

Youth Synod 2003

Delegates' Concerns

Delegates were divided into groups to discuss two main subjects: Residential Schools and the War in Iraq. Each group gave a report about what they discussed. After all the groups had concluded, the floor was open to general discussion. Below are summaries of what the groups discussed

Residential Schools

Group One

The group's spokespeople gave a general review of what was learned in their group and the discussion on the Aboriginal peoples and the Residential Schools that followed.

Group Two

This group had two motions that were presented during proceedings. Further discussion by group members suggested supporting a Native charity in the Diocese of Montreal, that the church should not have to pay for something that we have already apologised for, and forgiveness should be the emphasis.

Archbishop Hutchison – There is much that is not clear. There was massive slaughter of indigenous peoples in other areas. Canada did not do this but chose to assimilate them instead with a system unfortunately was flawed. Financial settlement is one way to bring restitution, programme is another by aiding Native peoples to relearn their culture.

War In Iraq

Delegates listened to CD of young Charlotte who wrote to President Bush, against the war in Iraq.

Archbishop – Reminded delegates that main religious and political leaders spoke against the war.

Group One

Questioned whether Christians should be able to go to war, and if Canada should go after to help clean up.

Group Two

Consensus was that not a just war and came up with a few motions to be presented during proceedings.

Group Three

Review of topics covered - about almost every issue of the war, the discord about these ideas and that Canada /U.S. relations have been strained.

In further discussion the following points were made:

- Something should be done, if Canada involved or not;
- There is never a reason for war, so what to do;
- No justification for slaughter of the innocent, and a lot of suffering, it should not continue, U.S. brought many motions before UN that were rejected.
- UN is a democracy so why should The States ignore this.
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Archbishop Hutchison – The war is happening so what can we do to make things better for healing and reconciliation, justice and peace happen in this day. Pray for the UN. in there position as they deal with this

SYNOD PROCEEDINGS

Had an interesting fake motion to demonstrate the proper proceedings for the day.
Amanda reported on the activities of Youth Council for the previous year.

Motion 1

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that speaking privilege be given to the adult guests

Moved Amanda Stephenson

Second Alexander Richards

Carried

Motion 2

We the youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the membership term on the Youth Council be extended from two years to three.

Moved Alexander Richards

Second Amanda S.

Discussion:

A friendly amendment suggested that this is to be retroactive. Further discussion
- clarification on abstaining; Clarification of retroactive.

The new motion reads:

We the youth of the Diocese of Montreal move that the membership term on the Youth Council be extended from two years to three. Also, that this extension be retroactive for existing membership.

Motion Carried

Motion 3

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the duration of support for the Youth Council appointed charitable organisation, extend from one year of support to two years of support.

Moved Amanda S. Spoke to this

Second Alana N

Discussion:

Questions and clarification on the duration for this or all charities, that charities for future years to be made at that time, does not pertain to other fundraising.

Motion Carried

Motion 4

Seeing that the excessive and sensationalist coverage of the war masks the suffering of the youth of Iraq, we the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the Youth Council endeavour to send regular information to parishes about the work of the diocese and the wider church with the Youth in Iraq.

Moved Bryan Rourke Spoke
Second Mary Jorgensen

Discussion

- Question - how to do this? Answer - By getting website etc.
- Question - Are the mover and seconder willing to help? Answer - Yes.
- Point of clarification all movers are expected to help with any carried motions.

Motion Carried

Motion 5

Being that most of the population of the country of Iraq is made up of youth, we the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the Youth Council endeavour to find a way to support either financially or practically an organisation that specifically supports and gives aid to youth in Iraq.

Moved Tahnee Campbell
Second Kate Ilaqua

Discussion:

- This motion provoked much discussion from that it empowered the youth to do something about the situation in Iraq from speaking out to do some sort of fundraising towards an agency such as World vision.
- There was questioning as to whether the money would even get to Iraq to who would do the organizing of the action that this motion entails.

Motion Carried.

Motion 6

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that we send (if possible) our condolences/support to those who's family members have been killed, captured or injured because of the current military operation in Iraq. A copy of this letter will also be forwarded to the Most Rev. Frank Griswald, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Moved - Mark P.
Second Alexander R.

Mark P. Spoke to showing support and that not all are acting on Anti American feelings.

