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## In Memoriam

*We remember these faithful servants of God who have departed this life 2015-2017*

**Cleator, Bernice Margaret**, wife of The Reverend Canon Kenneth Cleator (pre-deceased 2002) who was an Honourary Assistant at St. John the Divine, North Bay; Bernice was an active member of the ACW and St. John's Friendship group.

**Daly, The Reverend Dorothy**, served in ministry 1962-2000 in various dioceses; Trinity Church (Parry Sound), St. Peter the Apostle (Elliot Lake), and Faith Lutheran (Elliot Lake) within the Diocese of Algoma; supported ecumenical efforts locally and internationally; Anglican representative on the Anglican-Roman Catholic Seminar in Rome and a member of the Visitors' Programme at the 1993 World Council of Churches in Vancouver; served nine years on the Senate and Curriculum Committee of the Vancouver School of Theology.

**Howson, Neil**, long time member of Holy Trinity Church, Sault Ste. Marie; on the Board of Directors of Cara Community; member of the Administration and Finance Committee from the early 1990's until the time of his passing.

**Hurst, Craig**, member of Christ Church Anglican, North Bay; from 2008-2014, Craig oversaw the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Diocese of Algoma as chair of the Implementation Team; former delegate to Synod; long-time People's Warden of Christ Church.

**Jordan, The Reverend Canon John Edward**, Honourary Assistant, Parish of West Thunder Bay; served in various parishes in communities across the Diocese of Algoma since 1953 including North Bay, Cobalt, and Thunder Bay; former editor of the *Algoma Anglican* 1979-1981; 63 years of ordained ministry; in 2008, awarded Honourary Life Membership of the Algoma Church Society.

**Lewis, Robert**, served as a Sunday School teacher, Warden, Lay Reader, delegate to Synod and Worship Leader at St. John the Divine (Copper Cliff); Diocesan Lay Reader and Lay Pastor; his ministry spanned over 25 years in various congregations in French River, Massey, Sagamok, Webbwood and Garson; promoted and assisted in leading the Alpha Course and involved in the Cursillo Community in the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin.

**Loy, Shirley**, 70-year resident of Chisholm Township and shared her gift of music for many years playing organ for St. Mary's (Powassan), St. John's (Chisholm) and Grace Church (South River).

**Mastelko, Janice**, past Diocesan Synod delegate; active member of Holy Trinity, Little Current and faithful Lay Reader for the parish.

**McLeod, Don**, long time member of Church of the Ascension (Sudbury); over the last 55 years served as Deputy Warden, People's Warden (twice) and as Rector's Warden; sat on the Parish Finance Committee; represented the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin as Lay Steward on the Diocesan Executive Committee.



**Middaugh, Gwen**, long-time member of Christ Church, Englehart, serving for over 60 years as organist and for many years as a warden. She led Junior Choirs to many medals at the music festival, co-founded the Englehart Community Choir (now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year), and brought glory to the Lord through her life and music.

**Moyle, The Reverend Ted Sr.**, retired Algoma cleric who had served in parishes in Thunder Bay (St. Luke's), Elliot Lake (St. Peter's), Wawa (St. Paul's), Hawk Junction (St. Gile's), and White River (All Saints'); Regional Dean for Algoma Deanery from 1991 to 1993.

**Paterson, Patricia**, wife of The Venerable Eric Paterson who served congregations in the communities of McGregor Bay, Thunder Bay, Haileybury, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, and Huntsville; was Archdeacon of Sudbury (1982-1992), Archdeacon of Muskoka (1993-1996); Honourary Assistant at Parish of the Good Shepherd (Emsdale – 2016).

**Payne, The Hon. Bruce**, former president of the Diocesan Court and a judge on the Ontario Court of Justice; former People's Warden at All Saints', Huntsville, where his daughter, Patti Payne, is now Deputy People's Warden and his wife, Marj, is coordinator of the Starfish program.

**Pitt, Carol Ann**, member of St. Brice's, North Bay, and Synod delegate representing that parish; long-time volunteer at St. Brice's and within her community of Phelps and North Bay.

**Robertson, Joyce Claire**, wife of The Very Reverend Lawrence Robertson (1927-2015), Dean Emeritus, St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie; she was a faithful companion to Lawrence during their ministries in the communities of Thunder Bay, Wawa, Parry Sound, and Sault Ste. Marie; she was a long time member of St. Luke's, the Anglican Church Women, Altar Guild and other church groups to which she gave generously of her time and spirit.

**Sandys-Wunsch, The Reverend Dr. John William Kervyn**, former Provost of Thorneloe University College, Sudbury, in the Diocese of Algoma; Honourary Associate at Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, and served congregations in Capreol and Garson.

**Sheppard, The Reverend Elliott Alton**, retired Algoma cleric; served in parishes in Sundridge, Nipigon and Red Rock during his time in the Diocese of Algoma (1981-1996).

**Speer, J. Henry**, Diocesan Lay Reader in the Deanery of Algoma; provided services at Holy Trinity (Sault Ste. Marie), Heyden, Searchmont, Goulais and at the Tender Care Nursing Home; long time member of Holy Trinity, Sault Ste. Marie.

**Speller, Susan Jean (Sue)**, long time member of St. Matthew's Anglican Church (currently Emmaus); delegate to Diocesan and Provincial synods; member of the mission trip team to the Diocese of Tarime, Tanzania, in 2014.

**Tipping, The Reverend Canon Murray**, founding priest of Christ Church Anglican, North Bay, in 1957; Honourary Assistant at Christ Church Anglican; installed as a Canon of the Diocese of Algoma in 2011.

*Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord, And Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them*

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA  
(May 5, 2017)

The Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Anne Germond  
The Dean – The Very Rev. James McShane  
The Treasurer – Mrs. Jane Mesich  
The Chancellor – Mr. Garth O'Neill  
The Registrar – Vacant

*Archdeacons*

The Venerable Harry Huskins  
The Venerable Roberta Wilson-Garrett  
The Venerable Dawn Henderson  
The Venerable Glen Miller  
The Venerable Marie Loewen  
The Venerable Deborah Kraft

*Regional Deans*

The Reverend Patrick McManus  
The Reverend Kelly Baetz  
The Reverend Doug Prebble  
The Reverend Joan Locke  
The Reverend Diane Hilpert-McIlroy

