have to look very



hard to see where God is calling men and women to ministry, or to see new visions and dreams for our parishes. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, poured out at our baptism. Therefore let us have courage and take the authority given to us and bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, call for the oppressed to go free and proclaim that this indeed the year of the Lord's favour.

*Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon your children
Clear our eyes so that we may see a new vision for your glory
Stir up our hearts so that we may have a new faithfulness to your word
Strengthen our wills so that we may find a new consecration to your service
Let your love grow among us and your Kingdom come
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+Jane



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 3: Clergy Appointments Since the 64th Synod



CLERGY APPOINTMENT LIST SINCE THE 64th SYNOD

LICENCES AND APPOINTMENTS

Apr 27	2015	The Rev. David Tiessen appointed Rector of St. Matthias Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Jun 1	2015	The Rev. Heather Liddell appointed Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Jun 1	2015	Melissa Ritz appointed Theological Student at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Edmonton.
Jun 28	2015	The Rev. Heather Liddell and the Rev. Scott Sharman ordained to the Priesthood, and John Gee, Sally Harrison and Dan Wold ordained to the Diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
Jul 1	2015	The Rev. Alex Meek appointed Rector of St. George's Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Jul 1	2015	The Rev. Miranda Sutherland appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of All Saints' Anglican Church, Drayton Valley.
Jul 1	2015	The Ven. Michael Rolph appointed Hospital Chaplain for the University of Alberta Hospital and the Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton.
Jul 5	2015	The Rev. Laureta Blondin appointed Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Tofield.
Jul 15	2015	The Rev. John Gee appointed Vocational Deacon to St. Mary's Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Aug 1	2015	The Rev. Eileen Conway appointed Interim Associate Priest of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Vegreville.
Sep 1	2015	The Rev. Lori Calkins appointed Associate Priest of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Edmonton and Priest-in-Mission in the Diocese of Edmonton.
Sep 1	2015	The Rev. Sheila Hagan-Bloxham appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan.



Sep 6	2015	Barry Rose appointed Interim Evangelist-in-Charge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church, Onoway.
Sep 9	2015	The Rev. Dan Wold appointed Deacon-in-Charge of Holy Trinity Riverbend Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Sep 15	2015	The Rev. Mark Murray appointed Rector of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Vermilion.
Sep 15	2015	Matthew Neugebauer appointed Theological Student at St. George's Anglican Church, Edmonton.
Oct 1	2015	The Rev. Keith Marsh appointed Rector of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper.
Oct 18	2015	The Rev. Mike Lynch and the Rev. Johnny Pooten ordained to the Priesthood, and Barry Rose ordained to the diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
Nov 1	2015	Ruth Bott appointed Associate Chaplain, University of Alberta Chaplaincy, Edmonton.
Nov 1	2015	The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom appointed Interim Assistant Priest of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
Nov 1	2015	The Rev. Joyce Mellor appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. George's Anglican Church, Fort Saskatchewan.
Dec 1	2015	Michael Van Boom appointed Housing Ambassador, Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative, Diocese of Edmonton.
Dec 1	2015	Donna Gauthier appointed Theological-Student-in-Charge of St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake.
Mar 1	2016	The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom appointed Assistant Priest of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
Mar 13	2016	The Rev. Keith Denman appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's, Edmonton.
Jun 28	2016	The Rev. Barry Rose ordained to the Priesthood, and Donna Gauthier, Helen Northcott, and Judy Purkis ordained to the Diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.



May 1	2016	The Rev. John Gee appointed Diocesan Treasurer.
May 1	2016	The Rev. Armand Mercier appointed Rector, St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton.
May 1	2016	The Rev. Kathy Bowman appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. David, Edmonton.
May 1	2016	The Rev. Colleen Sanderson appointed Rector, St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton, and Assistant Priest of St. Matthew, St. Albert.
May 2	2016	The Rev. Chelsy Bouwman appointed Rector of St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan.
Jul 1	2016	The Rev. Miranda Sutherland appointed Priest-in-Charge, St. Mary's, Edmonton.
Jul 1	2016	Sarah Ficko appointed Environment Chaplain, Edmonton.
Aug 1	2016	The Rev. Anthony Kwaw appointed Rector of St. Timothy's, Edmonton.
Sep 1	2016	Ruth Sesink Bott appointed Parish Pastoral Associate, St. Faith's and PrayerWorks Common, Edmonton.
Oct 2	2016	The Rev. Richard King collated as Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship.
Oct 30	2016	The Rev. Robin Walker appointed Interim Assistant Priest, Christ Church, Edmonton.
Jan 22	2017	The Rev. John Gee appointed Deacon, Diocese of Edmonton.
Feb 12	2017	The Rev. Cameron Burns appointed Assistant Priest, St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton.
Apr 23	2017	The Rev. Elizabeth Metcalfe appointed Rector of St. Saviour's, Vermilion.
May 21	2017	The Rev. Johnny Pooten appointed to preside at Sunday services, St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro.
Jun 1	2017	The Rev. Mike Lynch appointed Priest-in-Charge of St. Columba, Beaumont.



Jun 1	2017	Andreas Sigrist appointed Curate at St. Luke's, Edmonton.
Jul 1	2017	The Rev. Barry Rose appointed Rector of St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead, in combination with services at St. Mary the Virgin, Sangudo, and St. Peter, Lac La Nonne as well as ministry at Alexis First Nation and the Gunn Centre.
Jul 1	2017	The Rev. Sheila Hagan-Bloxham appointed Interim Priest at St. John the Divine, Onoway.
Jul 15	2017	The Ven. Michael Rolph appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of Good Shepherd, Edmonton.
Jul 15	2017	The Rev. Quinn Strikwerda appointed Interim Vicar at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.
Aug 1	2017	The Rev. Mark Murray appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Catherine's Anglican/Grace Lutheran, Edson.
Aug 15	2017	The Rev. Regula Brandle appointed Hospital Chaplain, University of Alberta and Cross Cancer Institute, Edmonton.
Aug 15	2017	The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom appointed Interim University Chaplain, Edmonton.
Sep 1	2017	The Rev. Renee Desjardins appointed Rector of St. David's, Edmonton.
Sep 1	2017	The Rev. Cheryl Boulet appointed Deacon-in-Charge at St. John the Divine, Onoway.
Sep 1	2017	Ruth Sesink Bott appointed Curate at St. Mary's, Edmonton.
Sep 5	2017	The Rev. Jordan Ware appointed Rector of Good Shepherd, Edmonton.
Sep 14	2017	The Rev. Cheryl Boulet, The Rev. Donna Gauthier, and the Rev. Rita Milne ordained to the Priesthood, and Sandra Arbeau, Christopher Cook, Rebecca Harris, Billy Isenor, Sheila Moorey, Ruth Sesink Bott, and Andreas Sigrist ordained to the Diaconate at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.



In Memoriam

On November 25, 2015 we mourned the passing of retired priest Bruce Aylard.

On February 4, 2016 we mourned the passing of vocational deacon Wayne Masliuk.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 4: Review Engagement Reports (Financial Statements) 2014-2016



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2014



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Contents

Review Engagement Report	1
Statement of Operations	2
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	3
Statement of Financial Position	4
Statement of Cash Flows	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6 - 13



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Review Engagement Report

Grant Thornton LLP
1701 Scotia Place 2
10060 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, AB
T5J 3R8
T (780) 422-7114
F (780) 426-3208
www.GrantThornton.ca

To the Executive Council of
The Anglican Church of Canada The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of The Anglican Church of Canada The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton as at December 31, 2014 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Canada

June 4, 2015

Chartered Accountants

Audit • Tax • Advisory
Grant Thornton LLP, A Canadian Member of Grant Thornton International Ltd

1



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Anglican Church of Canada						
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton						
Statement of Operations						
(unaudited)						
Year Ended December 31						
					2014	2013
	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted			
	General	Diocesan	Consolidated	Endowment	Total	Total
	Fund	Fund	Trust	Fund		
			Fund			
Revenues						
Reach Campaign donations (Note 17)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,055,337	\$ -	\$ 1,055,337	\$ -
Apportionment	802,917	39,400	-	-	842,317	849,237
Investment income	11,967	26,147	63,103	24,470	125,687	141,610
Fees	105,358	-	-	-	105,358	61,783
Contributions	40,436	19,092	24,440	-	83,968	104,654
Interest on parish loans	-	19,418	-	-	19,418	17,771
Centennial, office and other	14,679	-	-	-	14,679	41,082
Grants (Note 3)	9,373	1,000	-	-	10,373	10,154
	<u>984,730</u>	<u>105,057</u>	<u>1,142,880</u>	<u>24,470</u>	<u>2,257,137</u>	<u>1,226,291</u>
Expenditures						
Outreach Beyond the Diocese						
General Synod apportionment	185,900	-	-	-	185,900	203,351
Provincial Synod assessment	10,200	-	-	-	10,200	10,200
International partnership	10,025	-	-	-	10,025	9,100
Lambeth Conference	1,700	-	-	-	1,700	1,700
	<u>207,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,825</u>	<u>224,351</u>
Outreach Within the Diocese						
Conferences and Clergy gatherings	92,459	-	-	-	92,459	68,667
Pastoral benefit support	54,074	-	-	-	54,074	4,655
Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Indigenous Ministry	42,516	-	-	-	42,516	17,000
Youth and special ministries (Ascend Program)	24,070	-	-	-	24,070	-
Educational chaplaincy	23,400	-	-	-	23,400	21,439
Hospital chaplaincy	19,041	-	-	-	19,041	16,492
Anglican Messenger	16,200	-	-	-	16,200	14,143
Aided ministries	11,712	-	-	-	11,712	14,442
Social Justice	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	100
Clergy, lay, staff development	7,561	-	-	-	7,561	3,600
Synod properties	6,161	-	-	-	6,161	6,396
Cursillo	4,480	-	-	-	4,480	13,589
General Synod	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	5,548
Theological students	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
Camping programs	1,152	-	-	-	1,152	196
Ministry/Congregational development	890	-	-	-	890	-
Diocesan committees	80	-	-	-	80	707
Barnabas Initiative projects	-	-	-	-	-	559
	<u>318,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,796</u>	<u>189,533</u>
Synod Office Operations and Other Activity						
Reach Campaign expenses (Note 17)	-	-	416,215	-	416,215	-
Salaries, allowances and benefits	401,341	-	-	-	401,341	389,723
Reach Campaign disbursements (Note 17)	-	-	377,715	-	377,715	-
Disbursements of specified donations	15,420	-	21,716	-	37,136	62,358
General office expenses	35,459	-	-	-	35,459	39,115
Travel and other (centennial and feasibility study)	31,985	-	-	-	31,985	89,280
Amortization	2,215	-	27,366	-	29,581	25,491
Office accommodation	23,400	-	-	-	23,400	23,400
Professional fees	4,786	4,000	6,000	-	14,786	19,522
Telephone	3,964	-	-	-	3,964	3,943
Advertising	542	-	-	-	542	3,581
	<u>519,112</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>849,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,372,124</u>	<u>656,413</u>
Program Disbursements						
Rural Ministry Initiative	-	106,277	-	-	106,277	50,246
Ministry Support	-	97,649	-	-	97,649	91,684
Congregational Development	-	60,973	-	-	60,973	-
Indigenous Ministry	-	60,324	-	-	60,324	15,000
Diocesan Funds	-	-	26,817	1,500	28,317	33,604
	<u>-</u>	<u>325,223</u>	<u>26,817</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>353,540</u>	<u>190,534</u>
	<u>1,045,733</u>	<u>329,223</u>	<u>875,829</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>2,252,285</u>	<u>1,260,831</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before other items	<u>(61,003)</u>	<u>(224,166)</u>	<u>267,051</u>	<u>22,970</u>	<u>4,852</u>	<u>(34,540)</u>
Other items						
Increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	-	-	51,697	17,232	68,929	(54,313)
Contributions and (withdrawals) (Note 14)						
Parish withdrawals	-	-	(347,335)	-	(347,335)	(87,000)
Investment income distribution	-	-	(34,179)	(6,384)	(40,563)	(49,074)
Proceeds on sale of properties/insurance settlement	66,563	488,721	153,567	-	708,851	443,028
	<u>66,563</u>	<u>488,721</u>	<u>(176,251)</u>	<u>10,848</u>	<u>389,881</u>	<u>252,641</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ <u>5,560</u>	\$ <u>264,555</u>	\$ <u>90,801</u>	\$ <u>33,818</u>	\$ <u>394,734</u>	\$ <u>218,101</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(unaudited)

