# Muskoka Deanery Council

### PREPARATION FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD

April 29, 2025 7pm via zoom

### "With Joy We Will Drink Deeply from the Fountain of Salvation"



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## AGENDA

- Opening Reflection
- Review & Adoption of the Agenda
- Review & Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Business arising from the Previous Meeting
- Financial Report
- Archdeacon's Report and other ministry reports
- Preparation for Diocesan Synod: Agenda, Themes and Motions
- Preparation for Diocesan Synod: Budget Presentation
- Preparation for Diocesan Synod: Elections
- Other Business
- Adjournment

### Deanery Council Meeting February 25, 2025, 7pm via Zoom

- Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm with 24 in attendance. Heather showed a short World Day of Prayer video of the song "Wonderfully Made", then opened with prayer.
- <u>Agenda:</u> Moved by Sharon Boyuk, seconded by Joy Stott that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.
- <u>*Minutes:*</u> Moved by Nora Goltz, seconded by Gunars Balodis that the Minutes of the October 2024 meeting be adopted as circulated. Carried.
- **Business Arising:** A Celebration of New Ministry for the new combined parish of Muskoka Lakes and Trinity Parry Sound will be Nov. 28 in the afternoon at Port Carling. There will also be a dinner event on the same day, most likely in Emsdale
- <u>Financial Report</u>: Moved by John Dunbar, seconded by Phelan Scanlon that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Carried. Moved by Sharon Boyuk, Seconded by Phelan Scanlon that the 2025 deanery dues remain at \$30. Carried
- Moved by Edna Murdy, Seconded by Joy Stott that the Deanery affirm to pay expenses of up to 3 youth delegates to Synod. Carried. At this point Heather invited Celie (Lei) MacDonald to introduce herself. Lia is interested in attending Synod as a youth delegate. Nominated by Nora, Seconded by Sharon Boyuk that Lia attend Synod as a youth delegate. Carried.

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- The MMEF Committee is looking for a new member at large. Betty Whetham has retired as Chair and Brad Burgess has been appointed by the Archbishop as her replacement. Brad acknowledged Betty's contribution indicating that it was a pleasure to work with her. She was well organised and often had to follow up. Brad indicated that Betty has set a high standard which he will try to match. Colin Edwards advised that most of the work is done by email.
- Nominated by Kelly Baetz, Seconded by Colin Edwards that John Dunbar be elected. John accepted. There were no further nominations and John was acclaimed.
- <u>Archdeacon's Report</u>: Still looking for a Muskoka representative to sit on the Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee to fundraise to fund the office of the Bishop. There will be a fundraising dinner and silent auction during Synod to raise funds for the Episcopal Endowment Fund. The Committee is looking for the donation of a basket filled with items that represent our Deanery for the auction. Donations should be forwarded to Kelly and she will put the basket together. <u>The Etty Project (a one woman play based on Etty Hillesum) will be hosted on March 30</u>.

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- **Anglican Foundation:** Anne Wilson advised that the Bishop's dinner during Synod will be limited to 150 people. The hope is to raise \$4,000,000 so that only the interest would be used. Although each Deanery is asked to provide one basket, more than one would not be rejected. Anne advised that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that more than \$1,000,000 has been granted and the first year that all 30 Dioceses received a grant for something. The next date for application is March 1. Joy Stott advised that Port Sydney and Emsdale received funding for the Emsdale Explorers and that the program has really taken off. Currently they are running Fun Friday PA Day programs 5 times a year in 2 school districts. They hope to expand to an after school program in Port Sydney next year and possibly a summer program.
- <u>Regional Dean's Report</u>: We were again reminded of the accessibility requirements that must be in place by the end of the year we were directed to <u>www.muskokachurches.com</u> to see what is required as far as accessibility requirements and fire safety and emergency response plans which are all to be approved at the 2025 Vestries. There are training videos specific to churches as well as templates. Also available to the website are the forms for capital projects, honorariums, deanery dues and parish visits. With respect to church closures, an Other Assets Policy is going before Executive Committee on March 3 and 4. Let Heather know if you think there is anything else that should be considered.