*Lay Stewards*

Ms. Mary McDonald  
Mrs. Frances Glover

Ms. Marcia Grawbarger  
Ms. Carrie Birtch

Mrs. Betty Whetham  
Ms. Susan Pincoe

Mr. Dale Sparkes  
Mrs. Kathleen Aitken

Mr. Gilles Tessier  
Mr. Tom Linck

*Bishop's Appointee*

Clerical – The Reverend Dr. Bob Derrenbacker  
Lay – Mr. Hugh Mackenzie

*Youth Representative*

Ms. Megan Trimmer

*Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples Representative*

Vacant

*ACW President*

Mrs. Donna Komhyr

2017  
SYNOD DELEGATES

ALGOMA DEANERY

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Blind River St. Saviour Hon. Assist.	Roberta Wilson-Garrett  Robert Elkin	Connie Horton	Brenda Bouchard
Thessalon Redeemer Hon. Assist.	  Muriel Hornby	David Bockman	Selby Kline
Garden River St. John	Pamela Rayment	Bontje Williams	Lana Grawbarger
Goulais River St. James	Bill Stadnyk	Doug Faggetter	
Heyden St. Mark	Henry Gaines	Elizabeth Gray	
Sault Ste. Marie: Christ Church Hon. Assist.	Richard Reed Earl Burke	Gordon Wong	Sam Henderson
St. Peter		Marian Birkinshaw	Marilyn Schmidt
Holy Trinity	Hugh Hamilton	Erica Speer Frances Glover	Din Oosterbaan Sharon Hill
St. Luke	James McShane	Caroldene Clarke John Muirhead	William Morton Chris Tossell
Emmaus	Patrick McManus	Judy Pratt David Taylor Alison Weir	Phyllis Walls
St. Joseph- St. George Hon. Assist.	Pat Brown  Rosalie Goos	Arthena Hecker Lisa Lamoureux	Gloria Riddell
Wawa, St. Paul White River, All Saints		Beverly Boyd	



MUSKOKA DEANERY

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Bala, Trinity/St. Alban	David Hardie	Glad Bryce	Ruth Hoshkiw
MacTier, All Saints Hon. Assist.	Margaret Johnston		
Bracebridge St. Thomas Priest Assoc.	Kellina Baetz Barbara Graham	Catherine Thompson Bill King	Philip Gunyon Peter May
Lake of Bays	Heather Manuel	Bob Romberg	Margaret Morrison
Good Shepherd/ Almaguin Hon. Assist.	Glen Taylor	Susan Pincoe Roger Mee	Dal Smeets Larry Jeffery
Gravenhurst St. James Hon. Assist.	Tom James	Rolf Cohrs Karen Cohrs	Jennifer Runham Shirley Marsden
Huntsville All Saints	Dawn Henderson	Hugh Mackenzie Georgi Doyle Peter Kear	Grant Nickalls
North Muskoka Pioneer	Judith Cooper	Kathaleen Earl	Marie-Louise Bechthold
Muskoka Lakes	Gail Marie Henderson	Barb Gibbs Lynn McBride	Helen MacNaughtan
Parry Sound Trinity	Nelson Small	Janet Borneman Troy Wilson	
Port Sydney Christ Church			
Falkenburg St George			
St. Stephen	Peter Simmons	Marilyn Goodhall Lynne Preston Jinny Flye	Joey Brown

SUDBURY-MANITOULIN DEANERY

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Capreol, St. Alban	Douglas Prebble	Mara Waern	
Coniston, All Saints	Genny Rollins	Bill Rivers	Sheila Stevens
Copper Cliff St. John	Glen Miller	Linda Goodale	David Stamp
Espanola, St. George	Beverly van der Jagt	Dorothy McGregor	Don Porter
Elliot Lake St. Peter the Apostle Hon. Asst.	Henk Willems  Beth Topps Willems	Barb Ingram	
Western Manitoulin All Saints, Gore Bay Kagawong/Silverwater	Aidan Armstrong	Mary Buie	
Little Current Holy Trinity		Robert Paxton	
Lively Christ Church		Tom Linck	Ruth Ann Linck
Great Spirit Island		Dorothy Anstice	Gloria Taliotis
French River St. Thomas		Russell van der Jagt	
McGregor Bay St. Christopher		Zoe McDougall	
Sudbury: Ascension Hon. Assist. Hon. Assist.	Rhonda Hirst Jeffery Hooper	Erma Howe Chantal Rozon	Brent Leigh Kathryn Greenidge
Epiphany Hon. Assist.	Michael Hankinson	Ruth Corston Patti Brace	Gwen Chmilar
Thorneloe	Robert Derrenbacker		



TEMISKAMING DEANERY

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Temagami, St. Simon	Beth Hewson	Sandy Elliott	Ollie Page
Northern Lights	Sherry de Jonge	Katherine Scott Brian Park	
Trillium Anglican Parish	Joan Locke	Linda O'Neill Barbara Byers	Michelle (Mickey) Odd
Sturgeon Falls St. Mary Magdalene Hon. Assist.	Michelle Ferguson Richard White	Candice Rapp	Michelle Turcotte
Temiscaming Holy Trinity		Therese Crawford	
North Bay: Christ Church Deanery Deacon	Marie Loewen Derek Neal	Laughlin (Red) Trowdale Colin Dennis Barb Gladden	Dave Saad Moreen Torphy
St. Brice	Peter Armstrong	Nancy Armstrong Carrie Birtch	Eva Black
St. John Hon. Assist.	Linda White Grant Churcher	Larry Claus Peggy Morrison	Dawn Clarke Alan Morrison

THUNDER BAY-NORTH SHORE DEANERY

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Lay Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Marathon, Trinity			
Nipigon, St. Mary	Diane Hilpert-McIlroy	Shirlene Mowat Kathleen Aitken	
Schreiber, St. John		Jamie Robinson	
West Thunder Bay Hon. Assist.	Charlene Scriver Paul Carr	Karl Ratz Janet Baillie	Brent Sand Brian Grant
Thunder Bay: St. George	Gordon Holroyd	Janet Creighton	Alan Creighton
St. John		Sharon Corston	Jim Bolt
St. Luke	George Porter	Michelle Proudfoot	Rose Jardine
St. Michael & All Angels Hon. Assist.	Margaret Lucas	Irene Wyrozub	Stacey Livitski
St. Paul Deacon Assoc.	Deborah Kraft Anne Carr	Ann Camber Deborah deBakker Laurie Sandham	Daniel Kline Dave Coy Alison Arthur
St. Stephen Deacon Assoc. Hon. Assist.	Ed Swayze Barb Fugelsang Eric Paterson	Diane Swayze	Glennis Forsberg
St. Thomas	Jonathan Blanchard	Garry Barker Megan Torfe Bonnie Shipston	Janis Barker

## YOUTH DELEGATES TO SYNOD

	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
<u>Algoma Deanery</u>	James Mesich Logan Rayment	
<u>Muskoka Deanery</u>	Lizzy Clifford	
<u>Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery</u>	Megan Trimmer	
<u>Temiskaming Deanery</u>	Jesslyn Emms	
<u>Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery</u>	Olivia Coy Jacob Devries Alec Ratz	Kirsten Hart Emma Hart Alicia Carlson



The 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma  
May 2017

**COURTESIES OF THE FLOOR**

The Rev. Robert Clubbe  
The Rev. Christopher Davis  
The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle  
The Rev. Lynda Mee  
The Rev. Canon Edna Murdy

**COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE**

The Very Reverend Andrew Asbil  
Mrs. Eva Black  
Mr. Rob Jordan  
Mr. Stephen Mallinger  
Mr. Carl Murray  
Mrs. Cathy Pirrie  
Ms. Annette Procunier  
Mrs. Susan Traficante

# Synod 2017 Committee Members

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	2013	2015	2017
Synod Planning	Bishop, Chair Secretary-Treasurer Ex Archdeacon Office Adm. Asst. Chairs of: Agenda Arrangements Resolutions Worship	Bishop, Chair Secretary-Treasurer Ex Archdeacon Office Adm. Asst. Chairs of: Agenda Arrangements Resolutions Worship	Bishop, Chair Secretary-Treasurer Ex Archdeacon Office Adm. Asst. Chairs of: Agenda Arrangements Resolutions Worship
Agenda	Hugh Mackenzie, Chair Jim Schell Harry Huskins Garry Barker Richard Webb	Jim Schell, Chair Anne Germond Carrie Birtch Bob Derrenbacker Harry Huskins Bob Romberg Sharon Corston	Roberta Wilson-Garrett, Chair Dene Clarke Gilles Tessier Karl Ratz Harry Huskins Charlene Scriver
Resolutions	Bob Derrenbacker, Chair Deborah Kraft Dale Sparkes Dave Stephens Tim Perry Rachel Haliburton	Deborah Kraft, Chair Dale Sparkes Tim Perry Glen Miller Dene Clarke Janet Pike Marilyn Goodhall	Dale Sparkes, Chair Jim Schell Colin Denis Marie Loewen Bob Derrenbacker
Arrangements	Marilyn Schmidt, Chair Eva Black Jane Mesich Liz Hamel	Marilyn Schmidt, Chair Eva Black Jane Mesich Liz Hamel	Marilyn Schmidt, Chair Jane Mesich Liz Hamel
Credentials	Fran Glover, Chair Candice Rapp Don McLeod Rudy van der Hiel	Fran Glover, Chair Pat Brown Ed Lea Heather Manuel	Betty Whetham, Chair Mary McDonald Linda White

Worship	Jay Koyle, Chair Jim McShane (others as coopted)	Jay Koyle, Chair Jim McShane (others as coopted)	Jim McShane, Chair Jay Koyle (others as coopted)
Bishop's Charge	Glen Miller, Chair Bob Dutton Arthena Hecker Chris Harper Heather Manuel Patrick McManus	Marie Loewen, Chair Patrick McManus Phil Gunyon Marcia Grawbarger Doug Prebble Jayne Coy	Glen Miller, Chair Debbie DeBakker David Hardie Carrie Birtch Jesslyn Emms Patti Brace
Elections	Dorothy Anstice, Chair Betty Whetham Fred Neal	Alison Weir, Chair Don McLeod Kathleen Aitken	Pat Brown, Chair Bob Romberg Tom Linck
Vote of Thanks	Marie Loewen, Chair Ed Lea Bob Romberg Michelle Ferguson Ed Swayze	Peter Smyth, Chair Chris Harper Jennifer Ames Kayla Reszitnyk Maureen Torpy	Joan Locke, Chair Jonathan Blanchard Logan Rayment Glad Bryce Mary Buie
Orientation	Harry Huskins Heather Manuel	Harry Huskins Lynne Preston Jeff Hooper	Harry Huskins

Lay Secretary      Marcia Grawbarger  
Clerical Secretary      Diane Hilpert-McIlroy



## ACTS OF SYNOD 2017

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iii) Regarded as received the report of the Credentials Committee in regards to Clerical and Lay Delegates present;	
iv) Adopted the agenda;	
v) Adopted the minutes of the 2015 Synod;	
vi) Received the Reports and Motions printed in the Convening Circular, additional reports and additional non-canonical motions;	
vii) Approved the actions of the Diocesan Executive Committee	
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During the course of Synod 2017:

Offered a series of breakout sessions for Synod delegates on the following topics:

<i>Stewardship in Your Church: Getting the Basics Right</i>	<i>Equipping the Saints: The future of Ministry in Algoma</i>
<i>Constitution and Canons</i>	<i>Church Management</i>
<i>Welcome to Canada...Sensitive Sponsorship of Refugees</i>	<i>Reimagining Youth Ministry in Algoma</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	

Participated in two plenary sessions offered by The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil on *Leadership for Congregational Giving*.

Participated in a plenary session offered by The Ven. Deborah Kraft on *Indigenous Ministry in the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore*.

Participated in two plenary sessions offered by The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, The Rev. Pamela Rayment and The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett on the *Process of Discernment*.  
Participated in an evening reception hosted by the Diocesan Youth.

Participated in table discussions regarding "*New Seeds for our Sacred Bundle*" as referenced in the Bishop's Charge to Synod.

Heard a presentation offered by The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett on the Diocese of Tarime.

Heard a presentation offered by Cathy Pirrie on the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

Participated in an evening reception at Bishophurst hosted by Bishop Anne and Colin Germond in honour of Bishop Lydia Mamakwa and her work with Indigenous Peoples within our Diocese and in honour of our newly installed Canons – Margaret Johnston and Henry Gaines.

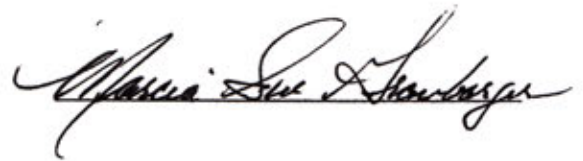


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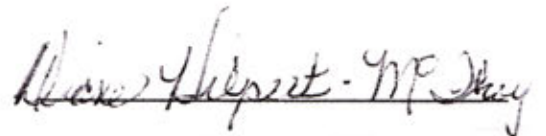
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We certify that we have examined the Journal of Proceedings of the Forty-Eighth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma as published herein, and have found it to be an accurate record.

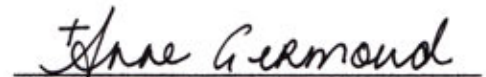
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Lay Secretary

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The Reverend Diane Hilpert-McIlroy  
Clerical Secretary

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The Right Reverend Anne Germond  
Bishop of Algoma

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
THE 48<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA  
MAY 4-6, 2017  
ALGOMA'S WATER TOWER INN & SUITES, SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

Bishop Anne Germond formally declared that the 48<sup>th</sup> sitting of Synod was in session and welcomed all delegates.