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Investment in Capital Assets	Externally Restricted	December 31 2014	December 31 2013
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 146,059	\$ 1,861,336	\$ 2,299,852	\$ 2,923,809	\$ 7,231,056	\$ 7,012,955
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(58,788)	264,555	64,348	124,619	394,734	218,101
Interfund transfers (Note 16)	83,691	(50,000)	(83,691)	50,000	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 170,962	\$ 2,075,891	\$ 2,280,509	\$ 3,098,428	\$ 7,625,790	\$ 7,231,056

	December 31 2014	December 31 2013
Internally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Diocesan Development Fund	\$ 1,759,547	\$ 1,544,992
Internally restricted	<u>316,344</u>	<u>316,344</u>
	\$ 2,075,891	\$ 1,861,336
Externally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Consolidated Trust Fund	\$ 2,247,640	\$ 2,106,839
Endowment Fund	<u>850,788</u>	<u>816,970</u>
	\$ 3,098,428	\$ 2,923,809

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

3



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21


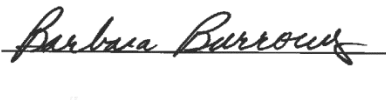


The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Statement of Financial Position
(unaudited)
December 31

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted			
	General Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Assets						
Current						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 308,914	\$ 69,982	\$ 950,534	\$ -	\$ 1,329,430	\$ 417,121
Accounts receivable	24,885	-	33,134	-	58,019	7,974
Prepaid expenses	9,230	-	-	-	9,230	3,856
Due from other funds	2,817	6,569	-	-	9,386	14,273
Accrued interest receivable	-	-	60,571	-	60,571	64,382
Receivables from parishes	163,763	-	-	-	163,763	98,997
Current portion of loans receivable from parishes (Note 5)	-	70,807	-	-	70,807	37,694
	<u>509,609</u>	<u>147,358</u>	<u>1,044,239</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,701,206</u>	<u>644,297</u>
Capital assets (Note 4)	5,168	-	-	-	5,168	7,383
Loans receivable from parishes (Note 5)	-	669,838	-	-	669,838	476,753
Investment in properties (Note 7)	2,292,889	-	-	-	2,292,889	2,317,690
Investments in securities, cost - \$4,855,610 (2013 - \$5,177,285) (Note 6)	90,494	947,549	3,049,804	850,788	4,938,635	5,214,822
	<u>\$ 2,898,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,764,745</u>	<u>\$ 4,094,043</u>	<u>\$ 850,788</u>	<u>\$ 9,607,736</u>	<u>\$ 8,660,945</u>
Liabilities						
Current						
Accounts payable	\$ 84,351	\$ 3,998	\$ 54,302	\$ -	\$ 142,651	\$ 89,366
Reach Campaign donations payable (Note 17)	-	-	377,715	-	377,715	-
Due to other funds	6,569	-	2,817	-	9,386	14,273
Deferred contributions	21,877	1,200	-	-	23,077	39,891
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 8)	8,066	-	-	-	8,066	7,673
	<u>120,863</u>	<u>5,198</u>	<u>434,834</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,895</u>	<u>151,203</u>
Long-term debt (Note 8)	9,482	-	-	-	9,482	17,548
Funds administered for others (Note 9)	-	-	1,410,016	-	1,410,016	1,259,633
Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation (Note 10)	-	-	1,553	-	1,553	1,505
	<u>130,345</u>	<u>5,198</u>	<u>1,846,403</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,981,946</u>	<u>1,429,889</u>
Net Assets						
Investment in capital assets	2,280,509	-	-	-	2,280,509	2,299,852
Unrestricted	170,962	-	-	-	170,962	146,059
Externally restricted	-	-	2,247,640	850,788	3,098,428	2,923,809
Internally restricted (Note 15)	316,344	1,759,547	-	-	2,075,891	1,861,336
	<u>2,767,815</u>	<u>1,759,547</u>	<u>2,247,640</u>	<u>850,788</u>	<u>7,625,790</u>	<u>7,231,056</u>
	<u>\$ 2,898,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,764,745</u>	<u>\$ 4,094,043</u>	<u>\$ 850,788</u>	<u>\$ 9,607,736</u>	<u>\$ 8,660,945</u>

Guarantee of parish loans and commitments (Note 11)

Approved By Executive Council

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

4



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Anglican Church of Canada		
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton		
Statement of Cash Flows		
(unaudited)		
Year Ended December 31	2014	2013
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Operating		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 394,734	\$ 218,101
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	2,215	3,164
Amortization of bond premium	27,366	22,327
Gain on sale of investments	(23,433)	(32,441)
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(44,911)	86,754
	<u>355,971</u>	<u>297,905</u>
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(50,045)	6,377
Prepaid expenses	(5,374)	5,982
Accrued interest receivable	3,811	185
Receivables from parishes	(64,766)	(78,887)
Accounts payable	55,145	(17,544)
Reach Campaign donations payable	377,715	-
Deferred contributions	(16,814)	30,560
	<u>655,643</u>	<u>244,578</u>
Financing		
Repayments to Anglican Episcopal Foundation	48	(5,849)
Repayments from parishes	58,802	177,362
Advances to parishes	(285,000)	-
Repayment of long-term debt	(7,673)	(7,300)
	<u>(233,823)</u>	<u>164,213</u>
Investing		
Proceeds from sale of investments in securities	1,105,099	1,310,697
Purchase of investments in securities	(787,690)	(1,847,614)
Proceeds from sale of investment property	24,801	-
Increase in funds administered for others	148,279	201,186
	<u>490,489</u>	<u>(335,731)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	912,309	73,060
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 12)		
Beginning of year	<u>417,121</u>	<u>344,061</u>
End of year	\$ <u>1,329,430</u>	\$ <u>417,121</u>

Supplemental cash flow information (Note 12)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

5



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Anglican Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton ("Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton" or "the Diocese") is a religious organization which consists of the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, the clergy of the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Registrar and representatives of laity duly elected. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton was incorporated under a private act of incorporation (Statutes of Alberta, 1914, Chapter 48) as a corporation, is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from tax.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). These financial statements include the accounts of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. They do not include the assets, liabilities, income or expenses of the parishes nor do they include the affairs of any diocesan related organizations which are separately incorporated and controlled. Assets acquired by the parishes and registered in the name of the Diocese are not shown on the balance sheet unless acquired from funds under the control of the Diocese and at a cost to the Diocese.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Diocese's financial statements in conformity with ASNPO, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of actions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates included in these financial statements are the fair value of investments in securities and collectability of receivables from parishes and loans from parishes.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which includes the general revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton and contributions which are not subject to trust arrangements.

The Diocesan Development Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities internally restricted which are used to provide assistance in the development of parishes in the diocese. At the 62nd Synod in October 2010, Canon 10.21A was revised to allow this fund to also use its net asset excess over \$750,000 for ministry purposes.

The Consolidated Trust Fund ("CTF") is an investment fund held by the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. It consists of several sub-funds, each established for a specific purpose, and some of which are held in trust for individual parishes or ministries in the Diocese. Each sub-fund is documented as to its origin, its purpose, any constating documents, and any restrictions on its use, including any applicable restrictions on the use of capital. Each sub-fund receives a pro-rata share of the investment income of the whole CTF. Additions to, withdrawals, and disbursement of income from any given sub-fund may be made from time to time depending on the nature of each specific sub-fund. The CTF is managed by the Administration and Finance Committee, subject to the Constitution, Canons and Act of Incorporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, and subject to the various wills, trust deeds or other constating documents establishing the sub-funds.

The Endowment Fund includes contributions that have been permanently restricted by the respective donors to be held in perpetuity. The Endowment Fund consists of seven separate funds for which the income is to be used for the purposes as restricted by the donors.



2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton follows the restricted method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned on fund resources is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund.

Fees are recognized as revenue of the General Fund when the conference or program is held.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include balances with banks net of outstanding cheques and highly liquid investments with maturities of less than three months from the balance sheet date.

Investments in securities

Investments are recorded at market value. Fluctuations in the quoted market value are recognized in the statement of operations as increase (decrease) in fair value of investments in the Consolidated Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund. Interest and dividends on marketable securities are recorded as revenue when earned.

Bond premium and discounts are amortized straight line over the maturity term of the investments. For those investments with maturity dates in 2015, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton's intention is to reinvest for long term purposes.

Investment in properties

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton holds title to most properties on which there are Anglican parish buildings. These titles are held in trust for active parishes. The Diocese owns all vacant properties.

Properties which have been acquired by bequest or gift are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the property is recorded at nominal value.

From time to time, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton assists parishes to acquire land and buildings. These expenditures are recorded as investments in property which generally reflect only a portion of the cost of the total land and building.

Investments in property are not amortized and are written down to market value if it is determined that the value has incurred a decline that is other than temporary.

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases are recorded at cost. The cost less estimated salvage value of capital assets is amortized by the declining balance method at an annual rate of 30% over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Diocese tests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an item or class of asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of long-lived assets is based on the net recoverable amounts determined on an undiscounted cash flow basis. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its net recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that fair value is below the asset's carrying amount. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices where available, otherwise on discounted cash flows over the life of the asset.

Donated materials and contributed services

Donated materials and services are recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are normally purchased by the Diocese.



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Funds administered for others

Funds administered for others represent funds belonging to other organizations and are pooled for investment purposes in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Accordingly, these financial statements include assets administered for other organizations in the Consolidated Trust Fund's assets and reflect the balance of such funds as a liability. Contributions, investment income and withdrawal of these funds are adjusted to the carrying value of the funds and are not reported as revenue or expenditures of the Consolidated Trust Fund.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement:

The Diocese's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement:

At each reporting date, the Diocese measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The Diocese has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the Diocese's investments quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, receivables and loans with parishes, accounts payable, due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation and long-term debt. The carrying value of financial instruments approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature, unless otherwise noted.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Diocese regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Diocese determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Grants	2014	2013
Alpha Ministries Canada	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Continuing education	7,493	8,274
Messenger	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,880</u>
	\$ 10,373	\$ 10,154

The expenditures related to these restricted contributions have been incurred in the fiscal year.



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2014 Net Book Value	2013 Net Book Value
Leasehold improvements	\$ 1,845	\$ 1,535	\$ 310	\$ 443
Computers and furniture	72,360	67,502	4,858	6,940
	<u>\$ 74,205</u>	<u>\$ 69,037</u>	<u>\$ 5,168</u>	<u>\$ 7,383</u>

5. Loans receivable from parishes

	2014	2013
Loans to parishes earn interest at an annual rate of 3%, are due in monthly installments between \$172 and \$1,448 including principal and interest, maturing between 2015 and 2040.	\$ 740,645	\$ 514,447
Less: current portion	<u>70,807</u>	<u>37,694</u>
	<u>\$ 669,838</u>	<u>\$ 476,753</u>

The loans receivable from parishes are unsecured.

6. Investments in securities

	GICs	Bonds	2014	2013
Fair value, December 31, 2013	\$ 2,986,277	\$ 2,228,545	\$ 5,214,822	\$ 4,754,546
Purchases	570,000	217,690	787,690	1,847,614
Disposals/maturities	(742,000)	(363,099)	(1,105,099)	(1,310,697)
Change in Manulife Segregated Fund	-	988	988	2,082
Change in accrued interest	3,811	-	3,811	185
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	(8,571)	(6,746)	(15,317)	(70,861)
Change in fair value of investments held	(2)	45,141	45,139	(20,823)
Change in fair value of purchased investments	4,036	2,565	6,601	12,776
Fair value, December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 2,813,551</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,084</u>	<u>\$ 4,938,635</u>	<u>\$ 5,214,822</u>



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

7. Investment in properties	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
All Saints, Drayton Valley - land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
St. Mary Abbot, Barrhead - building	10,000	10,000
Good Shepherd, Edmonton - land and buildings	474,365	474,365
Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton - land	70,000	70,000
St. Andrew, Morinville - building	-	24,801
St. Columba, Beaumont - land	18,806	18,806
St. Faith, Edmonton - building	18,838	18,838
St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall	1,234,628	1,234,628
St. John, St. Paul - land	17,294	17,294
St. Margaret, Edmonton - land	55,000	55,000
St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton - land	207,500	207,500
St. Patrick, Edmonton - building	123,203	123,203
St. Patrick, Whitecourt - land and building	<u>38,255</u>	<u>38,255</u>
	<u>\$ 2,292,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,690</u>

Investments in properties include the expenditures of the Diocese related to the above specific parishes' land and building. It does not include all parish land and buildings, ownership of which is subject to the Canons of the Diocese. The investment agreements with the parishes require repayment of the expenditures advanced at the discretion of the parish but no later than the date of sale of the land and/or building. The investments are secured as the Diocese holds title to the properties.

