

COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD (COGS) – DAILY HIGHLIGHTS



*We envision a church growing
in membership, faith and service
in God's world*

**Thursday, May 11 - 14, 2006,
Queen of Apostles,
Mississauga, Ont.**

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Sunday, May 14

Council members gathered for Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m., and reconvened for business at 10:15 a.m.

Council proceeded to the **election of a deputy prolocutor**. There were two nominees – Clarence Randall of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and Susan Winn of Montreal.

Archbishop Hutchison nominated the Hon. Mr. Justice Brian Burrows, former chancellor of Edmonton as **vice-chancellor of General Synod**. Council approved the nomination.

Council discussed a proposed **Covenant for the Anglican Communion**. Alyson Barnett-Cowan, director of Faith Worship and Ministry, lead the discussion. She noted that the Windsor report contains a draft covenant but that it did not have the support of all the commission. Canon Barnett-Cowan invited members to consider the proposed covenant and some discussion papers.

Council returned to a discussion of possible scenarios for General Synod responding to the **St. Michael Report**. What is the best question to put before General Synod? Canon Barnett-Cowan lead the discussion on a consensus model similar to the one used at the World Council of Churches and

asked members to consider if this process might be used at General Synod.

Council considered the report of **Faith Worship and Ministry**. The report contained a number of resolutions and several items for information.

Council considered a report from **Ask & Imagine**.

Susan Winn was declared elected as deputy prolocutor.

Council considered a report from the **Eco-Justice Committee**. The report contained items for information and a number of action items.

Council heard reflections from Stephen Lane, its **partner from ECUSA**, who was attending his last meeting after four years as partner.

Council recessed at noon and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Council thanked Alice Medcof for work she has done on the **Inter-Anglican Women's Network** on behalf of the women of the church.

Council heard a reflection from Sonja Free, its **Lutheran partner**.

Council considered **members' concerns**. Susan Winn raised the issue of the use of electronic messaging devices on the floor of General Synod. This was referred to the General Synod Planning Committee.

Council considered a motion to remandate the **Governance Working Group**. The motion carried.

Council considered a report from the **Planning and Agenda Team**. The report contained a number of items for information. Council considered a motion to approve revised terms of reference for PAT to reflect a role in coordinating the work of standing committees, councils and boards. The motion carried.

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Council returned to the report of the **Audit Committee** and considered a number of motions.

Council returned to the report of the **Financial Management and Development Committee** and considered a number of motions. Council considered a motion creating a working group to work on a prioritized operations plan for General Synod. The motion carried, amended to include Archbishop Terry Finlay on the working group.

Council approved a motion that the text of the **St. Michael Report** be included a report in the Convening Circular of General Synod. The motion carried.

Council considered a motion that CoGS support the appointment of a **National Indigenous Bishop** subject to certain conditions. The motion carried.

Council approved a motion expressing its gratitude to deputy minister Mario Dion for his role in **residential schools** negotiations.

Council adjourned at 2:45.