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- **Other Business Issues Arising from Vestry and Synod issues:** Phelan felt that we need another 1.5 hours to discuss as the topic is overwhelming. He suggested that the Diocese should consider coming up with an "everything" report. Brad indicated that the forms and templates provided by the Diocese were very helpful and he would be willing to assist anyone that needs help with the forms. Phelan indicated that the Synod small group workshop on practical things are very helpful and we need more of that. Any thoughts can be emailed to Heather at any time.
- Sharon Creasor expressed her frustration that their building needs a ramp in order to become accessible, to install a ramp requires a building permit but there are no guidelines available with respect to volunteer labour.
- Sharon Boyuk advised that the roof on the bell tower is rotted (photos and inspection by drone) and therefore they should not be ringing the bell at the moment.

### Moved by Nick that we adjourn at 8:59 pm.

We closed with the Grace.

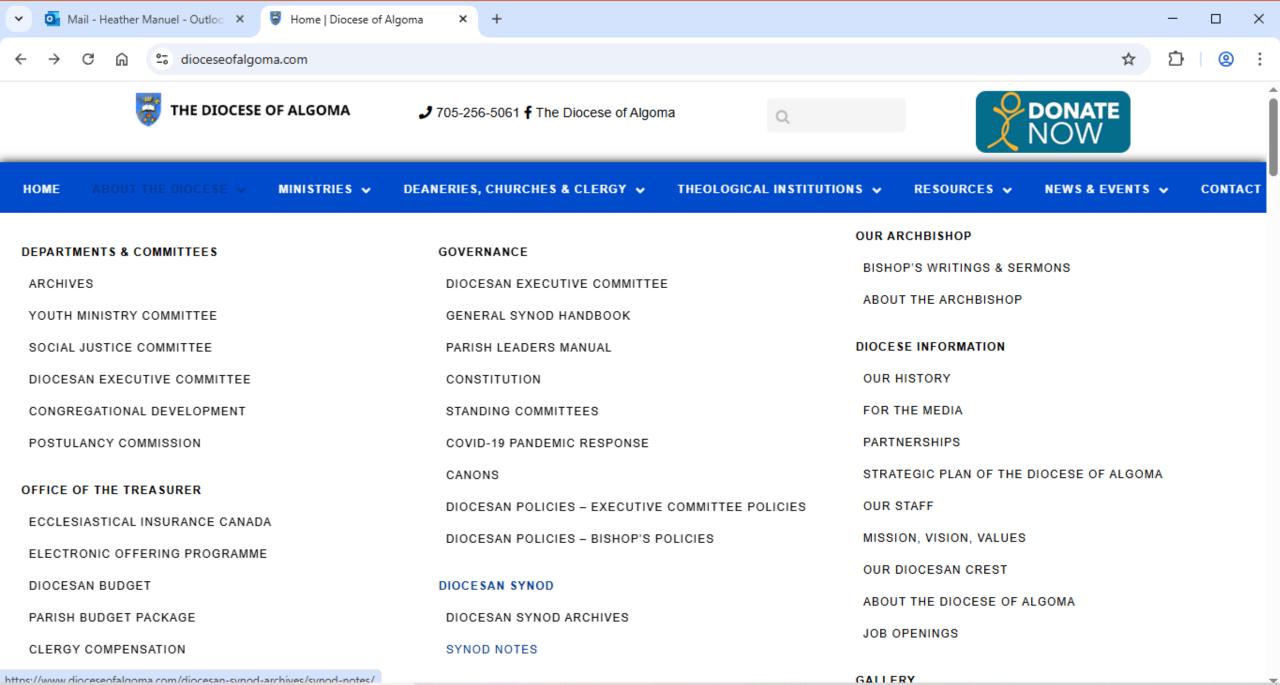
Respectfully, Janet Borneman

## **Financial Report**

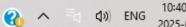
Balance at previous meeting:	\$1255.57
Income: 2x\$30 donations, \$0.31 Interest	\$60.31
Expenses: none	0.00
Current Balance:	\$1315.88