8. Long-term debt	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Anglican Foundation of Canada, at 5%, due in monthly installments including principal and interest of \$730, maturing February 28, 2017.	\$ 17,548	\$ 25,221
Less: current portion	<u>8,066</u>	<u>7,673</u>
	<u>\$ 9,482</u>	<u>\$ 17,548</u>

The Anglican Foundation of Canada loan is secured by the St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall with a carrying value of \$1,234,628.

Principal re-payments required on the long-term debt over the next three years are as follows:

2015	\$ 8,066
2016	8,478
2017	<u>1,004</u>
	<u>\$ 17,548</u>



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

9. Funds administered for others

	Parishes	Other	2014 Total	2013 Total
Opening balance	\$ 1,241,058	\$ 18,575	\$ 1,259,633	\$ 1,058,447
Net contributions	114,809	-	114,809	164,908
Investment income earned	40,037	585	40,622	44,585
Income disbursements	(5,048)	-	(5,048)	(8,307)
	<u>\$ 1,390,856</u>	<u>\$ 19,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,410,016</u>	<u>\$ 1,259,633</u>

10. Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation

The balance owing by the Consolidated Trust Fund to the Anglican Episcopal Foundation bears interest at the rate of interest earned by the Trust and is the same as that paid to the other participants in the Trust.

11. Guarantee of parish loans and commitments

a) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans with respect to specific properties:

2014		2013	
# of loans	Cumulative Total	# of loans	Cumulative Total
4	\$ <u>380,357</u>	5	\$ <u>490,014</u>

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans and is responsible for repayment of those loans should a parish be deemed to be non-performing.

b) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has entered into leases for office equipment. The minimum lease payments under the leases for the next two years are as follows:

2015	\$ 3,300
2016	\$ 3,300

c) From time to time, the Diocese and its parishes are involved in various claims and litigation arising in the normal course of operations. When the outcome of matters are uncertain and the Diocese does not currently believe that the outcome would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, statement of operations or liquidity, no provision for claims and litigation has been included in these financial statements. When the outcome of matters can be reasonably estimated and management has determined it is likely that a future event will confirm a liability exists at the date of the financial statements, the estimated contingent loss is accrued in the financial statements with a charge to the statement of operations. As at December 31, 2014, the Diocese is not aware of any claims outstanding.

d) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton entered into a contract in 2013 with a fundraising consultant for the Reach Campaign (Note 17) in the amount \$375,000 to be paid in monthly installments of \$31,250 in fiscal 2014. Effective December 23, 2014, this agreement was extended to February 27, 2015 with monthly payments of \$31,250.



The Anglican Church of Canada
 The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
 Notes to the Financial Statements
 (Unaudited)
 Year ended December 31, 2014

12. Supplemental cash flow information	2014	2013
Cash on hand and balances with banks	\$ 1,329,430	\$ 395,836
Short term investments	-	21,285
	\$ 1,329,430	\$ 417,121

13. Financial instruments

The Diocese's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

The Diocese holds marketable security investments and guaranteed investment certificates which are subject to various risks such as interest rate and market fluctuations. These risks are mitigated by restricting both the type and term of securities eligible for investment. It is management's opinion that the Diocese is not exposed to significant interest rate risk arising from financial instruments.

The Diocese is exposed to credit rate risk from parishes. Credit risk arises from the possibility that a parish may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The Diocese's accounts receivable balance is made up of numerous receivables which reduces the concentration of credit risk.

The Diocese is exposed to liquidity risk as the Diocese could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Diocese is therefore exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable and long term debt.

14. Contributions and withdrawals

Consolidated Trust Fund

Parish contributions represent contributions made by parishes upon sale of parish properties. Parish withdrawals represent contributions by the Synod to parishes for parish properties.

Investment income distribution is the distribution of income earned on the externally restricted investments of the fund.

Endowment Fund

Investment income distribution is the distribution of funds for purposes specified by the endowment.

15. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets of the General Fund include the following:

	2014	2013
General Diocesan reserve	\$ 313,478	\$ 313,478
Lambeth Conference	2,866	2,866
	\$ 316,344	\$ 316,344

16. Interfund transfers

During the year ended December 31, 2014, \$50,000 was transferred from the Diocesan Development Fund to the Consolidated Trust Fund to establish a fund to provide loans to assist relocating clergy. The fund was created from the proceeds of the insurance settlement on a parish property.



The Anglican Church of Canada
The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2014

17. Reach Campaign

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Campaign donations received	\$ 1,055,337	\$ -
Campaign expenses	(416,215)	-
Distribution of campaign donations to parishes	(314,763)	-
Distribution of campaign donations to Anglican Church of Canada	<u>(62,952)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net campaign donations retained by Diocese	<u>\$ 261,407</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

In January, 2014, the Diocese, along with the parishes, initiated a fundraising campaign - the Reach Campaign ("the Campaign"). The net proceeds of the Campaign are to be allocated to the parishes at 50% and the Anglican Church of Canada at 10%. The Diocese will retain the remaining 40%. The funds raised are to support mission work.

Campaign donations received to date from donors is \$1,055,337 and campaign expenses incurred to date paid to third parties is \$416,215. Campaign expenses include fees paid to a fundraising consultant (Note 11 d).

Campaign distributions of \$377,715 are included in current liabilities and represent the net proceeds to be distributed to parishes and the Anglican Church of Canada.

As at December 31, 2014, of the funds allocated to the Diocese from the Reach Campaign, \$261,407 have not been spent.

18. Comparative figures

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2015



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Contents

Review Engagement Report	1
Statement of Operations	2
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	3
Statement of Financial Position	4
Statement of Cash Flows	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6 - 13



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21





Review Engagement Report

Grant Thornton LLP
 1701 Scotia Place 2
 10060 Jasper Avenue NW
 Edmonton, AB
 T5J 3R8
 T (780) 422-7114
 F (780) 426-3208
 www.GrantThornton.ca

To the Executive Council of
 The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Canada

Grant Thornton LLP

June 16, 2016

Chartered Professional Accountants, Chartered Accountants

1

Audit • Tax • Advisory
 Grant Thornton LLP, A Canadian Member of Grant Thornton International Ltd



Diocese of Edmonton
 65th Synod
 Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31

2015 2014

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted		Total	Total
	General Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund		
Revenues						
Reach Campaign donations (Note 15)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 961,628	\$ -	\$ 961,628	\$ 1,055,337
Apportionment	838,105	38,400	-	-	876,505	842,317
Investment income	10,353	21,189	50,919	24,229	106,690	125,687
Contributions	62,171	6,080	30,968	-	99,219	83,968
Fees	58,782	1,246	-	-	60,028	105,358
Grants (Note 3)	33,347	-	-	-	33,347	10,373
Interest on parish loans	-	24,992	-	-	24,992	19,418
Centennial, office and other	16,595	-	-	-	16,595	14,679
	<u>1,019,353</u>	<u>91,907</u>	<u>1,043,515</u>	<u>24,229</u>	<u>2,179,004</u>	<u>2,257,137</u>
Expenditures						
Outreach Beyond the Diocese						
General Synod apportionment	185,100	-	-	-	185,100	185,900
International partnership	12,521	-	-	-	12,521	10,025
Provincial Synod assessment	10,200	-	-	-	10,200	10,200
Lambeth Conference	1,700	-	-	-	1,700	1,700
	<u>209,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,521</u>	<u>207,825</u>
Outreach Within the Diocese						
Aided ministries	42,160	-	-	-	42,160	11,712
Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Indigenous Ministry	42,068	-	-	-	42,068	42,516
Conferences and Clergy gatherings	36,532	-	-	-	36,532	92,459
Housing Initiative	24,616	-	-	-	24,616	-
Educational chaplaincy	23,400	-	-	-	23,400	23,400
Youth and special ministries (Ascend Program)	19,162	-	-	-	19,162	24,070
Hospital chaplaincy	18,983	-	-	-	18,983	19,041
Anglican Messenger	16,905	-	-	-	16,905	16,200
Cursillo	9,718	-	-	-	9,718	4,480
Camping programs	8,927	-	-	-	8,927	1,152
Diocesan Synod	6,690	-	-	-	6,690	-
General Synod	6,680	-	-	-	6,680	3,000
Synod properties	5,705	-	-	-	5,705	6,161
Clergy, lay, staff development	3,160	-	-	-	3,160	7,561
Bishop's discretionary expenses	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	-
Social Justice	1,102	-	-	-	1,102	10,000
Theological students	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
Ministry/Congregational development	-	-	-	-	-	890
Diocesan committees	-	-	-	-	-	80
Pastoral benefit support	-	-	-	-	-	54,074
	<u>267,808</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>267,808</u>	<u>318,796</u>
Synod Office Operations and Other Activity						
Reach Campaign disbursements (Note 15)	-	-	512,749	-	512,749	377,715
Salaries, allowances and benefits	408,807	-	-	-	408,807	401,341
Reach Campaign expenses (Note 15)	-	-	82,245	-	82,245	416,215
Disbursements of specified donations	27,536	-	30,097	-	57,633	37,136
General office expenses	45,755	-	-	-	45,755	35,459
Amortization	5,168	-	22,155	-	27,323	29,581
Office accommodation	23,400	-	-	-	23,400	23,400
Professional fees	7,000	4,000	6,000	-	17,000	14,786
Travel and other (centennial and feasibility study)	9,725	-	-	-	9,725	31,985
Telephone	4,104	-	-	-	4,104	3,964
Advertising	1,687	-	-	-	1,687	542
	<u>533,182</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>653,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,190,428</u>	<u>1,372,124</u>
Program Disbursements						
Congregational Development	-	241,720	-	-	241,720	60,973
Ministry Support	-	-	110,609	-	110,609	97,649
Rural Ministry Initiative	-	384	105,221	-	105,605	106,277
Indigenous Ministry	-	370	96,598	-	96,968	60,324
Diocesan Funds	-	-	16,658	29,485	46,143	28,317
	<u>-</u>	<u>242,474</u>	<u>329,086</u>	<u>29,485</u>	<u>601,045</u>	<u>353,540</u>
	<u>1,010,511</u>	<u>246,474</u>	<u>982,332</u>	<u>29,485</u>	<u>2,268,802</u>	<u>2,252,285</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures before other items	8,842	(154,567)	61,183	(5,256)	(89,798)	4,852
Other items						
Indian residential school settlement agreement refund	-	-	54,153	-	54,153	-
Increase in fair value of investments	-	-	23,132	7,710	30,842	68,929
Contributions and (withdrawals) (Note 13)						
Parish contributions	-	-	30,495	-	30,495	-
Parish withdrawals	-	-	(238,754)	-	(238,754)	(347,335)
Investment income distribution	-	-	(32,326)	(5,795)	(38,121)	(40,563)
Proceeds on sale of properties/insurance settlement	-	-	-	-	-	708,851
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(163,300)</u>	<u>1,915</u>	<u>(161,385)</u>	<u>389,882</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 8,842	\$ (154,567)	\$ (102,117)	\$ (3,341)	\$ (251,183)	\$ 394,734

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Internally Restricted</u>	<u>Investment in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Externally Restricted</u>	<u>December 31 2015</u>	<u>December 31 2014</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 170,962	\$ 2,075,891	\$ 2,280,509	\$ 3,098,428	\$ 7,625,790	\$ 7,231,056
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	14,010	(154,567)	(5,168)	(105,458)	(251,183)	394,734
Interfund transfers	(9,406)	-	9,406	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>175,566</u>	\$ <u>1,921,324</u>	\$ <u>2,284,747</u>	\$ <u>2,992,970</u>	\$ <u>7,374,607</u>	\$ <u>7,625,790</u>

	<u>December 31 2015</u>	<u>December 31 2014</u>
Internally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Diocesan Development Fund	\$ 1,604,980	\$ 1,759,547
Internally restricted (Note 14)	<u>316,344</u>	<u>316,344</u>
	\$ <u>1,921,324</u>	\$ <u>2,075,891</u>
Externally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Consolidated Trust Fund (Note 15)	\$ 2,145,523	\$ 2,247,640
Endowment Fund	<u>847,447</u>	<u>850,788</u>
	\$ <u>2,992,970</u>	\$ <u>3,098,428</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

