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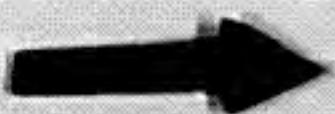
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Minutes of the One Hundred and FOURTEENTH Session
of the
Diocesan Synod of Fredericton

Fredericton, N.B., November 18, 1989

The 114th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton convened in the gymnasium of Christ Church (Parish) Church Fredericton, N.B. on Saturday, November 18th, at 9:30 a.m. with the Right Reverend George C. Lemmon, presiding. Opening prayers were led by the Bishop. Following the opening prayers, the Bishop led the Synod in a brief Bible Study, using the Comfortable Words as the basis of his teaching. The Bishop indicated that he would see the opportunity for Bible Study as an integral part of all future Sessions of Diocesan Synod.

Registration Committee:

The Rev. Malcolm Berry (Douglas and Nashwaaksis) reported that as of 9:30 a.m. 191 out of a possible 252 lay delegates and 75 out of a possible 121 clergy had registered. The Bishop declared that the Synod had achieved a quorum. Regrets were recorded from The Ven. T.W.F. Crowther (Moncton), The Rev. Canon Reginald Stockall (St. Philip's, Moncton), The Rev. Canon Herbert Hoyt (Retired), The Rev. Tom Corston (Parish of Chatham), The Rev. Eric Caldwell (St. Patrick and St. David), The Rev. David Barrett (Upham), and The Rev. David Dean (Dalhousie). The Bishop informed the Synod that Mr. Donald Barrett, the Father of the Rev. David Barrett and a parishioner of the Parish Church was seriously ill in the Chalmers Hospital. The Bishop commended Mr. Barrett to our prayers.

New clergy:

The Bishop welcomed new clergy in Deacon's Orders to the Diocese and to their first session of Synod:

- The Rev. John Paul Wadlin, Canning Chipman
- The Rev. David Titus, Sussex
- The Rev. Christopher VanBuskirk, Inner City, Saint John
- The Rev. Anthony Bassett, Coldbrook St Mary
- The Rev. Wilfred Langmaid, Newcastle Nelson

Recording Secretary:

114-01

Mr. L. F. Scott/The Rev. Jon Lownds THAT The Rev. Canon James T. Irvine be appointed Recording Secretary for the Session. Carried

Ministry Strategy Committee Report:

114-02

Mr. Robert Bishop/The Rev. Barry A. Thorley THAT the Ministry Strategy Committee Report be lifted from the Table. Carried

114-03

Mr. Robert Bishop/The Rev. Barry A. Thorley THAT the Report of the Ministry Strategy Committee be received for information and that any further action on the Report be the subject of a specific resolution on a particular item. Carried

A discussion ensued, involving several delegates and centering around the issues of the preamble to the Ministry Strategy Report and the issue of central pay. Concern was raised over the need to preserve parish autonomy.

Mr. Wilson Gilmore (Waterford and St. Mark) advocated a central pay policy and presented the following resolution:

114-04

Mr Wilson Gilmore / Mr Robert Storey THAT item 3(b) of the Ministry Strategy Report be considered by a committee appointed by the Bishop during the next year, and that by the next Synod this committee would report to Synod, and that we consider making this procedure mandatory pending the salaries come from the diocesan schedule and as directed by each parish as to the salary to be paid.

General discussion followed with comment on both sides of the issue. One question raised referred to the possible administrative costs of such a plan. The Diocesan Treasurer indicated that there was no significant cost factor involved.

Another question concerned the relationship between the central pay system and a set stipend scale and the response was that the two issues are not related.

Mr. Wilson Gilmore (Waterford and St. Mark) called for the question. The Bishop put the question and those in favour of the resolution numbered 169, with 91 opposed. Carried

A suggestion was made that the voluntary centralized payroll processing system be closely monitored for comparative purposes.