Discussion:

The who, what, how and when of this project was questioned and discussed.

Friendly amendment: to take out most reverend, put in to ecclesiastical leaders of the various national regions involved.

New motion reads:

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Motion Carried

Motion 7

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the Youth Council with a volunteer subcommittee, organise an activity aimed to educate every parish on the native residential school issue. This should in as much as possible, be done through direct contact with the Anglican Council of Indigenous People (ACIP) or resources provided by them.

Moved Pamela H.
Second Nicole B.

Discussion:

- It was mentioned that information has been available to parishes.
- Activities should be at the invitation of the indigenous peoples not at Youth Council's organizing.
- Poor communication is mentioned.
- Encouragement that Youth Council needs to take an active roll in things.
- With so many questions and issues arising the following friendly amendment was suggested:

To take out "with a volunteer sub-committee organize an activity" and replace it with "make available links to activities and resources."

This was accepted. The new motion reads:

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that the Youth Council make available links to activities and resources to educate every parish on the native residential school issue. This should in as much as possible, be done through direct contact with the Anglican Council of Indigenous People (ACIP) or resources provided by them.

Motion Defeated

Motion 8

Recognizing the courage and prophetic vision shown by certain leaders in the Anglican Communion during the time of moral uncertainty regarding the war in Iraq, we the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that we send letters stating our appreciation and support of their leadership to: the Most Rev. Michael Peers, Archbishop and Primate of all Canada; the Most Rev. Frank Griswald, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America; and the Right Honourable and Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and the spiritual head of the Anglican Communion

Moved Tahnee Campbell
Seconded Jennifer Leigh Works

Discussion:

- The question of whether this motion should be enacted because not everyone is opposed to the war in Iraq.
Answered with the letters are of appreciation for the effort and leadership.

Motion Carried

Motion 9

We the Youth Synod of the Diocese of Montreal move that: as individual parish contacts have not proven to be reliable, we request that the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal instruct the Regional Deans to request from parishes and relay to parish information relating to youth ministries in the Diocese of Montreal. This information is to be given by and to the Co-ordinator of Youth Ministries and Youth Chaplain(s)

Moved by Amanda Stephenson
Seconded by Tony Sommario.

Amanda informed the group that there are no longer any YAPs. So need someone to give us this information as well as relay.

Discussion:

- Again this is a problem of communication and awareness.
- Paperwork to clergy often are not attended to properly.
- Youth invited to attend Deanery meetings, they are open meetings.
- Many youth opinions and voices are not appreciated at these meetings.
- Youth delegates do not receive communication from Council.
- If name and address are on registration list, they will.

- Communication and awareness will be addressed.

Motion Carried.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for Youth Council

Kevin Ilaqua	Tahnee Campbell	Justin Ells	Wayne Jones	Amanda Poulin
Emily Poulin.	Alana Norquay	Tiffany Brophy-Cortez	Richard Bourque	

Nominations for Diocesan Synod

David Howarth	Kevin Ilaqua	Sarah Irwin-Gibson	Alana Norquay	Vanessa Landry
Mark Paradis.	Amanda Poulin.	Emily Poulin	Alexander Richards	Bryan Rourke
Tony Sommario	Amanda Stephenson	Jase Zampini		

Nominations for General Synod.

Kevin Ilaqua	Sarah Irwin-Gibson	Alana Norquay	Tony Sommario
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Diocesan Council Nominations

Alexander Richards	Tony Sommario	Amanda Stephenson
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ELECTION RESULTS

YOUTH COUNCIL

RICHARD BOURQUE	TIFFANY BROPHY-CORTEZ	JUSTIN ELLS
KEVIN ILAQUA	WAYNE JONES	ALANA NORQUAY

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Kevin Ilaqua.	Alana Norquay.	Mark Paradis.	Amanda Poulin	Emily Poulin
Alexander Richards.	Bryan Rourke	Tony Sommario	Amanda Stephenson	Jase Zampini.

ALTERNATES TO DIOCESAN SYNOD

SARAH IRWIN-GIBSON, VANESSA LANDRY, DAVID HOWARTH

GENERAL SYNOD

DELEGATE: ALANA NORQUAY
ALTERNATE: KEVIN ILAQUA

DIOCESAN SYNOD

TONY SOMMARIO