3



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)
December 31

	2015		2014			
	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted		Total	Total
	General Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund		
Assets						
Current						
Cash	\$ 312,974	\$ 37,468	\$ 577,541	\$ -	\$ 927,983	\$ 1,329,430
Accounts receivable	6,712	-	4,679	-	11,391	58,019
Prepaid expenses	12,901	-	1,670	-	14,571	9,230
Due from other funds	12,946	1,538	-	-	13,584	9,386
Accrued interest receivable	-	-	57,159	-	57,159	60,371
Receivables from parishes	249,039	-	-	-	249,039	163,763
Current portion of loans receivable from parishes (Note 5)	-	222,237	-	-	222,237	70,807
	593,672	261,243	641,049	-	1,495,964	1,701,206
Capital assets (Note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	5,168
Loans receivable from parishes (Note 5)	-	1,155,805	-	-	1,155,805	669,838
Investment in properties (Note 7)	2,292,889	-	-	-	2,292,889	2,292,889
Investments in securities, cost - \$4,317,736 (2014 - \$4,855,610) (Note 6)	93,398	193,738	3,266,264	847,447	4,400,847	4,938,635
	\$ 2,979,959	\$ 1,610,786	\$ 3,907,313	\$ 847,447	\$ 9,345,505	\$ 9,607,736
Liabilities						
Current						
Accounts payable	\$ 103,573	\$ 5,806	\$ 22,130	\$ -	\$ 131,509	\$ 142,651
Reach Campaign donations payable (Note 15)	-	-	244,615	-	244,615	377,715
Due to other funds	1,538	-	12,046	-	13,584	9,386
Deferred contributions	90,049	-	-	-	90,049	23,077
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 8)	8,142	-	-	-	8,142	8,066
	203,302	5,806	278,791	-	487,899	560,895
Long-term debt (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	9,482
Funds administered for others (Note 9)	-	-	1,481,399	-	1,481,399	1,410,016
Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation (Note 10)	-	-	1,600	-	1,600	1,553
	203,302	5,806	1,761,790	-	1,970,898	1,981,946
Net Assets						
Investment in capital assets	2,284,747	-	-	-	2,284,747	2,280,509
Unrestricted	175,566	-	-	-	175,566	170,962
Externally restricted	-	-	2,145,523	847,447	2,992,970	3,098,428
Internally restricted (Note 14)	316,344	1,604,980	-	-	1,921,324	2,075,891
	2,776,657	1,604,980	2,145,523	847,447	7,374,607	7,625,790
	\$ 2,979,959	\$ 1,610,786	\$ 3,907,313	\$ 847,447	\$ 9,345,505	\$ 9,607,736

Guarantee of parish loans and commitments (Note 11)

Approved By Executive Council

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

4



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)		
Year Ended December 31	2015	2014
Increase (decrease) in cash		
Operating		
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ (251,183)	\$ 394,734
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	5,168	2,215
Amortization of bond premium	22,155	27,366
Gain on sale of investments	(30,757)	(23,433)
Unrealized gain on investments	(86)	(44,911)
	<u>(254,703)</u>	<u>355,971</u>
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	46,628	(50,045)
Prepaid expenses	(5,341)	(5,374)
Accrued interest receivable	3,412	3,811
Receivables from parishes	(85,276)	(64,766)
Accounts payable	(11,142)	55,145
Reach Campaign donations payable	(133,100)	377,715
Deferred contributions	66,972	(16,814)
	<u>(372,550)</u>	<u>655,643</u>
Financing		
Repayments to Anglican Episcopal Foundation	47	48
Repayments from parishes	72,299	58,802
Advances to parishes	(711,343)	(285,000)
Repayment of long-term debt	(9,406)	(7,673)
	<u>(648,403)</u>	<u>(233,823)</u>
Investing		
Proceeds from sale of investments in securities	972,443	1,105,099
Purchase of investments in securities	(424,320)	(787,690)
Proceeds from sale of investment property	-	24,801
Increase in funds administered for others	71,383	148,279
	<u>619,506</u>	<u>490,489</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(401,447)	912,309
Cash		
Beginning of year	<u>1,329,430</u>	<u>417,121</u>
End of year	\$ <u>927,984</u>	\$ <u>1,329,430</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

5



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Year ended December 31, 2015

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Anglican Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton ("Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton" or "the Diocese") is a religious organization which consists of the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, the clergy of the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Registrar and representatives of laity duly elected. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton was incorporated under a private act of incorporation (Statutes of Alberta, 1914, Chapter 48) as a corporation, is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from tax.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). These financial statements include the accounts of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. They do not include the assets, liabilities, income or expenses of the parishes nor do they include the affairs of any diocesan related organizations which are separately incorporated and controlled. Assets acquired by the parishes and registered in the name of the Diocese are not shown on the balance sheet unless acquired from funds under the control of the Diocese and at a cost to the Diocese.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Diocese's financial statements in conformity with ASNPO, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of actions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates included in these financial statements are the fair value of investments in securities and collectability of receivables from parishes and loans from parishes.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which includes the general revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton and contributions which are not subject to trust arrangements.

The Diocesan Development Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities internally restricted which are used to provide assistance in the development of parishes in the diocese. At the 62nd Synod in October 2010, Canon 10.21A was revised to allow this fund to also use its net assets in excess over \$750,000 for ministry purposes.

The Consolidated Trust Fund ("CTF") is an investment fund held by the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. It consists of several sub-funds, each established for a specific purpose, and some of which are held in trust for individual parishes or ministries in the Diocese. Each sub-fund is documented as to its origin, its purpose, any constating documents, and any restrictions on its use, including any applicable restrictions on the use of capital. Each sub-fund receives a pro-rata share of the investment income of the whole CTF. Additions to, withdrawals, and disbursement of income from any given sub-fund may be made from time to time depending on the nature of each specific sub-fund. The CTF is managed by the Administration and Finance Committee, subject to the Constitution, Canons and Act of Incorporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, and subject to the various wills, trust deeds or other constating documents establishing the sub-funds.

The Endowment Fund includes contributions that have been permanently restricted by the respective donors to be held in perpetuity. The Endowment Fund consists of seven separate funds for which the income is to be used for the purposes as restricted by the donors.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton follows the restricted method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned on fund resources is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund.

Fees are recognized as revenue of the General Fund when the conference or program is held.

Investments in securities

Investments are recorded at market value. Fluctuations in the quoted market value are recognized in the statement of operations as increase (decrease) in fair value of investments in the Consolidated Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund. Interest and dividends on marketable securities are recorded as revenue when earned.

Bond premium and discounts are amortized straight line over the maturity term of the investments. For those investments with maturity dates in 2016, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton's intention is to reinvest for long term purposes.

Investment in properties

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton holds title to most properties on which there are Anglican parish buildings. These titles are held in trust for active parishes. The Diocese owns all vacant properties.

Properties which have been acquired by bequest or gift are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the property is recorded at nominal value.

From time to time, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton assists parishes to acquire land and buildings. These expenditures are recorded as investments in property which generally reflect only a portion of the cost of the total land and building.

Investments in property are not amortized and are written down to market value if it is determined that the value has incurred a decline that is other than temporary.

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases are recorded at cost. The cost less estimated salvage value of capital assets is amortized by the declining balance method at an annual rate of 30% over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Diocese tests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an item or class of asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of long-lived assets is based on the net recoverable amounts determined on an undiscounted cash flow basis. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its net recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that fair value is below the asset's carrying amount. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices where available, otherwise on discounted cash flows over the life of the asset.

Donated materials and contributed services

Donated materials and services are recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are normally purchased by the Diocese.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
 The Anglican Church of Canada
 Notes to the Financial Statements
 (Unaudited)
 Year ended December 31, 2015

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Funds administered for others

Funds administered for others represent funds belonging to other organizations and are pooled for investment purposes in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Accordingly, these financial statements include assets administered for other organizations in the Consolidated Trust Fund's assets and reflect the balance of such funds as a liability. Contributions, investment income and withdrawal of these funds are adjusted to the carrying value of the funds and are not reported as revenue or expenditures of the Consolidated Trust Fund.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement:

The Diocese's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement:

At each reporting date, the Diocese measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The Diocese has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the Diocese's investments quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable, receivables and loans receivables from parishes, accounts payable, Reach Campaign donations payable, due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation and long-term debt. The carrying value of financial instruments approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature, unless otherwise noted.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Diocese regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Diocese determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Grants	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Alpha Ministries Canada	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Continuing education	1,650	1,880
Messenger	7,081	7,493
Housing Initiative Grants	<u>24,616</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 33,347</u>	<u>\$ 10,373</u>

The expenditures related to these restricted contributions have been incurred in the fiscal year.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2015 Net Book Value	2014 Net Book Value
Leasehold improvements	\$ 1,845	\$ 1,845	\$ -	\$ 310
Computers and furniture	72,360	72,360	-	4,858
	<u>\$ 74,205</u>	<u>\$ 74,205</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,168</u>

5. Loans receivable from parishes

	2015	2014
Loans to parishes earn interest at an annual rate of 3%, are due in monthly installments between \$138 and \$2,039 including principal and interest, maturing between 2016 and 2045.	\$ 1,378,042	\$ 740,645
Less: current portion	<u>222,237</u>	<u>70,807</u>
	<u>\$ 1,155,805</u>	<u>\$ 669,838</u>

The loans receivable from parishes are unsecured.

6. Investments in securities

	GICs	Bonds	2015	2014
Fair value, December 31, 2014	\$ 2,813,551	\$ 2,125,084	\$ 4,938,635	\$ 5,214,822
Purchases	424,320	-	424,320	787,690
Disposals/maturities	(550,000)	(422,443)	(972,443)	(1,105,099)
Change in Manulife Segregated Fund	-	(1,896)	(1,896)	988
Change in accrued interest	3,412	-	3,412	3,811
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	(10,294)	16,234	5,940	(15,317)
Change in fair value of investments held	(1)	(4,157)	(4,158)	45,139
Change in fair value of purchased investments	<u>7,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,037</u>	<u>6,601</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 2,688,025</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,822</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,847</u>	<u>\$ 4,938,635</u>



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

7. Investment in properties	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
All Saints, Drayton Valley - land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
St. Mary Abbot, Barrhead - building	10,000	10,000
Good Shepherd, Edmonton - land and buildings	474,365	474,365
Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton - land	70,000	70,000
St. Columba, Beaumont - land	18,806	18,806
St. Faith, Edmonton - building	18,838	18,838
St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall	1,234,628	1,234,628
St. John, St. Paul - land	17,294	17,294
St. Margaret, Edmonton - land	55,000	55,000
St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton - land	207,500	207,500
St. Patrick, Edmonton - building	123,203	123,203
St. Patrick, Whitecourt - land and building	<u>38,255</u>	<u>38,255</u>
	\$ 2,292,889	\$ 2,292,889

Investments in properties include the expenditures of the Diocese related to the above specific parishes' land and building. It does not include all parish land and buildings, ownership of which is subject to the Canons of the Diocese. The investment agreements with the parishes require repayment of the expenditures advanced at the discretion of the parish but no later than the date of sale of the land and/or building. The investments are secured as the Diocese holds title to the properties.

8. Long-term debt	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Anglican Foundation of Canada, at 5%, due in monthly installments including principal and interest of \$730, maturing December 25, 2016.	\$ 8,142	\$ 17,548
Less: current portion	<u>8,142</u>	<u>8,066</u>
	\$ -	\$ 9,482

The Anglican Foundation of Canada loan is secured by the St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall with a carrying value of \$1,234,628.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

9. Funds administered for others

	Parishes	Other	<u>2015</u> Total	<u>2014</u> Total
Opening balance	\$ 1,390,856	\$ 19,160	\$ 1,410,016	\$ 1,259,633
Net contributions	35,000	-	35,000	114,809
Investment income earned	39,111	596	39,707	40,622
Income disbursements	(3,324)	-	(3,324)	(5,048)
	<u>\$ 1,461,643</u>	<u>\$ 19,756</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,399</u>	<u>\$ 1,410,016</u>

10. Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation

The balance owing by the Consolidated Trust Fund to the Anglican Episcopal Foundation bears interest at the rate of interest earned by the Trust and is the same as that paid to the other participants in the Trust.

11. Guarantee of parish loans and commitments

a) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans with respect to specific properties:

<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
# of loans	Cumulative Total	# of loans	Cumulative Total
2	\$ <u>168,347</u>	4	\$ <u>380,357</u>

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans and is responsible for repayment of those loans should a parish be deemed to be non-performing.

In January 2016, the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton guaranteed a loan from CIBC in the amount of \$500,000 for work at St. John's the Evangelist, Edmonton.

b) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has entered into leases for office equipment. The minimum lease payment under the leases for the next year is as follows:

2016	\$	2,475
------	----	-------

c) From time to time, the Diocese and its parishes are involved in various claims and litigation arising in the normal course of operations. When the outcome of matters are uncertain and the Diocese does not currently believe that the outcome would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, statement of operations or liquidity, no provision for claims and litigation has been included in these financial statements. When the outcome of matters can be reasonably estimated and management has determined it is likely that a future event will confirm a liability exists at the date of the financial statements, the estimated contingent loss is accrued in the financial statements with a charge to the statement of operations. As at December 31, 2015, the Diocese is not aware of any claims outstanding.

d) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton entered into a contract in 2013 with a fundraising consultant for the Reach Campaign (Note 15) in the amount \$375,000 to be paid in monthly installments of \$31,250 in fiscal 2014. Effective December 23, 2014, this agreement was extended to February 27, 2015 with monthly payments of \$31,250.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

12. Financial instruments

The Diocese's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

The Diocese holds marketable security investments and guaranteed investment certificates which are subject to various risks such as interest rate and market fluctuations. These risks are mitigated by restricting both the type and term of securities eligible for investment. It is management's opinion that the Diocese is not exposed to significant interest rate risk arising from financial instruments.