Announcement:

The Bishop announced that Mr. Wallace S. Turnbull, Q.C. (Rothsay) of the Saint John Law Firm of Clark, Drummie and Company has been appointed Chancellor of the Diocese. He succeeds Mr. Justice Ronald Stevenson (Fredericton) who served the Diocese in that capacity for many years and who has recently accepted the appointment as Chancellor of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. In his announcement the Bishop went on to say that Professor Beverley Smith (Prince William) of the Law Faculty of the University of New Brunswick has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese. Other announcements included the appointment of Mr. Harvey Malmberg (Fredericton) as Diocesan

Archivist; The Rev. David E. Mercer (Marysville) as Archdeacon of Fredericton for a five year term in succession to the Ven. A. B. Craig; The Rev. Barry Thorley (Newcastle and Nelson) as Regional Dean of Chatham; The Rev. Canon David Genge (Pennfield) as Regional Dean of St. Andrew's; and The Rev. William Sheppard (Kent) as Regional Dean of Shediac.

Bible Society Presentation:

The Bishop welcomed The Rev. Delbert Bannister, New Brunswick District Secretary for the Canadian Bible Society. Mr. Bannister outlined the opportunities for the Society with the changes taking place in recent weeks in Eastern Europe. As well, he indicated his willingness to address groups within the Diocese when called upon. Before taking his leave, he presented Bishop Lemmon with a copy of The Good News Bible. The Bishop thanked Mr. Bannister for the gift and for being with us to report to the Synod on the activities of the Society.

General Synod:

Bishop Lemmon emphasized the need for good communication at all levels of the life of the Church, and drew our attention to the report coming out of the General Synod that met in St. John's, Newfoundland earlier in the year. The summary report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A.

Permanent Diaconate:

The Rev. Barry Thorley (Newcastle and Nelson) presented the report from General Synod. Bishop Lemmon announced the appointment of The Rev. Canon James Irvine (Gondola Point) as the Chair of the Committee that will study the role of the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese. The Rev. William Forgrave (Hillsborough) and Dr. Marc Schneider (Douglas and Nashwaaksis) have also been asked to served on this Committee and the Bishop hopes to add additional names in the near future.

THE ANGLICAN JOURNAL:

The Ven. Harry C. Quinn (Portland) presented the report from General Synod. He informed the Synod that the new Board of Management of the Anglican Journal is made up with a fresh slate from across the national church with himself the sole exception to that rule. He urged members of Synod, and through them parishioners across the Diocese to return the questionnaire included in the current issue of the Journal. It is crucial that our voice be heard at that level, he said.

Book of Alternative Services:

The Very Rev. John Wright (Cathedral) presented the report from General Synod. The Bishop announced the appointment of The Rev. Canon Lyman Harding (Saint John) as the Liturgical Officer for the Diocese. In this capacity Canon Harding will chair the Liturgical Commission soon to be set up. The Bishop reiterated the policy on the use of the Book of Alternative Services enunciated by Archbishop Nutter. That is to say, the Book of Common Prayer remains, as always, the prayer book to be used by our Church. The Book of Alternative Services is not to be used more than 50% of the time.

Stewardship Report:

The Ven. F. Harold Hazen (Diocesan Archdeacon) presented the report from General Synod. Archdeacon Hazen pointed out that the entire area of stewardship and in particular the Biblical principle of tithing is no longer simply a motherhood issue as it has been in the past. The Church has to be concerned with helping people grow personally and spiritually and this attitudinal change will take time. Bishop Lemmon added that the national Church is presenting a model of Stewardship and Financial Development. In the Diocese of Fredericton we will want to emphasize Stewardship. He recognized the talents of The Rev. Canon Arthur Gregg (Lancaster) who served in the capacity as Chairman of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee for several years. A new Committee will be appointed, the Bishop added, and he would be announcing the appointment of a Chairman at an early date. Canon Gregg responded by saying that we must emphasize Financial Development and that we would neglect this to our peril. He observed that Jesus regularly taught about the nature of the Kingdom of God in the context of material possessions and money. Bishop Lemmon replied that what he envisioned was a wholistic approach that would include both aspects of Stewardship and Financial Development, not simply a campaign for funds.

Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue:

The Bishop presented the report from the General Synod. There are only four Lutheran Congregations in the Province of New Brunswick: Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton and New Denmark. The current policy provides us with an opportunity for an interim sharing of the Eucharist when we worship together as a larger community.

Matrimonial Commission:

The Bishop touched on the issue of the continuation of the Matrimonial Commission and acknowledged the good work of The Rev. Canon Walter Bockus (St. Paul) as Secretary of the Commission.