### NOTES:

- Annual donation toward Deanery activities is \$30
- Bank now requires cheques payable to 'MUSKOKA DEANERY'.
- Please mail to Shirley Burton, PO Box 71, Baysville, ON, POA 1B0



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<u>Letter to delegates Algoma Synod 2025</u> <u>Convening Circular 2025</u> <u>Draft Agenda – April 24, 2025</u> <u>Breakout Sessions Algoma Synod 2025</u> Sending of Delegates to Diocesan Synod – Service Form (2025)

### ELECTORAL INFORMATION FOR SYNOD DELEGATES AND NOMINATION FORMS

Algoma Synod 2025 Election Summary

Information for Synod Delegates

**Synodical Governance 2025** 

Synod – Procedures 2025

Resolution Training Useful Tips for Synod Members 2025 AVAILABLE AT <u>DIOCESEOFALGOMA.COM</u> "About the Diocese" "Synod Notes"

## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

### Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>:

- 3:30 5:30 Registration at 619 Wellington St East
- 4:30 5:30 Synod Delegate Orientation at St. Luke's Cathedral
- 7:00 9:30 Opening Service at the Cathedral, reception to follow

### Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:30 8:30am Registration at Water Tower Inn
- 8:30 Opening Ceremonies & Motions
- 9:30 Archbishop's 'Charge'
- 11:00 Keynote Speaker Dave Csinos: Intergenerational Ministry

### Thursday afternoon:

1:15 – 1:45 Plenary Session

2:30 – 3:30 Breakout Session #1

3:45 – 4:45 Breakout Session #2

### **BREAKOUT SESSION OPTIONS**

Worship:

#1 Singing our Faith: Music in Worship with Jay Koyle and Norm Blanchard#2 Introducing the New Lay Readers Manual with Jay Koyle and Alison WeirYouth Ministry:

#1 So Elephants Destroyed Your Well: Rebuilding With and For Youth #2 The Gift of Youth: Rebuilding the Well

Huddle up to Handle Hunger. Both #1 and #2

Presented by the Social Justice Committee of the Diocese of Algoma and Dr. Ryan Weston (Lead Animator for Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice, Anglican Church of Canada)

## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

Friday, May 9th:

9:20-10:30 Constitutions & Canons motions

- 10:45 12:00 Plenary for The Anne Germond Legacy Fund
- 2:00 2:30 Plenary Session
- 2:30 3:15 Plenary Session
- 3:15 3:30 Finances and motions
- 4:15 4:35 Plenary Session

6:30 Banquet for Episcopal Fund (ticket event)

### **PLENARY SESSIONS:**

Insurance matters

Anglican Foundation of Canada

Alongside Hope (former World Relief & Development Fund),

Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Anglican Church of Canada

## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

#### Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Response to the Archbishop's Charge, with motions Any remaining motions Vote of thanks Archbishop's Concurrence JOURNEY HOME!

### Woven throughout Synod are:

Opportunities for daily worship, Bible Study (scripture circles) and a prayer room. Elections for:

- Youth Representative to General Synod
- Youth Representative on the Diocesan Executive Committee
- 2 Lay and 1 Clergy Member of the Diocesan Court

### **Canonical Motion, p. 21**

Amendment to Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution -

Moved that this Synod 2025 amend Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution to allow at least one Synod delegate to be elected from each congregation.

2. number of delegates:

- a) Every separate parish congregation, regardless of the number of its congregations, shall be entitled to elect one lay delegate and an alternate. In the case of the election of more than one delegate, the chair of the vestry shall sign a certificate stating the number of canonical voters and forward it to the Secretary of the Synod with the certificate of election.
- b) If the number of its canonical voters exceeds one hundred, the parish congregation shall be entitled to two lay delegates. If the number of its canonical voters exceeds two hundred the parish congregation shall be entitled to three lay delegates.
- c) Not more than one delegate in each parish shall be a non-resident of that parish.