The Diocese is exposed to credit rate risk from parishes. Credit risk arises from the possibility that a parish may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The Diocese's accounts receivable balance is made up of numerous receivables which reduces the concentration of credit risk.

The Diocese is exposed to liquidity risk as the Diocese could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Diocese is therefore exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable and long term debt.

13. Contributions and withdrawals

Consolidated Trust Fund

Parish contributions represent contributions made by parishes upon sale of parish properties. Parish withdrawals represent contributions by the Synod to parishes for parish properties.

Investment income distribution is the distribution of income earned on the externally restricted investments of the fund.

Endowment Fund

Investment income distribution is the distribution of funds for purposes specified by the endowment.

14. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets of the General Fund include the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
General Diocesan reserve	\$ 313,478	\$ 313,478
Lambeth Conference	<u>2,866</u>	<u>2,866</u>
	<u>\$ 316,344</u>	<u>\$ 316,344</u>



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2015

15. Reach Campaign

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Campaign donations received	\$ 961,628	\$ 1,055,337
Campaign expenses	(82,245)	(416,215)
Distribution of campaign donations to parishes	(427,292)	(314,763)
Distribution of campaign donations to Anglican Church of Canada	<u>(85,458)</u>	<u>(62,952)</u>
Net campaign donations retained by Diocese	<u>\$ 366,633</u>	<u>\$ 261,407</u>

In January 2014, the Diocese, along with the parishes, initiated a fundraising campaign - the Reach Campaign ("the Campaign"). The net proceeds of the Campaign are to be allocated to the parishes at 50% and the Anglican Church of Canada at 10%. The Diocese will retain the remaining 40%. The funds raised are to support mission work.

Campaign donations received to date from donors is \$2,016,965 (2014 - \$1,055,337) and campaign expenses incurred to date paid to third parties is \$498,460 (2014 - \$416,215). Campaign expenses include fees paid to a fundraising consultant (Note 11 (d)).

Campaign distributions of \$244,615 (2014 - \$377,715) are included in current liabilities and represent the net proceeds to be distributed to parishes and the Anglican Church of Canada.

As at December 31, 2015, of the funds allocated to the Diocese from the Reach Campaign, \$396,480 (2014 - \$261,407) have not been spent and are designated as the Diocesan Mission Campaign Fund in the Consolidated Trust Fund.

16. Refugee obligation

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton is the Sponsor Agreement Holder for refugees sponsored by parishes within the Diocese, and as such, is ultimately financially responsible for any shortfalls incurred by the parishes. Parishes which are sponsoring refugees conduct their own fundraising campaigns and/or partner with third parties. Each agreement calls for limited support for one year and therefore the obligation declines with time. Given the previous experience of sponsoring refugees, the Diocese has assessed the ultimate financial exposure to the Diocese to be unlikely.

17. Comparative figures

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2016



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



Contents

Review Engagement Report	1
Statement of Operations	2
Statement of Changes in Net Assets	3
Statement of Financial Position	4
Statement of Cash Flows	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6 - 12





Review Engagement Report

Grant Thornton LLP
 1701 Scotia Place 2
 10060 Jasper Avenue NW
 Edmonton, AB
 T5J 3R8
 T (780) 422-7114
 F (780) 426-8208
 www.GrantThornton.ca

To the Executive Council of
 The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada as at December 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the organization.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Edmonton, Canada

Grant Thornton LLP

May 25, 2017

Chartered Professional Accountants

1

Audit • Tax • Advisory
 Grant Thornton LLP, a Canadian Member of Grant Thornton International Ltd



Diocese of Edmonton
 65th Synod
 Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)
Year Ended December 31

2016 2015

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted		Total	Total
	General Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund		
Revenues						
Apportionment	\$ 830,312	\$ 38,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 868,412	\$ 876,505
Reach Campaign donations (Note 13)	-	-	719,311	-	719,311	961,628
Contributions	131,073	-	2,018	-	133,091	99,219
Investment income	9,734	11,221	74,838	20,912	116,705	106,690
Grants (Note 3)	113,558	-	-	-	113,558	33,347
Fees	60,186	-	-	-	60,186	60,028
Interest on parish loans	-	31,386	-	-	31,386	24,992
Office and other	302	-	-	-	302	16,595
	<u>1,145,165</u>	<u>80,707</u>	<u>796,167</u>	<u>20,912</u>	<u>2,042,951</u>	<u>2,179,004</u>
Expenditures						
Outreach Beyond the Diocese						
General Synod apportionment	188,860	-	-	-	188,860	185,100
International partnership	46,666	-	-	-	46,666	12,521
Provincial Synod assessment	10,200	-	-	-	10,200	10,200
Lambeth conference	-	-	-	-	-	1,700
	<u>245,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>245,726</u>	<u>209,521</u>
Outreach Within the Diocese						
Housing Initiative and End Poverty Edmonton	104,615	-	-	-	104,615	24,616
Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Indigenous Ministry	45,253	-	-	-	45,253	42,068
Educational chaplaincy	40,013	-	-	-	40,013	23,400
Conferences and clergy gatherings	28,556	-	-	-	28,556	36,532
Hospital chaplaincy	23,541	-	-	-	23,541	18,983
Aided ministries	15,708	-	-	-	15,708	42,160
Anglican messenger	15,382	-	-	-	15,382	16,905
Youth and special ministries (Ascension House)	14,809	-	-	-	14,809	19,162
Pastoral benefit support	14,007	-	-	-	14,007	-
Social justice	8,251	-	-	-	8,251	1,102
Camping programs	8,197	-	-	-	8,197	8,927
Synod properties	6,052	-	-	-	6,052	5,705
Clergy, lay, staff development	6,028	-	-	-	6,028	3,160
General Synod	3,974	-	-	-	3,974	6,680
Ministry/congregational development	3,212	-	-	-	3,212	-
Bishop's discretionary expenses	1,891	-	-	-	1,891	2,000
Diocesan committees	475	-	-	-	475	-
Cursillo	-	-	-	-	-	9,718
Diocesan Synod	-	-	-	-	-	6,690
	<u>339,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>339,964</u>	<u>267,808</u>
Synod Office Operations and Other Activity						
Salaries, allowances and benefits	432,959	-	-	-	432,959	408,807
Reach Campaign disbursements (Note 13)	-	-	316,537	-	316,537	512,749
General office expenses	38,631	-	276	-	38,907	45,755
Disbursements of specified donations	33,261	-	-	-	33,261	57,633
Office accommodation	23,400	-	-	-	23,400	23,400
Amortization	-	-	14,477	-	14,477	27,323
Travel and other	14,444	-	-	-	14,444	9,725
Professional fees	7,000	4,000	2,252	1,022	14,274	17,000
Telephone	4,110	-	-	-	4,110	4,104
Reach Campaign expenses (Note 13)	-	-	1,814	-	1,814	82,245
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	1,687
	<u>553,805</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>335,356</u>	<u>1,022</u>	<u>894,183</u>	<u>1,190,428</u>
Program Disbursements						
Rural Ministry Initiative	-	-	170,136	-	170,136	105,605
Ministry support	-	-	165,541	-	165,541	110,609
Indigenous ministry	-	-	134,324	-	134,324	96,968
Congregational development	-	26,430	71,608	-	98,038	241,720
Diocesan funds	-	-	19,516	9,503	29,019	46,143
	<u>-</u>	<u>26,430</u>	<u>561,125</u>	<u>9,503</u>	<u>597,058</u>	<u>601,045</u>
	<u>1,139,495</u>	<u>30,430</u>	<u>896,481</u>	<u>10,525</u>	<u>2,076,931</u>	<u>2,268,802</u>
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures before other items	5,670	50,277	(100,314)	10,387	(33,980)	(89,798)
Other Items						
Proceeds on sale of properties	-	-	79,470	-	79,470	-
(Decrease) increase in fair value of investments	-	-	(16,933)	(5,644)	(22,577)	30,842
Contributions and (withdrawals) (Note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parish contributions	-	-	71,261	-	71,261	30,495
Parish withdrawals	-	-	(26,500)	-	(26,500)	(238,754)
Investment income distribution	-	-	(43,580)	(5,800)	(49,380)	(38,121)
Writeoff of receivables from parishes	(16,707)	-	-	-	(16,707)	-
Indian residential school settlement agreement refund	-	-	-	-	-	54,153
	<u>(16,707)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,718</u>	<u>(11,444)</u>	<u>35,567</u>	<u>(161,385)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (11,037)	\$ 50,277	\$ (36,596)	\$ (1,057)	\$ 1,587	\$ (251,183)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Investment in Capital Assets	Externally Restricted	December 31 2016	December 31 2015
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 175,566	\$ 1,921,324	\$ 2,284,747	\$ 2,992,970	\$ 7,374,607	\$ 7,625,790
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(11,037)	50,277	-	(37,653)	1,587	(251,183)
Interfund transfers	(84,529)	76,387	8,142	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 80,000	\$ 2,047,988	\$ 2,292,889	\$ 2,955,317	\$ 7,376,194	\$ 7,374,607

	December 31 2016	December 31 2015
Internally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Diocesan Development Fund	\$ 1,655,258	\$ 1,604,980
Internally Restricted (Note 12)	392,730	316,344
	\$ 2,047,988	\$ 1,921,324
Externally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Consolidated Trust Fund	\$ 2,108,927	\$ 2,145,523
Endowment Fund	846,390	847,447
	\$ 2,955,317	\$ 2,992,970

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

3



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)
December 31

2016 2015

	Unrestricted		Externally Restricted		Total	Total
	General Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund		
Assets						
Current						
Cash	\$ 310,998	\$ 47,975	\$ 651,033	\$ -	\$ 1,010,006	\$ 927,983
Accounts receivable	10,590	-	3,516	-	14,106	11,391
Prepaid expenses	2,506	-	21,662	-	24,168	14,571
Due from other funds	47,068	-	-	-	47,068	13,584
Accrued interest receivable	-	-	51,385	-	51,385	57,159
Receivables from parishes	223,084	-	-	-	223,084	249,039
Current portion of loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	143,464	-	-	143,464	222,237
Current portion of investments in securities, cost - \$824,000 (2015 - \$580,000) (Note 5)	-	-	838,611	-	838,611	588,723
	594,246	191,439	1,566,207	-	2,351,892	2,084,687
Loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	821,691	-	-	821,691	1,155,805
Investment in properties (Note 6)	2,292,889	-	-	-	2,292,889	2,292,889
Investments in securities, cost - \$4,004,137 (2015 - \$3,737,736) (Note 5)	-	646,128	2,549,411	846,390	4,041,929	3,812,124
	\$ 2,887,135	\$ 1,659,258	\$ 4,115,618	\$ 846,390	\$ 9,508,401	\$ 9,345,505
Liabilities						
Current						
Accounts payable	\$ 41,908	\$ -	\$ 13,114	\$ -	\$ 55,022	\$ 131,509
Reach Campaign donations payable (Note 13)	-	-	129,621	-	129,621	244,615
Due to other funds	-	4,000	43,068	-	47,068	13,584
Deferred contributions	79,608	-	-	-	79,608	90,049
Current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	8,142
	121,516	4,000	185,803	-	311,319	487,899
Funds administered for others (Note 7)	-	-	1,819,246	-	1,819,246	1,481,399
Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation (Note 8)	-	-	1,642	-	1,642	1,600
	121,516	4,000	2,006,691	-	2,132,207	1,970,898
Net Assets						
Investment in capital assets	2,292,889	-	-	-	2,292,889	2,284,747
Unrestricted	80,000	-	-	-	80,000	175,566
Externally restricted	-	-	2,108,927	846,390	2,955,317	2,992,970
Internally restricted (Note 12)	392,730	1,655,258	-	-	2,047,988	1,921,324
	2,765,619	1,655,258	2,108,927	846,390	7,376,194	7,374,607
	\$ 2,887,135	\$ 1,659,258	\$ 4,115,618	\$ 846,390	\$ 9,508,401	\$ 9,345,505

Guarantee of parish loans, commitments and contingencies (Note 9)