Mrs Deborah Cantor (Cambridge and Waterboro) asked about the current policy on pre-marriage instruction and whether or not it is a requirement. The Bishop stated that the current policy demands a 60-day notice of intention to marry and that instruction is a requirement. A pre-marriage program has been developed in the Diocese and is available.

Deanery of Kingston motion on allowances

Car Replacement Fund:

114-05

The Rev. Wallace Corey / Canon Philip Williston WHEREAS the fund now known as the Car Replacement Allowance, having become by legislation part of taxable income; as Regional Dean, I move on behalf of the Clericus of the Deanery of Kingston THAT the Car Replacement Allowance which is now taxable income, be paid to the Diocesan employees on a monthly basis, effective January 1, 1990.

114-06

The Rev. John Tremblay / The Rev. John Matheson THAT the Motion on the Floor be referred to the Diocesan Council to meet before December 31, 1989, so that the motion can be dealt with in its entirety. Carried

The hour being 11:45 a.m., the Bishop adjourned the Session to resume following the Holy Eucharist and Lunch.

Afternoon Session:

The Meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. Bishop Lemmon was in the Chair.

Miramichi:

Events of recent weeks in the Miramichi communities of Chatham and Newcastle have shocked the people of this Province and of this Diocese. The people in this area are under a state of siege and they are in need of our continued prayers. Most recently the murder of Father Jim Smith of Chatham Head in his rectory has startled the residents of these communities.

114-07

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley / Mr. John Burchill THAT we express our condolences to Bishop Troy and the clergy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saint John on the murder of The Rev. James Smith, parish priest in Chatham Head. Carried unanimously.

Committee on Report on The Bishop's Charge:

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley presented the Report.

114-08

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley / Mr. Tom Crowther THAT we receive the Report on the Bishop's Charge. Carried

Mr. Harvey Malmberg (Fredericton) presented a progress report on the Questionnaire circulated among parishes in September. As of this date only two parishes have not submitted a response to the Questionnaire. The Committee expects a 100% return. While some parishes were critical of the process, all demonstrated a high degree of vigour and interest in completing the task. He shared with us some of the qualities that unite us as a Diocesan family...

- a. to share
- b. visitation
- c. cooperation
- d. acceptance of differences
- e. commitment to Jesus Christ

...along with some of the issues that cause division within our Diocese...

- a. long services and long sermons
- b. unresolved misunderstanding
- c. lack of willingness to share
- d. rivalries
- e. arrogance and indifference

The prepared package "Specific Tangible Targets" was distributed to the members of Synod. This is attached to these Minutes as Appendix B The Bishop made several general observations.

114-09

Mr. Paul Mills / The Rev. Richard McConnell THAT the recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on "high standards of worship, encouraged and maintained" be implemented. Carried

114-10

The Rev. Philip Ward / Canon David Genge THAT the recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on "the Bible is taught faithfully and regularly" be implemented. Carried

114-11

Mr. Tom Crowther / The Rev. Philip Ward THAT the recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on "strong lay leadership" be implemented. Carried

114-12

Canon David Genge / Mr. Tom Crowther THAT the recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on "numerical growth" be implemented.

A great deal of debate ensued with respect to the tangible target of 10% growth as contained in the motion.

114-12a

The Ven. Harry C. Quinn / The Ven. J. F. N. Jones THAT the words "achieve a recorded 10%" be deleted and replaced with "adopt programs to stimulate" in "Diocesan numerical growth, section A."

After a lengthy discussion and debate, Mr. Albert Vincent (Millidgeville) called for the question on the amendment. The Bishop put the question. Those in favour of the amendment numbered 107, with 120 opposed. Lost

The Bishop put the question on the original Motion and it Carried

114-13

The Rev. Richard McConnell / Mr. Paul Mills THAT the recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on "commitment to Christian social service and missionary outreach" be implemented. Carried

114-14

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley / Mr. Tom Crowther THAT the Bishop's Charge Committee recommends that support be given to the clergy and people of our parishes in the deanery and archdeaconry level, and to this end we would again request a freeing up of the time of our archdeacons to assist in implementing these recommendations. Carried

114-15

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley / The Rev. Philip Ward THAT the Diocesan Council be responsible for implementation of the above criteria, that this matter be discussed at their December, 1989 meeting, and that a report of action and results be given at the 1991 Residential Diocesan Synod. Carried

114-16

The Rev. Barry A. Thorley / Mr. Harvey Malmberg THAT the Bishop's Charge Committee be discharged, as it's duties are completed. Carried

Presentation of the 1990 Diocesan Budget:

Mr. L. F. Scott, Diocesan Treasurer, presented the 1990 Diocesan Budget. The day being late, it was necessary for him to abbreviate his presentation.

