

Burnaby Lay Report for Diocesan Council meeting September 13, 2011

- 1) Bishop Michael opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone back after the summer break. Archbishop John Privett (Metropolitan of the Province) was in attendance and welcomed accordingly. Attendance taken/Previous Minutes approved.
- 2) Presentation of the Provincial Task Force on Restructuring, with regards to the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and the Yukon, as led by Archbishop John Privett. There was to be a video as part of this presentation but due to technical problems it was not shown. The link will later be provided [shown on St. Margaret's website, under 'where do we go from here']. Dialogue and discussion was therefore held as to how best the various dioceses in BC and the Yukon could better manage ministry and mission in the sharing of resources and people management. More and better use of 'modern technology' was the main thought as a tool to reach as many as possible in this large area of the west coast. Another thought was to have a centralized office to handle overlapping points of business in the church from ministry resource to financial to human resource management. More discussion to follow.
- 3) Action/Debate/Discussion: Grants approved for Ministry development for St. Dunstan, Aldergrove, All Saints, Agassiz, and the North Vancouver Deanery. Adjustment to the bylaws of the Order of New Westminster allowing the Bishop to add individuals to the Order as a matter of privilege from "Outside" the Diocese (form of recognition). Update from the Chancellor on the legal situation of the "Dissenting congregations" who left the Diocese. New Ministry has restarted within the Church buildings where various congregations left the diocese.
- 4) Various Committees for the work of Synod were established and approved as nominated.
- 5) Financial report given of the Diocese. A warning was given to the Diocese by the Treasurer about the possible loss of income due to another possible Recession... as a result both the Diocese and Parishes should exercise financial caution over the next year.
- 6) Reports from Various Committees Received but not discussed: Administration & Finance; Grants & Loans; MCDC; OMD; Ministry Resources; Diocesan Planned Giving/Stewardship; Communications.
- 7) Meeting adjourned
- 8) Reminder that the Minutes of this meeting as well as various Committee Reports are available from the Synod Office upon request as well as basic information is available from the Diocesan Website.

Respectfully Submitted;
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