Approved By Executive Council

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

4



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited) Year Ended December 31			2016	2015
Increase (decrease) in cash				
Operating				
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$	1,587	\$	(251,183)
Items not involving cash:				
Amortization of capital assets		-		5,168
Amortization of bond premium		14,477		22,155
Gain on sale of investments		(8,131)		(30,757)
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments		30,708		(86)
		<u>38,641</u>		<u>(254,703)</u>
Change in non-cash operating working capital:				
Accounts receivable		(2,715)		46,628
Prepaid expenses		(9,597)		(5,341)
Accrued interest receivable		5,774		3,412
Receivables from parishes		25,955		(85,276)
Accounts payable		(76,487)		(11,142)
Reach Campaign donations payable		(114,994)		(133,100)
Deferred contributions		(10,441)		66,972
		<u>(143,864)</u>		<u>(372,550)</u>
Financing				
Repayments to Anglican Episcopal Foundation		42		47
Repayments from parishes		551,886		72,299
Advances to parishes		(139,000)		(711,343)
Repayment of long-term debt		(8,142)		(9,406)
		<u>404,786</u>		<u>(648,403)</u>
Investing				
Proceeds from sale of investments in securities		863,253		972,443
Purchase of investments in securities		(1,379,999)		(424,320)
Increase in funds administered for others		337,847		71,383
		<u>(178,899)</u>		<u>619,506</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash		82,023		(401,447)
Cash				
Beginning of year		<u>927,983</u>		<u>1,329,430</u>
End of year	\$	<u>1,010,006</u>	\$	<u>927,983</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

5



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Year ended December 31, 2016

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Anglican Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton ("Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton" or "the Diocese") is a religious organization which consists of the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, the clergy of the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Registrar and representatives of laity duly elected. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton was incorporated under a private act of incorporation (Statutes of Alberta, 1914, Chapter 48) as a corporation, is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from tax.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). These financial statements include the accounts of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. They do not include the assets, liabilities, income or expenses of the parishes nor do they include the affairs of any diocesan related organizations which are separately incorporated and controlled. Assets acquired by the parishes and registered in the name of the Diocese are not shown on the balance sheet unless acquired from funds under the control of the Diocese and at a cost to the Diocese.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Diocese's financial statements in conformity with ASNPO, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of actions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates included in these financial statements are the fair value of investments in securities and collectability of receivables from parishes and loans from parishes.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which includes the general revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton and contributions which are not subject to trust arrangements.

The Diocesan Development Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities internally restricted which are used to provide assistance in the development of parishes in the Diocese. At the 62nd Synod in October 2010, Canon 10.21A was revised to allow this fund to also use its net assets in excess over \$750,000 for ministry purposes.

The Consolidated Trust Fund ("CTF") is an investment fund held by the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. It consists of several sub-funds, each established for a specific purpose, and some of which are held in trust for individual parishes or ministries in the Diocese. Each sub-fund is documented as to its origin, its purpose, any constating documents, and any restrictions on its use, including any applicable restrictions on the use of capital. Each sub-fund receives a pro-rata share of the investment income of the whole CTF. Additions to, withdrawals, and disbursement of income from any given sub-fund may be made from time to time depending on the nature of each specific sub-fund. The CTF is managed by the Administration and Finance Committee, subject to the Constitution, Canons and Act of Incorporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, and subject to the various wills, trust deeds or other constating documents establishing the sub-funds.

The Endowment Fund includes contributions that have been permanently restricted by the respective donors to be held in perpetuity. The Endowment Fund consists of seven separate funds for which the income is to be used for the purposes as restricted by the donors.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned on fund resources is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund.

Fees are recognized as revenue of the General Fund when the conference or program is held.

Investments in securities

Investments are recorded at market value. Fluctuations in the quoted market value are recognized in the statement of operations as increase (decrease) in fair value of investments in the Consolidated Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund. Interest and dividends on marketable securities are recorded as revenue when earned.

Bond premium and discounts are amortized straight line over the maturity term of the investments.

Investment in properties

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton holds title to most properties on which there are Anglican parish buildings. These titles are held in trust for active parishes. The Diocese owns all vacant properties.

Properties which have been acquired by bequest or gift are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the property is recorded at nominal value.

From time to time, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton assists parishes to acquire land and buildings. These expenditures are recorded as investments in property which generally reflect only a portion of the cost of the total land and building.

Investments in property are not amortized and are written down to market value if it is determined that the value has incurred a decline that is other than temporary.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Diocese tests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an item or class of asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of long-lived assets is based on the net recoverable amounts determined on an undiscounted cash flow basis. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its net recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that fair value is below the asset's carrying amount. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices where available, otherwise on discounted cash flows over the life of the asset.

Donated materials and contributed services

Donated materials and services are recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are normally purchased by the Diocese.

7



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:17-21



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Funds administered for others

Funds administered for others represent funds belonging to other organizations and are pooled for investment purposes in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Accordingly, these financial statements include assets administered for other organizations in the Consolidated Trust Fund's assets and reflect the balance of such funds as a liability. Contributions, investment income and withdrawal of these funds are adjusted to the carrying value of the funds and are not reported as revenue or expenditures of the Consolidated Trust Fund.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement:

The Diocese's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement:

At each reporting date, the Diocese measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The Diocese has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the Diocese's investments quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable, receivables and loans receivables from parishes, accounts payable, Reach Campaign donations payable and due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation. The carrying value of financial instruments approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature, unless otherwise noted.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Diocese regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Diocese determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Grants	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Continuing education	\$ -	\$ 1,650
Messenger	9,715	7,081
Housing Initiative	93,843	24,616
Anglican Foundation of Canada	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 113,558</u>	<u>\$ 33,347</u>

The expenditures related to these restricted contributions have been incurred in the fiscal year.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

4. Loans receivable from parishes	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Loans to parishes earn interest at an annual rate of 3%, are due in monthly installments between \$138 and \$2,039 including principal and interest, maturing between 2016 and 2045.	\$ 965,155	\$ 1,378,042
Less: current portion	<u>143,464</u>	<u>222,237</u>
	<u>\$ 821,691</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,805</u>

The loans receivable from parishes are unsecured.

5. Investments in securities	<u>GICs</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2015	\$ 2,688,025	\$ 1,712,822	\$ 4,400,847	\$ 4,938,635
Purchases	1,180,000	199,999	1,379,999	424,320
Disposals/maturities	(582,321)	(280,934)	(863,255)	(972,443)
Change in Manulife Segregated Fund	-	1,865	1,865	(1,896)
Change in accrued interest	5,774	-	5,774	3,412
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	(8,721)	(12,259)	(20,980)	5,940
Change in fair value of investments held	(77)	(26,716)	(26,793)	(4,158)
Change in fair value of purchased investments	<u>9,630</u>	<u>(6,547)</u>	<u>3,083</u>	<u>7,037</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 3,292,310</u>	<u>\$ 1,588,230</u>	<u>\$ 4,880,540</u>	<u>\$ 4,400,847</u>

6. Investment in properties	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
All Saints, Drayton Valley - land	\$ 25,000	25,000
St. Mary Abbot, Barrhead - building	10,000	10,000
Good Shepherd, Edmonton - land and buildings	474,365	474,365
Holy Trinity Riverbend, Edmonton - land	70,000	70,000
St. Columba, Beaumont - land	18,806	18,806
St. Faith, Edmonton - building	18,838	18,838
St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall	1,234,628	1,234,628
St. John, St. Paul - land	17,294	17,294
St. Margaret, Edmonton - land	55,000	55,000
St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton - land	207,500	207,500
St. Patrick, Edmonton - building	123,203	123,203
St. Patrick, Whitecourt - land and building	<u>38,255</u>	<u>38,255</u>
	<u>\$ 2,292,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,292,889</u>

Investments in properties include the expenditures of the Diocese related to the above specific parishes' land and building. It does not include all parish land and buildings, ownership of which is subject to the Canons of the Diocese. The investment agreements with the parishes require repayment of the expenditures advanced at the discretion of the parish but no later than the date of sale of the land and/or building. The investments are secured as the Diocese holds title to the properties.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

7. Funds administered for others

	Parishes	Other	<u>2016</u> Total	<u>2015</u> Total
Opening balance	\$ 1,461,643	\$ 19,754	\$ 1,481,397	\$ 1,410,016
Net contributions	308,947	806	309,753	35,000
Investment income earned	36,454	511	36,965	39,707
Income disbursements	<u>(8,869)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,869)</u>	<u>(3,324)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,798,175</u>	<u>\$ 21,071</u>	<u>\$ 1,819,246</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,399</u>

8. Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation

The balance owing by the Consolidated Trust Fund to the Anglican Episcopal Foundation bears interest at the rate of interest earned by the Trust and is the same as that paid to the other participants in the Trust.

9. Guarantee of parish loans, commitments and contingencies

a) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans with respect to specific properties:

<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
# of loans	Cumulative Total	# of loans	Cumulative Total
1	\$ <u>275,000</u>	2	\$ <u>168,347</u>

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has guaranteed reported parish loans and is responsible for repayment of those loans should a parish be deemed to be non-performing.

b) The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton has entered into leases for office equipment. The minimum lease payment under the leases for the next years are follows:

2017	\$	3,150
2018	\$	3,150

c) From time to time, the Diocese and its parishes are involved in various claims and litigation arising in the normal course of operations. When the outcome of matters are uncertain and the Diocese does not currently believe that the outcome would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, statement of operations or liquidity, no provision for claims and litigation has been included in these financial statements. When the outcome of matters can be reasonably estimated and management has determined it is likely that a future event will confirm a liability exists at the date of the financial statements, the estimated contingent loss is accrued in the financial statements with a charge to the statement of operations. As at December 31, 2016, the Diocese is aware of a potential claim involving a priest who was previously employed by the Diocese. The outcome of this claim is not determinable as of December 31, 2016.



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

10. Financial instruments

The Diocese's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

The Diocese holds marketable security investments and guaranteed investment certificates which are subject to various risks such as interest rate and market fluctuations. These risks are mitigated by restricting both the type and term of securities eligible for investment. It is management's opinion that the Diocese is not exposed to significant interest rate risk arising from financial instruments.

The Diocese is exposed to credit rate risk from parishes. Credit risk arises from the possibility that a parish may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfil their obligations. The Diocese's accounts receivable balance is made up of numerous receivables which reduces the concentration of credit risk.

The Diocese is exposed to liquidity risk as the Diocese could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Diocese is therefore exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable.

11. Contributions and withdrawals

Consolidated Trust Fund

Parish contributions represent contributions made by parishes upon sale of parish properties. Parish withdrawals represent contributions by the Synod to parishes for parish properties.

Investment income distribution is the distribution of income earned on the externally restricted investments of the fund.

Endowment Fund

Investment income distribution is the distribution of funds for purposes specified by the endowment.

12. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets of the General Fund include the following:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Diocesan reserve	\$ 389,864	\$ 313,478
Lambeth Conference	<u>2,866</u>	<u>2,866</u>
	<u>\$ 392,730</u>	<u>\$ 316,344</u>



The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
Year ended December 31, 2016

13. Reach Campaign

In January 2014, the Diocese, along with the parishes, initiated a fundraising campaign - the Reach Campaign ("the Campaign"). The net proceeds of the Campaign are to be allocated to the parishes at 50% and the Anglican Church of Canada at 10%. The Diocese will retain the remaining 40%. The funds raised are to support mission work.

Campaign donations received to date from donors are \$2,736,276 (2015 - \$2,016,965) and campaign expenses incurred to date paid to third parties are \$500,274 (2015 - \$498,460). Campaign expenses include fees paid to a fundraising consultant.

Campaign distributions of \$129,621 (2015 - \$244,615) are included in current liabilities and represent the net proceeds to be distributed to parishes.

As at December 31, 2016, of the funds allocated to the Diocese from the Reach Campaign, \$141,867 (2015 - \$396,480) have not been spent and are included in the Consolidated Trust Fund.

