



The Missionary Diocese of All Saints Anglican Church in North America



The Right Reverend William H. Ilgenfritz, Bishop
The Right Reverend Richard W. Lipka, Suffragan

MDAS 2014 Synod Minutes

On July 11 2014, the Missionary Diocese of All Saints (MDAS) Diocesan Synod assembled at the Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

At 1:10pm, Bp. William Ilgenfritz opened the assembly. Bp. Richard Lipka led the Synod in prayer. Bp. Ilgenfritz appointed Fr. Jon Mark Lipka secretary for the Synod. Minutes for the 2013 Synod were sent electronically. There was no discussion. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Bp. Ilgenfritz addressed the assembly. He thanked all attendees for their presence. He greeted those present, including new members and first-time attendees. He noted that Bp. Kenneth Myers has begun a new ministry, Graceworks, and encouraged the Diocese to take advantage of his gifts.

Bp. Ilgenfritz is changing his visitation method, to try to better use his time and the Diocese's resources. He will go to a region and stay for 7–10 days, and will be available for extended teaching and worship with the local parishes. Bp. Ilgenfritz asked the Bishop's Council to prayerfully consider what is needed in the next bishop of the Diocese: what skills he should have, how he can continue to bind together our non-geographic group. He is concerned that the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) may argue against our sustainability, due especially to financial resources and geographical spread, but Bp. Ilgenfritz does not believe them insurmountable, and will fight for the Diocese.

Bp. Ilgenfritz desires to focus this year on discipling our people and deepening their faith, as growth is not only measured in average-Sunday-attendance.

Bp. Lipka will be organizing the next Synod meeting. Location and time of the Synod have posed challenges for various groups, and no solution has been able to accommodate every need. The 2015 Synod will be planned in conjunction with the MDAS Clergy & Wives Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland on April 23–25, 2015. Newly-elected Abp. Foley Beach will be asked to lead the retreat, and Bp. Myers will be invited if Abp. Beach cannot attend. [Followup: Bp. Myers will lead the retreat.] Bp. Ilgenfritz assigned Fr. Seth Brooker to lead a review for how to address logistics of future Synods.

Bp. Lipka reviewed the appointment of officers: Chancellor, Mr. William Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Christine Hutchison; Bookkeeper, Mrs. Lois-Jean Ilgenfritz; Canon to the Ordinary, Fr. Lawrence Hill.

Bp. Lipka led elections. Standing committee members whose terms are ending this year are Fr. Brooker and Mrs. Nancy Moore, both of whom are willing to continue for another term. Nominations were opened, and none received. Fr. Brooker and Mrs. Moore were reelected by unanimous acclamation. Provincial Council does not require any election this year. Provincial Assembly delegates were previously Fr. Geoffrey Bolland, Fr. Lipka, Mrs. Alayne Bolland, Mrs. Ilgenfritz, and Mr. Clinton Collister. Except for Mr. Collister, all are willing to continue for another term. Nominations were opened, and none received. Fr. Bolland, Fr. Lipka and Mrs. Bolland, and Mrs. Ilgenfritz were reelected by unanimous acclamation. The Diocesan Ecclesiastical Trial Court members were Fr. Norman Hancock, Fr. Lipka, Fr. Attilio Zarrella, Mrs. Bonnie Barron, and Dr. Paula Rose, all of whom are willing to continue for another term. Nominations were opened, and none received. Fr. Hancock, Fr. Lipka, Fr. Zarrella, Mrs. Barron, and Dr. Rose were reelected by unanimous acclamation.

Updates in clergy were reviewed. Dcn. Charles Arturo was ordained. Fr. Ed Steele was conditionally ordained. Transferred in were: Fr. Thierry Hakpon, Fr. Karl Petterson, Fr. Lyle Lampkin. Transferring out was: Fr. Todd Boyce. Retired were: Fr. Joseph Trollinger, Fr. Ray Zeitz, Fr. Reid Wightman, Dcn. James Lee. Departed were: Dcn. Francis Gray, Fr. John Beyers, Fr. William Stott, Dcn. David Hogarth. Renouncing orders was: Val Fimmel.

Bp. Ilgenfritz asked the Synod to pray for Fr. Frank Sefchick, who has taken a leave from ministry due to his health, and, if led by the Spirit, send him an encouraging note (1498 Quakake Road, Weatherly, PA 18255).

The Diocesan Women's Retreat will be held in Ocean City, Maryland from November 6–8, 2014. Bp. Keith Ackerman will be the speaker. The event is open to women outside of MDAS, and early registration is recommended.

At 2:15pm Bp. Ilgenfritz closed in prayer and adjourned the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Jon Mark Lipka
September 8, 2014