The Rev. David R. Staples (Rothesay) observed that projected revenue from the Diocesan portfolio of \$5,071,999 should be \$262,000. Identified revenues total \$155,000 in the budget material circulated to members of the Synod. This suggests an oversight of \$107,000 in the accounting procedure, resulting in the following Motion to Refer...

114-17

The Rev. David R. Staples / Canon T. A. Smith In view of perceived inaccuracies in the 1990 budget, be it resolved THAT the 1990 Budget be referred to the full Diocesan Council for study and if necessary, revision.

This statement and referral motion prompted a great deal of debate and question. The treasurer indicated that the income included in the budget circulated among Synod Delegates reflected only the income which the diocese may use in its day to day operations. Other interest income is restricted as to use. Further discussion ensued with respect to income from the Diocesan Advance Fund. Concerned with the wording of the Motion on the Floor there was an amendment proposed:

114-17a

The Ven. F. Harold Hazen / Mr. Wilson Gilmore THAT the words "In view of perceived inaccuracies in the 1990 Budget" be deleted.
Carried

The Bishop put the question on the amended Motion and it
Carried

The Hour being 4:25 p.m. the Synod stood adjourned. General spontaneous comments from the Floor asked that in future sufficient time be allotted to the debate of Budgetary matters. The Bishop responded saying that the Budget would be first item on any future Synod called for this purpose. The Bishop closed the Session with prayer and dismissed us with his blessing.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon James T. Irvine, B.A., B.S.T.
Recording Secretary

SPECIFIC TANGIBLE TARGETS

On page four of your Charge you say:-

"I am asking you to establish goals which are realistic, achievable and measurable to fulfill our purpose and achieve our objectives.

My vision of the Church is an expansion of the vision which I had within the Parish. I draw on the criteria from the Anglican Digest. It has drawn this list to reveal those Episcopal Churches which have an exemplary spiritual vitality. The criteria for their selection is: (1) *High standards of worship, encouraged and maintained;* (2) *The Bible is taught faithfully and regularly;* (3) *Strong lay leadership;* (4) *Numerical growth;* (5) *Commitment to Christian social service and missionary outreach."*

Your Charge Committee has taken each of these criteria and from them developed the following targets:

1. High standards of worship, encouraged and maintained

A. Parochial liturgical consultation meetings to communicate and evaluate between the laity and the clergy a need for openness in the worship services. Then the whole Christian body may involve themselves in their worship to God more fully. These meetings shall begin to take place in every parish in our diocese in 1990.

B. That we utilize the regions we call deaneries for worship services of witness, possibly in conjunction with the Greater Chapter and that matters of doctrinal and theological concern may be emphasized. That these services may be seen as educational and instructional as well as an opportunity for the various regions in our dioceses to get together socially. Examples: Instructed Eucharist and music workshops. We recommend this begin in 1990.

C. Neighbouring parishes of different traditions exchange rectors and some congregants for one Sunday each year to broaden our understanding of the richness which our tradition has in its expressions of worship. This would be arranged through the deaneries in 1990.

D. To produce a new diocesan hymn book which primarily consists of joyful songs of praise. This book to be published with all copyright permission in 1990.

2. The Bible is taught faithfully and regularly

A. That a diocesan Bible Study, to be used in all parishes, be developed for Lent 1990. This should be used over and above any existing studies which are offered in our parishes at this time.

B. There be at least one Bible Study group in each parish in 1990.

C. We ensure daily lectionary studies are available for parishioners provided by parishes; eg. Forward Day By Day, The Upper Room, and The Canadian Bible Society Study Guide.

D. That Vestry meetings commence with Bible Studies.

ADDENDA

1. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Barry Thorley
Seconded: Mr. Tom Crowther

The Bishop's Charge Committee recommends that support be given to the clergy and people of our parishes in the deanery and archdeaconry level, and to this end we would again request a freeing up of the time of our archdeacons to assist in implementing these recommendations.

2. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Barry Thorley
Seconded: Rev. Phillip Ward

That the Diocesan Council be responsible for the implementation of the above criteria, that this matter be discussed at their December, 1989 meeting, and that a report of action and results be given at the 1991 Residential Diocesan Synod.

3. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Barry Thorley
Seconded: Dr. Harvey Malmberg

That the Bishop's Charge Committee be discharged, as it's duties are completed.

3. Strong lay leadership

A. That there be more lay voice and involvement in Synod.

B. Greater Chapter meetings and training sessions be designed and applied, to define and develop lay leadership.

C. Bi-annual reports be submitted to the Bishop by all parish wardens in the January preceding the Residential Synod. That a questionnaire be developed by the Bishop as a guide to the wardens in their reporting process. This to be implemented in January 1990.

4. Diocesan numerical growth

A. We achieve a recorded 10% growth in attendance in our churches (Sunday average) in 1990.

B. There be clergy training at deanery level in the areas of evangelism and church growth.

C. Following this there be combined lay and clergy deanery training in the areas of evangelism and church growth.

5. Commitment to Christian social service and missionary outreach

A. One additional outreach programme be investigated and developed in every parish of our diocese as a Christian service in the community during 1990.

B. We develop the contact with our twinned parish in the Companion Diocese of Eldoret in 1990. That a lay representative be appointed in every parish to do this work.

ADDENDA

Motions arising from the Specific Tangible Targets

1. Moved that-:

Moved: Mr. Paul Mills
Seconded: Rev. Richard McConnell

The recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on **"high standards of worship, encouraged and maintained"** be implemented.

2. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Phillip Ward
Seconded: Rev. Canon David Genge

The recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on **"the Bible is taught faithfully and regularly"** be implemented.

3. Moved that-:

Moved: Mr. Tom Crowther
Seconded: Rev. Phillip Ward

The recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on **"strong lay leadership"** be implemented.

4. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Canon David Genge
Seconded: Mr. Tom Crowther

The recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on **"numerical growth"** be implemented.

5. Moved that-:

Moved: Rev. Richard McConnell
Seconded: Mr. Paul Mills

The recommendation of the Bishop's Charge Committee on **"commitment to Christian social service and missionary outreach"** be implemented.

GENERAL SYNOD 1989

Your delegates to General Synod 1989 in St. John's, Newfoundland, June 14-23, met in September to consider together the experience of being part of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. The delegates who were able to meet were the Rt. Rev. G.C. Lemmon, the Ven. F. Harold Hazen, the Very Rev. John Wright, the Rev. Barry Thorley, Mr. Ronald Stevenson, Mr. Fred Scott, Mrs. Betty Scovil, and youth delegate Mrs. Marily Hynes. The Ven. H. C. Quinn and Mr. Abram Goss sent their regrets.

Over and above what was reported in the September issue of the N. B. Anglican the delegates wish to inform the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton on several matters.

Permanent Diaconate: The report "A plan to Restore the Diaconate in the Anglican Church of Canada" was received and commended to the Dioceses for study. A synopsis of the comments of the discussion is as follows: "Speakers emphasized the service dimension of the diaconal ministry and the role of the deacon to hold up the role of the servant church called to be in the world. Deacons are not called to do things instead of the laity, but to be signs for others so that they can be signs to the world. In a culture like ours, which does not place great value on caring for others, diaconate can be a powerful witness to the people of God of some basic Gospel imperatives and basic Gospel values. Such a witness from such a diaconate can call us back again and again to our vocation of responding to a generous God by embodying love for others, especially the poor. Such a diaconate will be seen as a God-given vocation to one who is called to be a deacon and is happy to be a deacon and will be a gift to the whole people of God in embodying the servant ministry to which we are called in our baptism and enabling the community to become engaged in that ministry".