OMNIBUS MOTION ORGANIZING SYNOD

Moved by:           The Ven. Harry Huskins  
Seconded by:       The Ven. Deborah Kraft

*That:*

- 1. The appointment of committees, as printed in the Convening Circular, be confirmed;*
- 2. The regrets of absences, greetings, and courtesies of Synod be extended or received as the case may be;*
- 3. The report on Credentials in regard to the number of Clerical and Lay Delegates be regarded as received, and that the Chair, as soon as may be practicable, shall announce the result of such scrutiny;*
- 4. The agenda be adopted;*
- 5. The minutes of the previous Synod of 2015 be adopted;*
- 6. The Reports and Motions printed in the Convening Circular, additional Reports and additional non-canonical motions be received;*
- 7. The actions of the Diocesan Executive Committee be approved;*
- 8. The Lay and Clerical Secretaries now be elected, and that the Rev. Diane Hilpert-McIlroy be the Clerical Secretary and that Mrs. Marcia Grawbarger be the Lay Secretary.*

CARRIED #1

The Synod session continued with Morning Prayer.

The Bishop lit the prayer candle which will burn throughout Synod and offered a prayer over the delegates of Synod and the deliberations; she also offered a commissioning prayer for the volunteers of the Prayer Vigil.

IN MEMORIAM

The Bishop offered prayers in remembrance of those individuals who have gone before us and read names of those listed under "In Memoriam" in the Synod Journal. See pages 5-6 of the Journal.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Rosalie Goos as the Chaplain during the course of Synod.

COURTESIES OF THE HOUSE AND THE FLOOR

The Bishop announced Courtesies of the House and the Floor that have been granted by the Chair as printed on page 16 of the Journal.

## GREETINGS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Bishop called on the Rev. Canon Ed Swayze to offer greetings to Queen Elizabeth II from the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod of the Diocese of Algoma.

Moved by:           The Rev. Canon Ed Swayze  
Seconded by:       The Rev. Jim Schell

*The Bishop and members of the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma uphold you in our prayers as your reign continues. We celebrate the longevity of your reign as Queen of Canada, and we pray that your faith will give you strength and comfort as you face the demands of a challenging workload, and that you will continue to be blessed with good health.*

CARRIED #2

Good wishes were also relayed to Prince Phillip as he deals with some recent health issues.

## WELCOME TO GUESTS

The Bishop welcomed all guests to Synod with particular mention of the following:

- The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil, Dean of St. James Cathedral, Diocese of Toronto and our guest speaker
- Theological Students: Ms. Patti Brace and Mrs. Sarah Armstrong
- New Canons of the Diocese installed at the opening service: The Rev. Canon Margaret Johnston and Canon Henry Gaines

The Bishop expressed regrets from the Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa (Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh) who was to join us over the course of our Synod and make a presentation with the Ven. Deborah Kraft on Indigenous ministry in the Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery. The Bishop requested prayers for Bishop Lydia in the recent loss of her mother.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE BISHOP OF APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop announced the following appointments:

President of the Diocesan Court	Mr. Justice John deP Wright
Chair of the Bishophurst Maintenance Committee	Mrs. Marilyn Schmidt
Clerical Appointee to the Executive Committee	The Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker
Lay Appointee to the Executive Committee	Mr. Hugh Mackenzie

## INTRODUCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Bishop introduced members of the Executive Committee for 2017-2019 and requested each member stand to be recognized. See page 7 of the Journal.



## **BISHOP'S CHARGE**

The Bishop presented her charge to the 48<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Algoma. See pages 134-150 of the Journal.

The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese of Algoma, introduced Dean Andrew Asbil, the guest speaker for Synod 2017.

**PLENARY SESSION: Leadership for Congregational Giving – The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil**

**PLENARY SESSION: Indigenous Ministry in the Deanery of Thunder Bay–North Shore –  
The Ven. Deborah Kraft**

## ***MID-DAY PRAYER***

The first series of Breakout Sessions were held between 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- ***Stewardship in Your Church: Getting the Basics Right***  
The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil
- ***Constitution and Canons***  
The Ven. Deborah Kraft and members of the Constitution and Canons Committee
- ***Equipping the Saints: The Future of Ministry in Algoma***  
The Ven. Marie Loewen and the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle
- ***Church Management***  
Mrs. Jane Mesich

The second series of Breakout Sessions were held between 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

- ***Stewardship in Your Church: Getting the Basics Right***  
The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil
- ***Welcome to Canada...Sensitive Sponsorship of Refugees***  
The Rev. Canon Bob and Connie Elkin
- ***Reimagining Youth Ministry in Algoma***  
The Rev. Jeffery Hooper, the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, and Mrs. Jane Mesich
- ***Insurance***  
Mr. Carl Murray (Marsh Canada Limited)  
Ms. Jane Williamson and Mr. Rob Jordan (Ecclesiastical Insurance)

## **REPORT FROM THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Betty Whetham, Chair of the Credentials Committee, provided the following report from the committee:

In attendance at this time: 47 Clergy, 92 Lay Delegates **TOTAL: 139** voting delegates

The Bishop declared that a quorum was present.

## REPORT FROM THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Pat Brown, Chair of the Elections Committee, announced that the following positions will be up for election at this Synod:

- Delegates to General Synod – 2 lay positions/2 clerical positions/1 youth position
- Delegates to Provincial Synod – 4 lay positions/4 clerical positions/1 youth position
- Diocesan Court – 2 lay positions/1 clerical position
- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Representative – 1 position
- Bishophurst Maintenance Committee – 2 positions

The Youth Delegates will present names for nomination for the positions required. Nominations for youth positions will close at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The election for the youth representative to the Executive Committee will occur at 10:30 a.m.

Nominations for all other positions required will close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

For the information of those individuals considering to run for General or Provincial Synod positions, the following was provided:

General Synod – July 10-16, 2019 in Vancouver, BC  
Provincial Synod – October 10-12, 2018 in Ottawa

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Dr. Derek Neal who will be ordained into the Holy Order of Priest, God willing, on June 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Divine, North Bay.

### ***EVENING PRAYER***

Synod recessed for dinner.  
Synod reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**PLENARY SESSION: Discernment Process - The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, The Rev. Pam Rayment, and The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett**

### ***COMPLINE***

A Youth reception was held in the Governor General Suite following the evening sessions.

### ***MORNING PRAYER***

Bishop Anne Germond presented Dean Andrew Asbil with a gift of moccasins as a token of our appreciation for his time spent with the members of this Diocesan Synod and as a reminder of the Bishop's motto for 2017:

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'."*  
(Isaiah 52.7)

Synod reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

The Bishop requested that all Youth Delegates stand. She offered her appreciation and that of all Synod delegates for the fabulous reception hosted by the youth on Thursday evening. Their welcome and hospitality were warm and inviting.

Synod Delegates were allotted 15 minutes to have table discussions regarding “*New Seeds for our Sacred Bundle*” as referenced in the Bishop’s Charge to Synod. The results of these discussions will be shared with the Bishop’s Charge Committee.

Greetings were received from the Right Reverend Doctor Stephen Andrews, Principal of Wycliffe College.

An announcement was made regarding CLAY (Canadian Lutheran-Anglican Youth gathering) being held in Thunder Bay in 2018. The Bishop requested youth names for those interested in attending CLAY and a list of those congregations interested in sponsoring these young people.

### ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Youth delegates to Synod have nominated 6 youth to stand for election for the various youth representative positions: Executive Committee, Provincial Synod and General Synod. The following youth introduced themselves and offered reasons for their desire to serve as a youth representative:

Mr. Logan Rayment, Mr. Jacob Devries, Ms. Jesslyn Emms, Ms. Olivia Coy,  
Ms. Lizzy Clifford, and Ms. Megan Trimmer.

### CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Venerable Deborah Kraft, Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee, spoke to the motions being presented by the committee.

Article 10 of the Constitution dealing with the addition of the Congregational Development Officer as a member of the Executive Committee will be dealt with as a separate motion as it is actually a change in substance to the Constitution.

Moved by:               The Ven. Deborah Kraft  
Seconded by:           The Ven. Marie Loewen

*That the amendments to the Diocesan Constitution and the Diocesan Canons (with the exception of Canon A-1: Election of a Bishop, Canon I-3: Churchwardens and Canon J-1: Vestries) as found in the Attached Schedule, be adopted.*

**CARRIED #3**

Moved by:               Mrs. Kathleen Aitken  
Seconded by:           Mrs. Betty Whetham

*That the Canons of the Diocese are to be interpreted and applied in conformity with the Preamble, as printed below:*

*Preamble to the Canons of the Diocese of Algoma*

*The Kingdom of God was not only proclaimed and heralded by Jesus, but also revealed and embodied by him. As Christ's Body in the world today, the church exists to live as a sign, foretaste, and instrument of the promised and immanent Kingdom of God. The church testifies to the Lordship of the risen and ascended Christ, and to his Kingdom, as it acts courageously on God's promises and gives passionate witness to the gospel by word and deed. As part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, the Diocese of Algoma is committed to living out this vision and vocation.*

*The purpose of our diocesan canons is to serve Algoma's governance in such a way that this commitment is given priority through liturgy and formation that orient us to the Kingdom and shape people in the life of Christ; a common life that deepens our love of God and one another; and participation in God's ongoing mission in the world that leads us to proclaim the good news and pursue God's justice, reconciliation, and peace.*

*The Synod directs that these canons, and all policies, regulations, and guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in light of this preamble.*

CARRIED #4

Canon A-1: Election of a Bishop

Moved by: Mrs. Betty Whetham  
Seconded by: Mrs. Kathleen Aitken

*That Canon A-1: Election of a Bishop, as found in the Attached Schedule, be amended to include 2 revisions concerning spoiled ballots and the eligibility of clergy on the election committee to be candidates.*

CARRIED #5

Canon I-3: Churchwardens

Moved by: Mr. Garth O'Neill  
Seconded by: The Ven. Deborah Kraft

*That Canon I-3: Churchwardens, as found in the Attached Schedule, be amended in substance and in clarity.*

CARRIED #6

Canon J-1: Vestries

Moved by: The Ven. Marie Loewen  
Seconded by: The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins



*That Canon J-1: Vestries, as found in the Attached Schedule, be amended in substance and in clarity.*

CARRIED #7

**NOTE:** The preceding Constitutional and Canonical motions were enacted and the appropriate changes to the Diocese of Algoma Constitution and Canons are posted on the Diocesan website [here](#).

#### Status of position of Congregational Development Officer on the Executive Committee

This item was separated from the omnibus motion on the Constitution and Canons as it represents a change in the substance of Article 10 of the Constitution.

Moved by: Mrs. Kathleen Aitken  
Seconded by: Mrs. Betty Whetham

*That Article 10, Section 1 of the Constitution of Algoma be amended to include sub-section (j) the Congregational Development Officer.*

Discussion commenced on the motion.

The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins provided clarification regarding the current status of the Congregational Development Officer on the Executive Committee. The position receives courtesies from the Bishop. The motion requests that the position be a full member of the Executive Committee with voice and vote.

Discussion continued.

Moved by: Mr. Gilles Tessier  
Seconded by: Mr. Sam Henderson

*That the Constitutional change regarding voting rights for the Congregational Development Officer at Executive be referred to the Constitution and Canons Committee and the Chancellor and that a review should also be made to consider other positions in the Synod Office for voting rights or privileges and report back to the next Diocesan Synod.*

CARRIED #8

Brief presentation offered by The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker, President of Thorneloe University, on the Holy Land tour being offered in 2018 and led by Dr. Derrenbacker and Bishop Stephen Andrews.

#### YOUTH ELECTION

Mr. Pat Brown announced the election of Ms. Megan Trimmer as the Youth Representative to the Executive Committee.

Amendments to the Agenda were announced.

PLENARY SESSION: Leadership for Congregational Giving – The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil

***NOON-DAY PRAYER***

Synod reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Diocese of Tarime presentation – The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett

PLENARY SESSION: Discernment Process - The Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, The Rev. Pam Rayment,  
and The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Jane Mesich reviewed the Diocesan Financial Statements as at December 31, 2016 and entertained questions.

Moved by: Mrs. Frances Glover  
Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

*That The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Algoma Financial Statements as of December 31, 2016 be accepted as circulated.*

**CARRIED #9**

Moved by: Mrs. Frances Glover  
Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

*That Laura Szczepaniak, CPA, be appointed to review the financial statements of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Algoma.*

**CARRIED #10**

Mrs. Jane Mesich reviewed the preliminary budget estimates for 2018 and 2019 and entertained questions.

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin  
Seconded by: Mrs. Frances Glover

*That the Budget Estimates for 2018 and 2019 be accepted as circulated.*

**CARRIED #11**

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pat Brown, Chair of the Elections Committee, introduced those individuals who have been nominated for the electoral positions available. He also reported on the results of the youth elections as follows:

**Youth Delegate to Provincial Synod:**  
Mr. Logan Rayment

**Youth Delegate to General Synod:**  
Mr. Logan Rayment

**Alternates:**

- 1)Mr. Jacob Devries
- 2)Ms. Jesslyn Emms
- 3)Ms. Lizzy Clifford

**Alternates:**

- 1)Ms. Olivia Coy
- 2)Mr. Jacob Devries
- 3)Ms. Jesslyn Emms

Mr. Pat Brown indicated that elections for remaining positions will occur on Saturday morning. Positions to be filled:

**General Synod delegates:** 2 clerical/2 lay positions

**Provincial Synod delegates:** 4 lay positions/4 clerical positions have been acclaimed

**Diocesan Court:** 1 clerical/2 lay

**Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Representative:** 1 representative

**Bishophurst Maintenance Committee:** 2 members/2 alternates

**PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF)**

Cathy Pirrie, current Diocesan representative, offered a presentation on the work of the PWRDF.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS IN DIOCESE OF ALGOMA**

**Background:** Drug and Alcohol Addiction is one of the predominant healthcare challenges in Northern Ontario and Algoma Diocese. It touches people in every community we represent and touches the lives of the families of our parishes. While Ontario's healthcare system and justice system are usually the front line of dealing with those with addictions, the church is able to provide an entry point for helping addicts and their families.

