

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO  
SYNOD COUNCIL  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2022  
ONLINE ONLY 6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Bishop Michael Oulton, Alex Pierson, Wayne Varley, Valerie Kelly, David Selzer, Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Pauline Eskerod, Richard Hetke, Joseph Burnham, Barb Gilbert, Lynn Mitchell, Jeff O'Hare, James Young, (2 call-ins), Kate McLean, Aveleigh Kyle (arriving late), Noel Henry, Peter Cory (late); James Young

**Regrets:** Alison Filteau, Garth Allen, Trish Miller

**Guests:** Canon Sharon Dunlop, Mary-Jo Mackinnon-Simms (Justice & Peace Commission); Sophie Kiwala, Michelle Hauser; Brooke Phillips, Carrie Anne Marshall, Marlo Jastak; Michelle Hauser, Scott Brubaker, Bill Clarke; Susan Graham Walker

**Opening Devotions:**

**Jeff O'Hare**

Jeff opened devotions with a picture of a painting that he's had for decades, given to him by a former parishioner. He shared the history and significance of the painting as a Lenten preparation.

**Agenda Review and Adoption**

**Chair**

The Bishop asked that the 3Adelaide presentation be moved ahead, following the covid up-date.

**Chair's Remarks and Bishop's Update**

**Bishop/Chair**

- Bishop Tom Corston's funeral was held February 1<sup>st</sup> in Sudbury; Bishop Michael attended and asks for on-going prayers for Tom's wife, Ruth
- Joint Assembly – meeting of the delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran in Canada & Anglican Church of Canada – has been postponed; General Synod Delegates have been notified
- The Cathedral of St. George continues its search for Rector of Kingston and Dean of Ontario; interviews are scheduled for the coming weeks
- Christ Church (Cataraqui) – continues its search for an Incumbent
- All Saints South Grenville's parish profile is near completion and the position of Incumbent will be advertised shortly

**Approval of Minutes – January 2022 Meeting**

**Chair**

**MOTION:**

**BCLARKE/JO'HARE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF 25 JANUARY 2022 be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising from the Minutes**

**Chair**

-none

**COVID-19 Pandemic Status****Bishop, DEO, AMP**

- Bishop Oulton reminded Synod Council that throughout the pandemic churches have not been “closed” but rather the ministry of the church into the world continues; protocols continue to be revised as do the monthly on-line meetings with Wardens, Treasurers & Clergy
- Wayne noted a cautious approach will hopefully allow for a “solemn Lent” and “joyous Easter”
- Alex reminded the Bishop of inquiries around guidelines for imposition of ashes; the Bishop indicated imposition would be permitted with distancing and masking

**3 Adelaide Street Update****Bishop, DEO, AMP**

Major Program Proposal

Equipping the Building

- Bishop Michael indicated a formal and public presentation highlighting this [program proposal](#) - Transition From Homelessness Project - occurred on Feb 3/22
- Bishop Michael invited Sophie Kiwala to introduce the program lead and members; she noted this is an inspiring and exiting pilot project being introduced. Carrie Anne Marshall is a professor at Western University and the director of the Social Justice in Mental Health Research lab.
- **Carrie Anne, project lead:**
  - introduced her team
  - gave a powerpoint presentation
  - acknowledged funding through the CIHR (Canadian Institute of Health Research)
  - this is a community-based participatory pilot project with many community-partners
  - addresses transition to housing following homelessness
  - produced a Peer to Community “hub” model
  - funding is for Kingston & London pilots
  - development of educational modules for peer support (OT & Social Work)
  - need ethics approval
  - a partnership has been developed with Providence Care and KFLA Addictions and Mental Health to develop this pilot program
  - will continue to refine the Peer to Community Model
- **Discussion followed the presentation.** The pilot needs a community space for the pilot project. It is hoped 3Adelaide will be the site; the Diocese is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding; Ethics approval is still required for the pilot project. Comments from members were supportive and very encouraging.
- **Bishop Michael** provided the background development of the space of 3Adelaide - on the site of the former Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd (Adelaide & Cowdy Streets). This project development has been in the works for eleven years in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and the building of three duplexes. Bishop Michael noted the initial discussions in the area by Rev. Christine Williams, followed by Rev. Canon Valerie Kelly (through construction of the three duplexes) and most recently with the Diocesan Community Outreach Coordinator, Taylor Lynch.