Anglican Journal: Formerly the Canadian Churchman. Our Diocese was involved in the decision calling for a review of the newspaper before the appointment of a new editor. A synopsis of the decision is as follows: "Agreed that the National Executive Council review the performance of the Anglican Journal Episcopal under its terms of reference 4(a) and 4(b) to strengthen the communication of policies and activities of the Anglican Church of Canada in its membership, to assist various Anglican Church bodies who wish to make their work known to our church at large; and to emphasize a biblical and theological approach to the issues of the day, while maintaining the traditional editorial freedom of our national church paper, and that the National Executive Council be requested to defer any permanent editorial appointment until such a review has been completed".

Review of the B.A.S. : Many Dioceses, including the Diocese of Fredericton called for an independent commission to review the B.A.S. before the 1992 General Synod. A synopsis of the decision is as follows: "Agreed that the National Executive Council, in consultation with the House of Bishops, establish an evaluation commission comprised of members of the Doctrine and Worship Committee and other Bishops, clergy, and lay persons who together represent a wide spectrum of theological, liturgical, and spiritual traditions within the Anglican Church of Canada, which will continue the process of evaluating the Book of Alternative Services through broad consultation with dioceses and parishes and will reflect upon the results of the evaluation process and from time to time report such reflection to the church and in particular to the 33rd General Synod; and to direct that adequate funds be provided to finance the evaluation process".

STEWARDSHIP: The National Committee on Stewardship and Financial Development has developed and produced for the Dioceses and for use in the Parish a programme entitled "Stewards for Life". This is a parish programme resource manual for year-round stewardship. The Diocese has to make a covenant with the National Church vis-a-vis the programme before parishes are accepted into the programme. "The manuals are available to parishes through the Diocesan Office only when they covenant to enter into the programme as outlined. As many resources never get used this method of distribution is important to enable the parishes to use the material effectively". The National Committee will update the manual for five years. The parishes who agree to use the material need to make a five year commitment to the programme. We are reminded that changing attitudes may take many years. The clergy last March received a "Stewards for Life" brochure which gives an overview of the programme.

Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue: A synopsis of the agreement - "Agreed to welcome and rejoice in the substantial progress of the Canadian Lutheran-Anglican Dialogue and of other national, regional and international Anglican-Lutheran conversations, and to look forward to the day when full communion is established between the Lutheran and Anglican Churches, and to recognize the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada as a church in which the Gospel is preached and taught and to declare on this basis a relationship of Interim Sharing of the Eucharist beginning October 1, 1989, and to request that an evaluation of this relationship be presented to the 1995 General Synod together with proposals for future relationships. The Synod also AGREED to encourage the development of a common Christian life and mission throughout both churches by such means as (1) the welcoming by congregations of the respective churches of communicants from the other church, and the encouragement of their own communicants to receive Holy Communion in churches of other tradition both where pastoral need arises, and when ecumenical occasions make this appropriate; and (2) by the sponsoring of joint celebrations of the Eucharist after consultation with the diocesan/synodical bishops concerned, using the eucharistic rite appropriate to the presiding minister (Book of Common Prayer or Book of Alternative Services for Anglicans and the Lutheran Book of Worship for Lutherans) with an ordained minister of the other church assisting (evaluations of such joint celebrations of the Holy Communion should be shared with the bishops of the diocese/synod concerned, and with the ecumenical officers of the respective churches); (the presence of an ordained minister of each church at the altar in this way represents two churches expressing unity in faith and baptism as well as recognizing that there are remaining divisions which they are seeking to overcome, and that this implies neither rejection nor final recognition of the other church's eucharist or ministry); and (3) by fostering the following: regular prayer and intercession for the other church and its leadership, local study groups in which the Holy Scriptures as well as the historical and theological traditions of each church are examined, pastoral agreements which permit a minister of either communion to serve the people of both churches in sparsely populated and isolated areas of Canada, shared use of physical facilities, common programmes of education and outreach, reciprocal attendance at services of ordination and installation, although not yet participation in the laying on of hands, theological exchanges by invitations to theologians of the other church to make presentations at conventions, conferences and retreats, and cooperation in areas of social ministry. The Synod also AGREED to call for the communication of this resolution to the Anglican Consultative Council and the Lutheran World Federation, and to those churches with which each church is in dialogue or communion".

Matrimonial commissions: The Diocese of Fredericton was also involved in affirming the importance of the Diocesan Matrimonial Commission for pastoral care of our people who have gone through the traumatic event of a marriage break-up and who wish to begin a new relationship with the support of the Church.