Groups such as AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and NA (Narcotics Anonymous) are examples of the valuable contribution that the church has made to this issue through inclusion of 12 step programs, yet in today's new reality with the future legalization of Cannabis and the influx of drugs such as Fentanyl, that cause overdose and death, we as a church need to be informed and responsive to how we can help families affected and encourage preventative education within our parishes and communities.

Moved by: Ms. Ann Camber  
Seconded by: Ms. Megan Torfe

*That the Diocese of Algoma consider Drug and Alcohol Addiction an area of missional action and encourage parishes within the diocese to engage in discussions and training of clergy and laity volunteers in providing pastoral care to individuals and families affected by addictions and drug and alcohol abuse and to call upon parishes to support preventative drug education at the parish and community level.*

**CARRIED #12**



The Bishop requested those interested in moving this initiative forward submit their names to her via Liz Hamel, Administrative Assistant.

### **BILL C-14 – MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING**

**Background:** On June 17, 2016, a law in Canada concerning Medical Assistance in Dying received royal assent for this end of life action in the case of adults over 18 who meet certain criteria: 1. Have serious and incurable illness, disease or disability; 2. Be in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability; 3. Endure physical and psychological suffering that is intolerable to them; and 4. Their natural death has become reasonably foreseeable.

During 2016, over 700 individuals chose to end their life through this route and the number is expected to rise.

In response to the change in laws, The Anglican Church of Canada convened a committee to study the implications of the new law and the need for a pastoral approach to this new reality as well as addressing the ongoing need for quality end of life, palliative care for those who are ill and for their families.

Moved by: Ms. Ann Camber  
Seconded by: Ms. Megan Torfe

*That a) The Diocese of Algoma encourage parishes and Incumbents to become familiar with Bill C-14 and this new approach to end of life care and develop a plan of pastoral response to those affected by serious, incurable illness and their families within our communities; and that  
b) The Diocese of Algoma look into providing opportunities and resources for training of clergy and laity in end of life pastoral care.*

**CARRIED #13**

The Bishop requested those interested in moving this initiative forward submit their names to her via Liz Hamel, Administrative Assistant.

### ***EVENING PRAYER***

Synod recessed for dinner.

A reception was held at Bishophurst hosted by Bishop Anne and Colin Germond welcoming all delegates.

### ***MORNING PRAYER***

### **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pat Brown, Chair of the Elections Committee, indicated that a shortage of names for some of the elected positions has been referred to the Executive Committee for a decision.

## NOTICE OF MOTION TO SYNOD 2019

The Rev. Dr. David Hardie will move or cause to be moved at the 2019 Synod of Algoma, that Canon F-1, Section 3, be amended to add:

*In the case where a clergy person has been elected to replace a Regional Dean who has vacated the office (Canon F-1, Section 9), the partial term served will not count toward the three (3) consecutive regular synods.*

### CANON J-2

Mr. Gilles Tessier requested that Canon J-2 be reviewed by the Constitution and Canons Committee, specifically to determine if lay paid staff or contractors should be part of parish advisory boards as this may be perceived as being a conflict of interest.

### BISHOP'S CHARGE COMMITTEE

The Ven. Glen Miller, Chair, offered the response to the Bishop's Charge on behalf of the committee comprised of Ms. Deborah deBakker, Ms. Patti Brace, The Rev. Dr. David Hardie, Ms. Jesslyn Emms, and Ms. Carrie Birtch. The response may be found on pages 130-131 of the Journal of Proceedings.

### VOTE OF THANKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Logan Rayment offered the Vote of Thanks on behalf of the committee comprised of The Ven. Joan Locke (Chair), Ms. Mary Buie, The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, Mrs. Glad Bryce, and Logan. The Vote of Thanks may be found on pages 132-133 of the Journal of Proceedings.

### ELECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Pat Brown advised of the following results from the elections:

#### General Synod delegates

##### **Clerical**

The Rev. Aidan Armstrong  
The Ven. Deborah Kraft

##### **Lay**

Mr. Hugh Mackenzie  
Mr. Gilles Tessier

##### **Alternates**

The Rev. Dr. George Porter  
The Rev. Rick Reed  
The Rev. Michelle Ferguson  
The Ven. Bill Stadnyk

##### **Alternates**

Ms. Erma Howe  
Mr. Garth O'Neill  
Mr. Troy Wilson  
Ms. Bonnie Shipston

## Provincial Synod delegates

### **Clerical - acclaimed**

The Rev. Beth Hewson  
The Ven. Marie Loewen  
The Rev. Dr. Derek Neal  
The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett

### **Lay**

Mr. Garry Barker  
Ms. Ann Camber  
Ms. Barb Ingram  
Mr. Troy Wilson

### **Alternates**

Ms. Chantal Rozon  
Mr. Robert Romberg  
Mr. Red Trowsdale

## Diocesan Court

### **Clerical**

The Ven. Linda White

### **Lay**

Mr. Karl Ratz  
Mr. Troy Wilson

### **Alternate**

The Rev. Pam Rayment

### **Alternate**

Mrs. Dene Clarke

## Bishophurst Maintenance

Ms. Chantal Rozon

## Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Vacant – referred to the Executive Committee

Moved by:            Mr. Pat Brown  
Seconded by:        Mr. Bob Romberg

*That the electoral ballots be destroyed.*

**CARRIED #14**

## ***CLOSING EUCHARIST***

The Bishop offered her concurrence with all motions and actions of this Synod and prorogued the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Algoma.



## **Response to the Bishop's Charge - 2017 Diocesan Synod - Diocese of Algoma**

**Committee members:** The Ven. Glen Miller (chair), Deborah deBakker, Patti Brace, the Rev. David Hardie, Jesslyn Emms, Carrie Birtch.

### **"We Being Many Are One Body"**

Bishop Anne, on behalf of the committee called together to respond to your charge I thank you for your words that you shared with us on Thursday morning. We have discussed and heard so much that Thursday already seems like such a long time ago. You treated us to some thought provoking ideas and inspired some very interesting discussions as well as providing our key note speaker, Dean Andrew Asbil, with some good illustrations to use in his talks. The committee gives thanks to God for our opportunity to share with you what we ourselves thought as well as what we heard from members of Synod through conversations and from the well thought out written responses we received upon your request about extra seeds for our Sacred Bundle. The imagery of a Sacred Bundle truly captured the imagination of Synod and the written responses, when summarized, filled more than a page. Thank you for sharing that helpful image with us. You also offered the idea of some existing seeds in our already established bundle that included Discipleship, Stewardship, and Reconciliation. We wish to share with you some of what we heard and thought.