**Anglican Foundation (AFC)****Michelle Hauser  
Scott Brubacher**

Scott Brubacher, new Exec Director of Anglican Foundation, was introduced by Michelle. Michelle provided a detailed presentation on the overall success of the 2021 *Say Yes to Kids* Campaign. The 2022 campaign will be geared to parishes. Bill Clarke spoke of the *Ontario Says Yes* campaign being developed through the Diocesan Anglican Foundation supporting children and youth ministries in partnership with the AFC. Michelle is hosting webinars throughout February and March with the goal of building critical mass for youth nationwide. Bishop Michael commented on the success of the peer-to-peer model and highlighted the partnership between the Kingston Community Foundation and the Diocesan Ontario Foundation.

### **Synod Council – Governance & Responsibility**

#### **Bishop**

**Susan Graham Walker**

Bishop Michael introduced, Susan Graham Walker who is the Manager Congregational Giving & Stewardship in the Philanthropy Unit of the United Church of Canada and cross appointed to the Anglican Church of Canada. The Bishop wanted Synod Council and Susan to meet this evening. Susan has been invited to help facilitate discussion and dialogue around accountability, leadership and engagement work, and financial literacy within the diocese. This follows from Synod 2021 and the follow-up “hub” meetings the bishop held. Bishop Michael had hoped to have a half day Visioning session on Feb 12/22 but due to changes in pandemic modelling this was cancelled. He hopes an in-person session may happen in late Spring.

Susan offered three questions for Synod Council to consider around effective communication. The best way to respond to these questions was discussed. It is hoped a process will permit a fruitful opportunity for discussion at the up-coming Visioning Day. The Bishop provided a brief background leading to this point: a number of delegates/clergy at Synod voted against the budget for ratification, hence the Hub visits that occurred in November and December 2021. A debrief by the Synod Planning Team will consider recommendations moving forward. The Bishop values this difficult yet important conversation regarding communication flow. He indicated the three questions will be sent to council members with the responses “framing” the half day Visioning Day with Susan. Date to be determined as pandemic protocols permit.

### **Justice and Peace Commission**

#### **Sharon Dunlop**

**Mary-Jo Mackinnon-Simms**

**Valerie Kelly**

Sharon and Mary-Jo presented a powerpoint outlining the ministries of the joint Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission. Established by the Archdiocese of Kingston in 1987, in the 1990s the Catholic Archdiocesan Commission invited Bishop George Bruce to join as an ex-officio member in 2003; formalized in 2005. The Commission celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bishop Michael spoke of the January meeting in which he and Archbishop Michael Mulhall attended, an annual tradition. He noted the joint ministry of DOORS (Diocese of Ontario Refugee Support) and its “remarkable work”. He thanked the presenters for their time and ministries. The Commission is offering a Lenten series *From Grief Toward Healing, Responding to the Crises of Our Times* on Wednesdays in March beginning on March 9th. More information on the Commission is available on the [diocesan website](#).

**Ministry & Program Update****AMP**

Wayne noted the following:

- Reach Grant application approval: \$1500 to the up-coming Renovaré conference to cover cost of the facilitator and conference speaker
- 3Adelaide: two community groups and two churches had expressed interest in use of the building however in light of tonight's presentation the space will not be available except to the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd

**Stewardship & Congregational Development Update****Trish Miller**

-not available

**Worship Committee****Lynn Mitchell**

-not available

**Consent Agenda** (no items identified)

-nothing

**Other Business****Bishop**

-none

**Input for March Agenda****Bishop**

-the Bishop invited council to notify the diocese if any items

**Online Meeting Evaluations** – the link to the evaluation was provided for Council members to fill out

**Adjournment & The Grace** - James Young moved adjournment of the meeting at 8:10pm. Council joined in The Grace concluding the meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

March 22th 2022 6 pm

**Devotions:** Lynn Mitchell

Online Only (planned)

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Bishop Michael Oulton

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Rev. Canon Valerie Kelly, Clerical Secretary

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Date