

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT TO ASSEMBLY 2017

A report on the Meeting of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon's **Provincial Executive Council** by Teleconference held on Jan. 21, 2017

Our January teleconference was held on Saturday from 9 until 11 am. Opening prayers by the Archbishop were on the theme of peace for the world and the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

The Archbishop's report included

- descriptions of the work of Executive Council
- the Archives (especially regarding APCI records and future holdings)
- News about the new BCYAYM Council
- a report on the November teleconference of the Provincial HOB
- Safe Church
- Diocese of Caledonia (with Bishop Anderson retired, the metropolitan has Episcopal authority until the election of the next Bishop)

Business Arising included

- discussions on insurance, investments, and payroll
- Report from the Safe Church Working group by Cathy Wozlowski
- Report from BCYAYM-MOU

The financial report was given including the 2017 budget. The statements were received and the budget was approved.

New business

- a motion from the previous meeting on trust and cooperation was tabled for now and will be placed on the joint meeting of the house and the council
- The date for the next Provincial Synod 2018 will be September 14-16.

Committee and other reports

Reports from ACPO, the Archives, BCYAYM, and COGS were received. A motion to support Indigenous people was proposed by Melanie Delva at COGS and shared at this meeting.

Be it resolved that the members of this Council of General Synod express their support for Indigenous peoples and their desire to grow and deepen that trust both within the church and without: in asserting and advocating their right to free, prior and informed consent concerning the stewardship of traditional Indigenous lands and water rights, and in acknowledging and responding to their calls for solidarity.

Diocesan Reports were received from the Yukon, Territory of the People, Kootenay, and Caledonia. No representative from New Westminster was available.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Kris Dobyms