Your thoughts on Discipleship inspired many of the suggestions for new seeds. These included things like mentorship and finding more ways of equipping us to be able to readily serve the needs of others. Young people and new believers were particularly mentioned under these suggestions but long standing members were also frequently part of the idea. Words like 'training' and 'fostering' appeared quite often and we conclude that there is within the members of Synod an openness to the idea of a greater degree of disciple building and so your suggestion that this element is already within our bundle has been proven true.

When it comes to Stewardship we were not surprised that there was a great deal of evidence to support this item being in our bundle now along with the awareness that much more needs to be done with the concept as we move forward. That it was in our bundle from the past certainly does not mean it is not something that informs the current stage of our journey. This is a continuous need and we thank you for focussing our attention on it in such an encouraging way.

Stewardship includes responsibility for making the best use of our resources, to ensure that twenty years from now, the synod will be thankful for the actions we have taken in 2017 to keep our congregations healthy. Many congregations have experienced a decline in attendance and giving which calls to our attention that the church is not the building, but the community who gather to worship in it. We are a people of hope, who need the grace to let go of things that no longer serve and embrace a new vision of the future that includes more amalgamations of parishes. But embracing change as a step forward in our mission is hard. We need Deanery leaders equipped with skill and courage. We also need a lot of leadership and support from the diocese to move forward in a positive way, keeping the focus on a sense of mission and excitement about new possibilities, even as we learn to let go of things that no longer represent the best way to sustain the church and carry out God's mission.



The seed of Reconciliation inspired a number of responses as well. We are ministers of reconciliation, as St. Paul points out in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians, and this was certainly recognized as people gave plenty of suggestions for new seeds which fit under the heading of Reconciliation. Many of the ideas mentioned are already happening in some way but there were some suggestions as to how this seed may be expanded and grown. Among the issues that we will be facing where reconciliation will be required is our ongoing conversation regarding changes to the Marriage Canon. We commend the efforts to craft a process of discernment and look forward to its ongoing development. It should come as no surprise to you that there is still a great deal of work to do as we continue to engage our Diocesan family in discernment on this issue. Some hurt has already been experienced through this challenging conversation so we know that the seed of Reconciliation will need to be employed throughout our attempts to find God's path through the discernment process on this and other issues. In addition to this two of the motions passed on Friday had to do with reconciliation since people dealing with addictions and people facing end of life issues are among those in need of the ministry of reconciliation. Since you mentioned the refund from the Residential School Settlement, the committee wishes to suggest that consideration be given to using this money to enhance the abilities of our Diocesan leaders through organizing workshops or conferences which help with the issues surrounding reconciliation.

Among the suggested seeds was a common thread which the committee identified as Community Building. This, we suggest, could become the new seed for our bundle as it involves hospitality, building relationships, sharing joys, and moving our feet. Community building, of course, is influenced and influences all three of the existing seeds which also makes us think that the choice of the theme for this Synod was quite appropriate. God's Spirit gave birth to the seeds you identified and we believe that it is God's Spirit that has moved the members of Synod to make this final suggestion as we move forward together.

Throughout your Charge you gave thanks for the people who work in various areas of this Diocese and we join you in that thanksgiving as we peer into the days to come. May this response to your charge help you in fine tuning the vision you presented and may you know of our ongoing prayers and support.

***"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'."***

Respectfully submitted and read by:

The Ven. Glen Miller on behalf of the Response to the Bishop's Charge Committee.

Diocese of Algoma  
Synod 2017  
Vote of Thanks

'We, being many are one body...' This statement has been embodied (pun intended) here this week and in the preparation for our time together. Our team now has opportunity to express thanks for the work done by so many so that things have run smoothly as we have gathered. Our committee, Joan Locke (chair), Mary Buie, Jonathan Blanchard, Glad Bryce and Logan Rayment.

We begin by giving thanks to the Lord, whose body we are and in whom we are united. We give thanks for the rich heritage we have been given from our ancestors in faith across the vastness of our Diocese, territory which is the traditional land of our indigenous brothers and sisters.

We thank our Bishop, who lives and models for us the attitudes of generosity, hospitality, humility and gratitude. We experienced all of these yesterday as she presented Dean Asbil with moccasins and then knelt down to put them on him. We also benefitted from that gift of hospitality and generosity as we were so warmly welcomed at Bishophurst by Bishop Anne and Colin.

The group of faithful vigil keepers who bathed our proceedings in prayer we thank deeply.

We acknowledge and thank the Synod Office Staff and our Diocesan Chancellor who all work very hard on our behalf, mostly beyond our awareness.

We offer gratitude to the Cathedral community and Dean McShane for the opening worship and to Dean Asbil for the message of encouragement and challenge he shared during our worship and also for the wisdom and experience he has offered during the plenary sessions. We also give thanks for the ministries of Canons Margaret Johnson and Henry Gaines.

We are thankful for the hospitality received at the hearts and hands of the ACWs of Sault Ste. Marie (and down the line) at the receptions both at St. Andrew's United and at Bishophurst.

We extend thanks to all of the committees and those they co-opted - Synod Planning, Agenda, Resolutions, Arrangements, Credentials, Worship, Bishop's Charge, Elections, Orientation and also to the Constitution and Canons Committee



for their work over the past two years. Those who have set up and manned the AV equipment also have our gratitude. We appreciate the work and gifts of all who have made presentations during our Synod, both in the break out and large group sessions.

We are thankful for the opportunity to both learn about and to practice the process of individual and community discernment. In the future, may we faithfully employ what we have learned here as we work together through the issues, some very challenging, that face our Church.

The information tables and displays in the lobby have been most helpful.

With respect to our ongoing relationship with Bishop Mwita and the Diocese of Tarime, we are most thankful for the leadership of Archdeacon Roberta. In addition, again to the Cathedral community, thanks for showing leadership in the Sunrise Coffee project which allowed us, at Synod, to participate in putting the roof on the last church in Tarime that is part of the 'if you build it, I will find you a roof' campaign.

Another important group who need to be thanked are those Synod delegates from our varied parishes who are here, some at inconvenience, some using vacation days and others without pay in order to take part in the council of this diocese. In addition, we give thanks to all those who have allowed their names to stand for the various elections, offering themselves to serve our Diocese both at diocesan level and in the wider church.

Finally, we are thankful for and to our youth delegates and those they represent across the diocese for what they bring to our table, things like insight, wisdom, challenge and exuberance. Your hospitality at Thursday night's reception was warm and Alec's fiddle music was wonderful. Thank you!

'We, being many are one body' - 'the body of Christ and individually members of it' each contributing of ourselves, in ways large or small, highly visible or quietly carried out - all to the benefit and glory of our God.

As we go from this place, may we reflect on our Bishop's motto, *'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'* May we be those feet and that voice!

