

COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD (CoGS) – DAILY HIGHLIGHTS



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

**November 2005, Mississauga, Ont.
(Queen of Apostles)**

Sunday, Nov. 20

Members of the council gathered for Eucharist at 9 a.m. Council convened at 10:15 a.m.

Council adjourned and convened as the **Board of Management of the Missionary Society of the Anglican Church of Canada**. The Board approved financial statements and the appointment of auditors.

The Council of General Synod reconvened. Council considered a report from the **Mission Coordination Group**. Council approved a resolution that the Planning and Agenda Team take up the work of the Mission Coordination Group since there is no money budgeted for MCG to meet in 2006. Council approved a motion that standing committees and board reassess priorities in light of reduced financial and staffing resources. There were a number of items for information.

Council considered a report from **Ask and Imagine**, which contained a number of items for information. Council approved a motion that the Ask and Imagine program be placed under the auspices of Faith, Worship and Ministry.

Council considered a report from **Communications and Information Resources**. The report contained a number of items for information. Council approved a motion to the effect that CoGS commit itself to finding ways of making the webcast of General Synod proceedings financially possible.

Council considered a report from the Primate's **World Relief and Development Fund**. The report contained a number of items for information.

Council received a report from the **House of Bishops**. The report contained items for information.

Council considered a report from the **General Synod Planning Committee**. Dean Peter Wall, chair of the committee reported that the University of Manitoba is no longer able to guarantee the facilities required for Synod. Negotiations are now under way with two downtown hotels that can accommodate Synod. Council discussed *Draw the Circle Wide...Draw It Wider Still* as the proposed theme for General Synod 2007. The theme was approved.

Council considered a report from the **Handbook Concerns Committee**. Council considered and approved a number of motions contained in the report.

Council adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1 p.m.

Council heard a report by A.J. Finlay on a visit to Canada by staff from the **World Council of Churches**.

Council considered resolutions:

- Members of council asked questions and made a number of comments about the draft budget. Council passed a motion approving the draft **2006 budget** presented by the Treasurer.
- Council approved a motion setting up an advisory group to assist Management Team with further budget cuts if required.
- Council approved a motion recommitting itself to the listening process proposed by the Anglican Consultative Council.
- Council approved a motion recommending that General Synod not agree to proposed changes to the membership of the Anglican Consultative Council.

Bishop Michael Ingham reported on the Council's partnership with the Executive Council of **ECUSA**.

Council returned to resolutions.

- Council approved a motion requiring the holding of an anti-racism workshop for CoGS during each triennium.

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- Council agreed to make time at its next meeting for a discussion of a national indigenous bishop.
- Council affirmed the work of ACIP as it works towards the appointment of a national indigenous bishop.

Council adjourned at 3:10 p.m.