14. Comparative figures

Certain prior year figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 5: Diocesan Statistical Returns 2015-2016



**Anglican Church of Canada
Diocesan Statistical Return for 2015**

Diocese of Edmonton

A. MINISTRIES

1. Bishops

	<u>Number</u>
Diocesan	1
Coadjutors, Suffragans, Assistants	0
Sub-Total	1
Retired	1
On Leave or other	0
Total	2

2. Clergy

Parish-stipendiary	57
-non-stipendiary	18
Diocesan staff	1
Chaplains & special ministries	2
Other active (specify)	0
Sub-Total	78
Retired	53
On leave	11
Total	142

3. Other Ministries

	<u>Full-time</u>	<u>Part-time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vocational Deacons	0	10	10
Catechists	0	0	0
Church Army	0	0	0
Lay readers-stipendiary	0	0	0
-non-stipendiary	0	121	93
Total	0	131	103

4. Stipendiary Lay Workers

Diocesan staff	8
Parishes (other than lay readers)	26

B. CONSECRATIONS, ORDINATIONS, ETC.

Bishops	0
Priests	5
Deacons	5

Page 1



Total	<u>10</u>
-------	-----------

C. PARISHES

[a] Self-supporting	<u>45</u>	
[b] Aided	<u>8</u>	
Total (a+b)		<u>53</u>

CONGREGATIONS which make up Total Parishes	Total	<u>53</u>
Joint with other churches [not included above]	Total	<u>0</u>

D. PARISHES STATISTICS**1. Population**

Total members on Parish Rolls	<u>8,371</u>
Confirmed persons on Parish Rolls	<u>4,419</u>
Average Sunday attendance	<u>2,807</u>
Identifiable regular givers (envelopes, cheques, credit cards, etc.)	<u>3,106</u>

2. Church/Sunday School

Schools	<u>46</u>
Number of teachers	<u>193</u>
Number of pupils	<u>583</u>

3. Parish Records

Baptisms	<u>149</u>
Confirmations	<u>37</u>
Received from Other Communion	<u>34</u>
Marriages	<u>58</u>
Funerals	<u>225</u>

4. Organizations

	No. of Members
Anglican Church Women	<u>261</u>
Other women's groups	<u>395</u>
Men's groups	<u>333</u>
Other adult groups	<u>1299</u>
Youth groups	<u>182</u>
Church-sponsored youth (cubs, scouts, brownies, guides, etc.)	<u>192</u>
Church-sponsored adult (A.A., etc.)	<u>410</u>

Page 2



E. PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE**1. Income**

From members [including organizations]	5,555,718
Parish endowments	-
Grants received from the diocese	16,440
Other income [including grants from other sources]	2,965,440
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	128,423
Total income for the year	8,666,021

2. Expenditure

Current [all general operating costs, including salaries/benefits]	6,402,730
Capital [buildings/long-term repairs]	546,436
Repayment of loans [principal/interest]	165,970
Apportionment/Assessment to diocese	876,505
Special and other expenses [specify, if possible] (Reach)	82,911
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	262,657
Total Expenditure for the year	8,337,209

SURPLUS [DEFICIT] FOR THE YEAR

328,812

F. PARISH-OWNED BUILDINGS

(Churches, Halls, Rectories, including furnishings)

Estimated replacement value	119,052,894
Insurance	119,052,894
Outstanding indebtedness	1,324,152

G. DIOCESAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE**1. Income**

Apportionment/Assessment from parishes/missions	876,505
Flow-through cost recoveries included above (e.g. Group premiums, centralized payroll recoveries etc.)	-
Investment Income (dividends and interest)	131,682
Change in market value of investments, (where market value is used for audited financial statements)	30,842
Donations for Diocesan use	99,219
Undesignated bequests	-
Rental income	-
Sale of property (capital realized)	-
Endowments & trusts income	-
Grants from outside diocese (General Synod/A.C.W.)	33,347



Donations received for non-diocesan charitable programs (e.g. PWRDF, Canadian Bible Society)	
Other income (please give details)	
Miscellaneous	70,748
Program/Synod Fees	60,028
Transfers from Reserves, etc.	
Reach	961,628
Total Income for the Year	2,263,999

2. Expenditure

Diocesan administration (including salaries/benefits)	677,679
Grants to aided parishes	42,160
Special ministries (Including Diocesan Reach)	615,266
Diocesan program	225,648
Diocesan contributions to Anglican Appeal (N.B. not individual.)	
Provincial Synod*	10,200
General Synod*	185,100
Other expenditure (Parish / National Reach)	512,749
Total Expenditure for the year	2,268,802

SURPLUS [DEFICIT] FOR THE YEAR [1-2]

(4,803)

*Include Apportionment, Assessment, travel & hospitality for meetings

H. DIOCESAN-OWNED BUILDINGS

[Including furnishings]	
Estimated replacement value	508,977
Insurance	508,977
Outstanding indebtedness	8,142



**Anglican Church of Canada
Diocesan Statistical Return for 2016**

Diocese of Edmonton

A. MINISTRIES

1. Bishops

	<u>Number</u>
Diocesan	1
Coadjutors, Suffragans, Assistants	0
Sub-Total	1
Retired	1
On Leave or other	0
Total	2

2. Clergy

Parish-stipendiary	56
-non-stipendiary	18
Diocesan staff	2
Chaplains & special ministries	3
Other active (specify)	0
Sub-Total	79
Retired	51
On leave	12
Total	142

3. Other Ministries

	<u>Full-time</u>	<u>Part-time</u>	<u>Total</u>
Vocational Deacons	0	10	10
Catechists	0	0	0
Church Army	0	0	0
Lay readers-stipendiary	0	0	0
-non-stipendiary	0	121	93
Total	0	131	103

4. Stipendiary Lay Workers

Diocesan staff	6
Parishes (other than lay readers)	27

B. CONSECRATIONS, ORDINATIONS, ETC.

Bishops	0
Priests	1
Deacons	3

Page 1



Total	<u>4</u>
-------	----------

C. PARISHES

[a] Self-supporting	<u>50</u>	
[b] Aided	<u>3</u>	
Total (a+b)		<u>53</u>

CONGREGATIONS which make up Total Parishes	Total	<u>53</u>
Joint with other churches [not included above]	Total	<u>0</u>

D. PARISHES STATISTICS**1. Population**

Total members on Parish Rolls	<u>7,725</u>
Confirmed persons on Parish Rolls	<u>4,093</u>
Average Sunday attendance	<u>2,708</u>
Identifiable regular givers (envelopes, cheques, credit cards, etc.)	<u>3,072</u>

2. Church/Sunday School

Schools	<u>44</u>
Number of teachers	<u>190</u>
Number of pupils	<u>574</u>

3. Parish Records

Baptisms	<u>139</u>
Confirmations	<u>44</u>
Received from Other Communion	<u>12</u>
Marriages	<u>58</u>
Funerals	<u>203</u>

4. Organizations

	<u>No. of Members</u>
Anglican Church Women	<u>249</u>
Other women's groups	<u>323</u>
Men's groups	<u>233</u>
Other adult groups	<u>978</u>
Youth groups	<u>182</u>
Church-sponsored youth (cubs, scouts, brownies, guides, etc.)	<u>190</u>
Church-sponsored adult (A.A., etc.)	<u>295</u>

Page 2



E. PARISH INCOME & EXPENDITURE**1. Income**

From members [including organizations]	5,610,325
Parish endowments	-
Grants received from the diocese	41,223
Other income [including grants from other sources]	2,874,100
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	210,805
Total income for the year	8,736,453

2. Expenditure

Current [all general operating costs, including salaries/benefits]	5,481,576
Capital [buildings/long-term repairs]	784,398
Repayment of loans [principal/interest]	162,663
Apportionment/Assessment to diocese	868,412
Special and other expenses [specify, if possible] (Reach)	236,076
Appeals, P.W.R.D.F., etc.	222,889
Total Expenditure for the year	7,756,014

SURPLUS [DEFICIT] FOR THE YEAR

980,439

F. PARISH-OWNED BUILDINGS

(Churches, Halls, Rectories, including furnishings)

Estimated replacement value	121,712,851
Insurance	121,712,851
Outstanding indebtedness	965,430

G. DIOCESAN INCOME & EXPENDITURE**1. Income**

Apportionment/Assessment from parishes/missions	868,412
Flow-through cost recoveries included above (e.g. Group premiums, centralized payroll recoveries etc.)	-
Investment Income (dividends and interest)	148,091
Change in market value of investments, (where market value is used for audited financial statements)	(22,577)
Donations for Diocesan use	133,091
Undesignated bequests	-
Rental income	-
Sale of property (capital realized)	79,470
Endowments & trusts income	-
Grants from outside diocese (General Synod/A.C.W.)	113,558



Donations received for non-diocesan charitable programs (e.g. PWRDF, Canadian Bible Society)	
Other income (please give details)	
Miscellaneous	302
Program/Synod Fees	60,186
Transfers from Reserves, etc.	
Reach	719,311
Total Income for the Year	2,099,844

2. Expenditure

Diocesan administration (including salaries/benefits)	577,646
Grants to aided parishes	15,708
Special ministries	228,231
Diocesan program	739,749
Diocesan contributions to Anglican Appeal (N.B. not individual.)	
Provincial Synod*	10,200
General Synod*	188,860
Other expenditure (Reach)	316,537
Total Expenditure for the year	2,076,931

SURPLUS [DEFICIT] FOR THE YEAR [1-2]

22,913

*Include Apportionment, Assessment, travel & hospitality for meetings

H. DIOCESAN-OWNED BUILDINGS

[Including furnishings]	
Estimated replacement value	508,977
Insurance	508,977
Outstanding indebtedness	-





Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 6: Five-Year Summary of Parish Statistical and Financial Information