A.C.W. Report for Synod May 2017

It has been a very fast two years. Thank you for the privilege of serving you as President. I have been to the east coast and the west coast and met many new people because of this. But the best part was participating in the Electoral Synod of our new bishop and attending her service of installation. The write-up in the Algoma Anglican gives a very good picture of that event. The Diocesan A.C.W. 's gift to the new bishop was a large print Book of Common Prayer.

On your behalf I have attended several sessions of the executive committee of the Diocese of Algoma. I now have a much better understanding of the inner workings of our large diocese. My final meeting that I will attend as your President is the one held during lunch on the Friday of Synod.

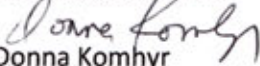
I am looking forward to the 2017 Algoma ACW Annual in North Bay hosted by the Deanery of Temiskaming. The registration form and information sheet are also in the April edition of the Algoma Anglican .

There is to be a National Gathering for All Anglican Women June 15 to 18 held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. The Coordinator is Marion Saunders Her phone number is 905-439-2728 and her email is [mares@indirect.ca](mailto:mares@indirect.ca). I hope you will give some consideration to attending this gathering.

It has been a year since my last cancer treatment. I am well and back to normal. Thank you for all of your prayers. I truly felt the power of God all around me during that time of treatment.

For those who might have been trying to send me messages my old email address at [dkomhyr@live.ca](mailto:dkomhyr@live.ca) died. My new email address is [donnakomhyr@gmail.com](mailto:donnakomhyr@gmail.com)

Your sister in Christ

  
Donna Komhyr

**William McMurray Corporation**  
**Statement of Reserve Funds**

<u>For the year ended July 31</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Replacement reserve fund</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 99,502	\$ 103,363
Interest income for the year	292	738
Transfer from operations	3,300	3,300
Expenditures	<u>(60,643)</u>	<u>(7,899)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>42,451</u>	<u>99,502</u>
<b>Subsidy surplus fund</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	3,478	1,216
Transfer from (to) operations	<u>(1,767)</u>	<u>2,262</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>1,711</u>	<u>3,478</u>
<b>Total reserve funds</b>	<u>\$ 44,162</u>	<u>\$ 102,980</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**William McMurray Corporation**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended July 31	2016	2015
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Item not involving cash		
Amortization	50,867	48,640
	<u>50,867</u>	<u>48,640</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(2,985)	392
Prepaid expenses	57	101
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,845	3,649
Due to/from restricted reserves	(6,006)	(1,016)
Deferred revenue	-	1,014
	<u>47,778</u>	<u>52,780</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of long term debt	(50,867)	(48,640)
New debt	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,133</u>	<u>(48,640)</u>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(3,089)</b>	<b>4,140</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<u><b>5,451</b></u>	<u><b>1,311</b></u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,362</b>	<b>\$ 5,451</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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**William McMurray Corporation**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

July 31, 2016

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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Nature of Business** The company is incorporated under the laws of Ontario without share capital and its principal activity is to provide rental accommodation for the elderly and others in need. Income taxes have not been reflected in these financial statements as the company has claimed exemption under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act.

**Basis of Accounting** These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting provisions required to comply with the agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The basis of accounting used in these financial statements materially differs from Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations because:

- a) Amortization on building and furniture and equipment purchased from loans recognized by CMHC is not provided over the estimated useful lives of these assets, but rather at a rate equal to the annual principal reduction of the debt.
- b) Capital assets:
  - i) Capital assets are recorded at the original cost at the time of construction, and
  - ii) Capital assets purchased from accumulated surplus are charged to operations in the year the expenditure is incurred, and
  - iii) Capital assets purchased from the replacement reserve are charged against the replacement reserve account, rather than being capitalized on the statement of financial position and amortized over their estimated useful lives.
  - iv) Capital assets financed by loans are capitalized and amortized on the same basis as the loan.
- c) Replacement reserve fund:  
A reserve for future capital replacement is appropriated annually from operations. These funds, along with accumulated interest, must be held in a separate bank account and may only be used for specific identified items.
- d) Restricted cash investments are measured at cost rather than fair market value.

**Revenue Recognition** The corporation recognizes rental and subsidy revenue monthly as it becomes due. Non-rental revenue is recognized as it is earned.

**Replacement Reserve** The fund represents an appropriation of income, being \$150 per unit annually, to be set aside to finance future major repairs, replacements and renovations in accordance with the terms of the operating agreements with CMHC.

**Subsidy Surplus Fund** The fund represents an appropriation of income limited to a total provision of \$500 per unit to be set aside to supplement future income requirements.

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**1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

**2. Capital assets**

	2016		2015	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Land and improvements	\$ 87,366	\$ -	\$ 87,366	\$ -
Furniture and equipment	22,156	-	22,156	-
Building	857,693	885,257	797,693	834,390
	<u>\$ 967,215</u>	<u>\$ 885,257</u>	<u>\$ 907,215</u>	<u>\$ 834,390</u>
Net book value		<u>\$ 81,958</u>		<u>\$ 72,825</u>

**3. Long term debt**

	2016	2015
CMHC mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$4,359 including interest at 4.53%, maturing August 1, 2016	\$ 4,315	\$ 55,181
Diocese of Algoma, repayable in monthly installments of \$1,055 including interest at 5%. Currently making interest-only payments with principal payments to re-commence September 2016	18,439	18,439
DSSAB mortgage, repayable in monthly installments of \$500, maturing August 1, 2026	60,000	-
	<u>82,754</u>	<u>73,620</u>
Less current portion	<u>20,879</u>	<u>50,855</u>
	<u>\$ 61,875</u>	<u>\$ 22,765</u>

Principal repayments over the next five years are as follows:

Year	Amount
2017	\$ 20,879
2018	13,375
2019	6,000
2020	6,000
2021	6,000
Thereafter	<u>30,500</u>
	<u>\$ 82,754</u>

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**4. Government assistance**

The Corporation received assistance from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Administration Board totaling \$12,169. The Corporation is required to charge tenants rent based on a rent geared to income scale.

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**5. Related party transactions**

William McMurray Corporation is related to St. Luke's Cathedral. Three members of the board of directors of St. Luke's Cathedral are also on the board of the Corporation. St. Luke's Cathedral administers the operations of the Corporation.

During the year William McMurray Corporation made payments to St. Luke's Cathedral for administration fees in the amount of \$12,000 (2015 - \$12,000).

These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

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**6. Financial instrument risk**

The Corporation's management monitors, evaluates and manages the principal risks assumed with the financial instruments on a daily basis. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include credit risk, and liquidity risk.

*Credit risk*

Credit risk arises principally from the organization's accounts receivable. The organization is exposed to normal credit risk resulting from the possibility that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The majority of the organization's receivables are from government sources and the organization works to ensure it meets all eligibility criteria in order to qualify to receive the funding.

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk arises from the organization's management of accounts payable and other current liabilities. It is the risk that the organization will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due. The ability to pay its current liabilities is dependent on the receipt of funds from revenue.