**Diocese of Edmonton
Comparative Parish Statistics for 2012 to 2016**

	Average Attendance					% Change Over Five Years	Sunday School Attendance					% Change Over Five Years	Youth Group Attendance					% Change Over Five Years	Parish Offering (Envelope & Special)					% Change Over Five Years	
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012		
St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead	27	24	22	38	42	-14	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	44,513	35,750	32,088	41,647	41,450	18			
St. Columba's, Beaumont	21	21	22	20	21	0	0	0	0	0	-100	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	47,947	46,951	40,823	31,179	34,653	25			
Holy Trinity, Bon Accord		9	15	13		-100				0	#DIV/0!				0	0		36,267	31,670	30,723	29,501	-100			
St. Andrew, Camrose	69	61	68	60	67	8	10	10	6	6	17	3		4	4	0	-100	109,505	121,953	120,308	113,004	111,328	-6		
St. John's, Cold Lake	30	26	30	37	40	-10	7	10	8	8	8	-18	4	4	12	0	0	56,499	46,201	41,966	52,394	43,541	23		
St. George's, Devon	45	30	22	26	33	62	17	15	8	8	20	33	14	14	10	12	17	90,466	70,140	52,113	45,908	42,056	72		
All Saints', Drayton Valley	42	42	41	42	56	-7	36	16	15	35	20	67			0	15	30	88,077	91,725	97,778	91,544	102,392	-8		
St. Mary's, Edgerton	21	22	24	22	24	-9				0	5	-100						40,107	39,235	39,294	38,323	38,943	3		
Holy Trinity, Cathedral	211	244	244	297	306	-23	13	10	12	14	12	8						333,496	318,780	332,626	336,114	325,234	2		
Christ Church, Edmonton	154	150	149	161	182	-4	14	13	14	17	15	-5	8	6	14	18	16	-41	336,343	329,263	333,700	343,683	329,544	1	
Good Shepherd, Edmonton	114	115	110	115	123	-2	23	24	19	19	7	33			5	6	0	-100	125,776	120,483	122,758	111,496	114,726	7	
Holy Trinity, Edmonton	212	189	185	191	188	13	72	20	20	20	20	260	6	5	4	4	4	41	348,723	302,664	326,121	314,605	295,320	13	
Holy Trinity, Chinese		19				-100						#DIV/0!								63,567	86,301	-100			
Holy Trinity, Riverbend	29	33	58	67	69	-49			15	6	10	-100							32,791	34,114				-4	
St. Augustine's, Edmonton	61	63	65	59	61	-2	5	4	8	0	0	67							141,511	148,701	157,716	147,819	161,739	-8	
St. David's, Edmonton	32	36	37	29	34	-6	13	8	17	8	7	30	8	9	7	0	4	60	100,719	100,836	94,193	83,190	86,895	10	
St. Faith's, Edmonton	47	51	46	44	39	4	13	14	12	13	9	8			0	0	0	#DIV/0!	84,034	47,095	40,437	42,136	36,284	103	
St. George's, Edmonton	56	74	74	77	85	-28	13	6	9	9	8	63			15	0		-100	101,467	105,845	134,956	110,665	112,166	-12	
St. John's, Edmonton	301	276	319	329	337	-5	99	78	90	87	95	13	72	39	36	35	32	103	736,500	669,296	582,923	570,198	549,876	24	
St. Luke's, Edmonton	76	69	70	70	85	3			12	11	8	-100			0	0	0	#DIV/0!	102,437	105,766	94,311	98,311	110,703	0	
St. Margaret's, Edmonton	86	90	91	101	104	-11	15	15	20	22	23	-25	4	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	145,562	143,697	139,801	145,534	141,159	2	
St. Mark-Jiang, Edmonton	40	47	35			-2	36	36				71							3,590	1,350				-100	
St. Mary's, Edmonton	26	30	35	36	41	-27	6	6	18	27	17	0						#DIV/0!	64,620	72,235	80,082	93,521	92,931	-24	
St. Manthas, Edmonton	92	93	101	105	117	-12	7	15	5	20	29	-59	7	8	11	13		-100	160,028	166,814	171,281	175,756	223,894	-13	
St. Manthas Filipino, Edmonton	33	35				-6	5					#DIV/0!											#DIV/0!		
St. Michael's, Edmonton	85	92	101	95	99	-12	18	11	13	13	16	36	7	11	9	9	8	-24	67,142	86,133	87,391	94,398	91,061	-25	
St. Patrick's, Edmonton	83	84	80	93	94	-5	13	17	18	18	23	-32	7	7	8	12	14	-32	94,104	96,877	96,808	117,563	109,692	-11	
St. Paul's, Edmonton	94	107	119	151	225	-38	25	36	38	61	61	-49	15	19	21	35	37	-46	343,210	394,883	370,168	432,789	575,931	-23	
St. Peter's, Edmonton	53	60	62	61	65	-15			0	0	3	-100			0	0	0	#DIV/0!	113,802	108,254	113,624	107,379	119,186	2	
St. Stephen's, Edmonton	73	72	62	65	75	7			5	5	5	-100							45,866	41,706	46,774	48,038	68,713	-11	
St. Timothy's, Edmonton	122	131	127	127	111	-2	15	20	26	12	8	-9	5	9	20	6	0	-43	205,771	243,103	200,799	179,287	190,084	1	
St. Catherine's, Edson	44	29	27	29	33	49	12	5	8			50							#DIV/0!	45,513	48,188	46,258	49,012	41,365	-1
St. Paul's, Evansburg						-100						#DIV/0!											#DIV/0!		
St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan	46	44	56	57	75	-21	0	6	4	6	5	-100	15					-100	63,360	77,017	93,056	98,897	98,997	-31	
Emmanuel, Gibbons	37		22	26	26	50			0	0		#DIV/0!							54,802	58,521	53,006	48,603	48,090	5	
St. Francis', Hinton		11	13	15		-100						#DIV/0!									1,7763	20,568	-100		
St. Mary & St. George, Jasper	29	30	34	30	29	-6			2			-100							61,325	58,868	56,374	55,302	33,618	20	
St. Peter's, Lac La Nonne	16	9	9	11	14	49						#DIV/0!								7,615	8,118	7,307	7,693	-100	
St. Paul's, Leduc	59	65	64	74	73	-14	15	20	25	30	21	-38	10	6	5	8	8	48	76,231	76,488	92,128	103,060	96,231	-17	
St. Andrew, Monnville			11	17	14	-100				0	3	-100									12,051	8,987	-100		
St. John's, Onoway	51	36	39	44	49	21			10	7	11	10			7	11	7	-100	51,990	58,203	64,227	67,308	73,930	-21	
St. Mary's, Ponoka	37	40	45	41	36	-9			11	10	8	-100							#DIV/0!	85,228	82,315	85,070	86,804	75,501	3
St. Mary's, Redwater	10	10	13	15	16	-26																			
St. Aidan & St. Hilda, Rexboro	15	14	13	22	26	-20														8,715	7,763	12,774	21,709	27,007	-50
St. Matthew's, St. Albert	115	119	120	118	115	-3	32	28	30	36	31	2	10	7	7	10	8	25	180,164	175,091	181,254	171,928	172,738	3	
St. John's, St. Paul	7	7	8	9	8	-13				0	0									4,785	4,268	3,197	4,955	4,335	14
St. Mary's, Sanguo	9	10	11	12	15	-25														3,553	3,300		5,142	4,703	-19
St. John's, Sedgewick	20	15	14	27	13	16						#DIV/0!								18,631	13,599	13,592	15,461	17,570	20
St. Thomas', Sherwood Park	121	124	123	134	135	-6	12	17	15	10	13	-13			6	6	8	10	-100	224,965	222,619	227,158	229,176	238,626	-2
St. Augustine's, Spruce Grove	116	123	131	118	119	-5			23	15	8	25	-100	12	13	12	4	6	37	163,374	168,856	164,861	150,400	135,762	5
Holy Trinity, Tofield	10	12	18	18	18	-39						#DIV/0!								13,558	24,870	26,140	23,311	18,832	-42
St. Mary's, Vegreville	15	15	29	30	32	-43			5	5	10	5	-100						31,114	30,326	39,454	30,378	27,269	-2	
St. Saviour, Vermilion	38	31	32	36	45	6			1	1	2	4	-100						65,851	73,389	69,971	62,870	67,701	-4	
St. Matthew's, Viking	5		11	18	27	-73					0	-100								2,164			5,473	5,283	-60
St. Saviour, Wabamun	15	13	14			11						#DIV/0!								14,262	10,800	5,533			75
St. Thomas', Wanwright	29	32	34	34	39	-17			15	15	10	-100							64,662	66,717	69,675	63,912	63,503	-2	
St. Philip's, Westlock	31	33	35	33	29	-5	6	6		7	8	-14							55,162	56,808	54,035	55,238	49,420	2	
Immanuel, Wetaskiwin	29	32	35	34	37	-16	10	15	8	4	4	11							74,579	75,402	78,389	84,057	79,695	-6	
St. Patrick's, Whitecourt	22	23	22	14	25	5			8	3	4	-100								20,765	21,798	24,086	24,272	30,701	-18
TOTAL	3,261	3,233	3,389	3,547	3,824	-7	562	540	552	574	609	-1	182	182	186	215	209	-8	5,545,918	5,555,179	5,452,215	5,555,160	5,713,428	0	



Diocese of Edmonton
65th Synod
Sept 29-30, 2017

MADE NEW IN CHRIST

Appendix 7: Maps

Archdeacons:

- The Ven. Lee Bezanson, Archdeacon Preceptor
- The Ven. Chris Pappas, Archdeacon for Church Growth and Development
- The Ven. Alan Perry, Executive Archdeacon
- The Ven. Richard King, Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship

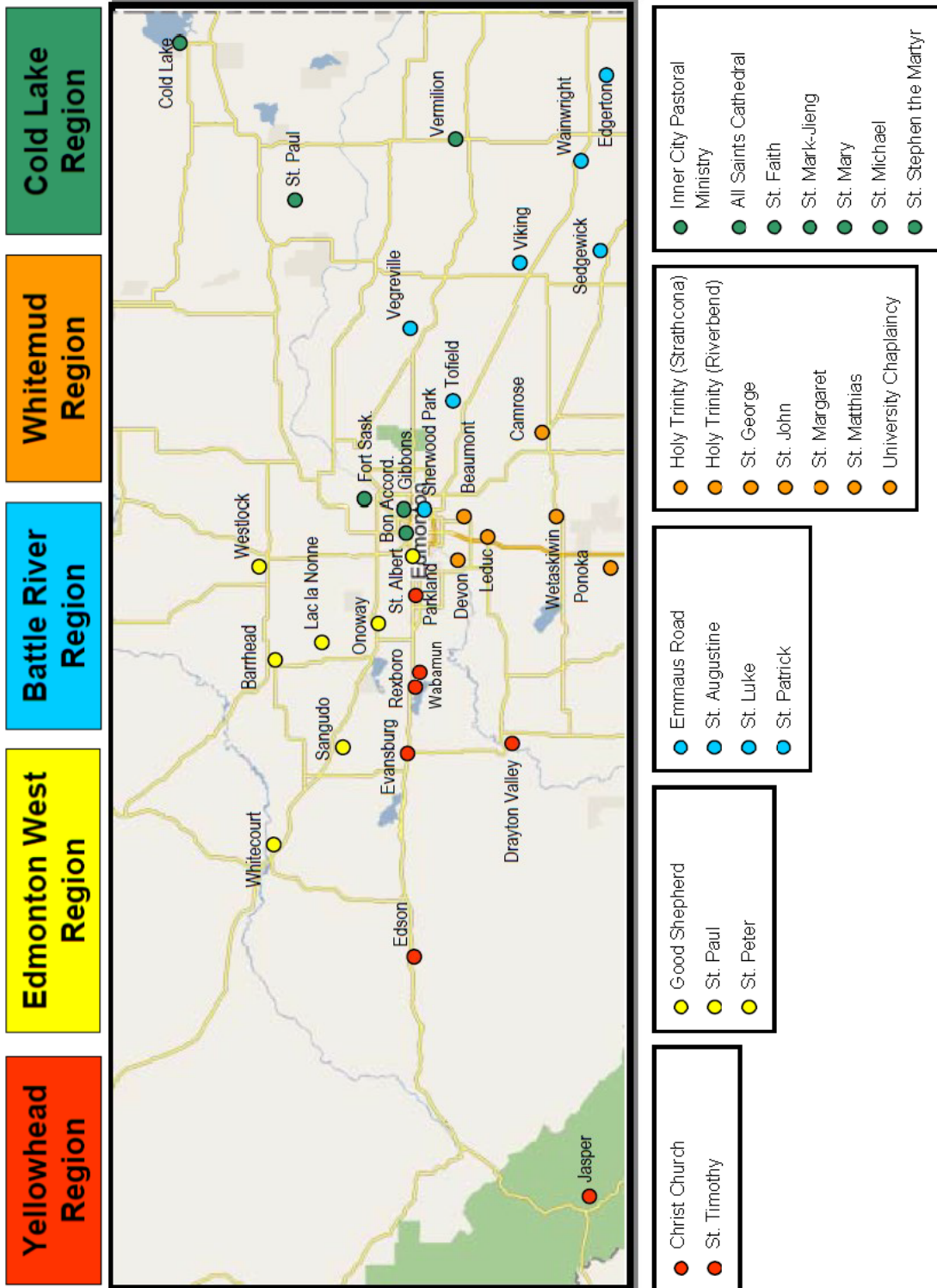
Dean:

- The Very Rev. Neil Gordon

Regional Deans and Deaneries:

BATTLE RIVER	COLD LAKE	EDMONTON WEST	WHITEMUD	YELLOWHEAD
<i>Regional Dean: Ann Marie Nicklin</i>	<i>Regional Dean: Colleen Sanderson</i>	<i>Regional Dean: Michael Williamson</i>	<i>Regional Dean: Alexandra Meek</i>	<i>Regional Dean: Susan Oliver</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Edgerton •EDMONTON St Augustine St David St Luke St Patrick •Sedgewick •Sherwood Park •Tofield •Vegreville •Viking •Wainwright 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bon Accord •Cold Lake •EDMONTON All Saints' Cathedral ICPM St Faith St Mark-Jieng St Mary St Michael & All Angels St Stephen the Martyr •Fort Saskatchewan •Gibbons •Redwater •St. Paul •Vermilion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Barrhead •EDMONTON EYOC / Remand Ctr Good Shepherd St Paul St Peter •Lac La Nonne •Onoway •St Albert •Sangudo/ Mayerthorpe •Westlock •Whitecourt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beaumont •Camrose •Devon •EDMONTON Holy Trinity, Strathcona Holy Trinity, Riverbend St George St John the Evangelist St Margaret St Matthias University Chaplaincy •Leduc •Ponoka •Wetaskiwin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Drayton Valley •EDMONTON Christ Church St Timothy's •Edson •Evansburg •Jasper •Parkland •Rexboro •Wabamun

Diocese of Edmonton Regions



First Nations – Treaty 8			
1	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	13	Loon River First Nation
2	Beaver First Nation	14	Lubicon Lake Band
3	Bigstone Cree Nation	15	Mikisew Cree First Nation
4	Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	16	Peerless Trout First Nation
5	Dene Tha' First Nation	17	Sawridge Band
6	Driftpile First Nation	18	Smith's Landing First Nation
7	Duncan's First Nation	19	Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
8	Fort McKay First Nation	20	Sucker Creek First Nation
9	Fort McMurray First Nation	21	Swan River First Nation
10	Horse Lake First Nation	22	Tallcree First Nation
11	Kapawe'no First Nation	23	Whitefish Lake First Nation (Atikameg)
12	Little Red River Cree Nation	24	Woodland Cree First Nation

First Nations – Treaty 6			
25	Alexander First Nation	34	Louis Bull Tribe
26	Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	35	Montana First Nation
27	Beaver Lake Cree Nation	36	O'Chiese First Nation
28	Cold Lake First Nations	37	Paul First Nation
29	Enoch Cree Nation	38	Saddle Lake Cree Nation
30	Ermineskin Cree Nation	39	Samson Cree Nation
31	Frog Lake First Nation	40	Sunchild First Nation
32	Heart Lake First Nation	41	Whitefish Lake First Nation (Goodfish)
33	Kehewin Cree Nation		

First Nations – Treaty 7			
42	Blood Tribe	45	Stoney Tribe
43	Piikani Nation		• Bearspaw, Chiniki and Wesley
44	Siksika Nation	46	Tsuu T'ina Nation

