

Secretary's Report of the Business Meeting  
Missionary Diocese of All Saints Synod #7  
March 24, 2017

**Display Tables**

This year's Retreat and Synod of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints included display tables sponsored by Forward in Faith North America (FIFNA) and Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) with Fr. Tom Hendrickson and his wife, Cathy Hendrickson who gave a brief presentation on AFM's mission to reach unreached people groups of one million or more predominantly in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

**Announcement**

Prior to his opening address, the Rt. Rev. William Ilgenfritz announced that a chrism mass will be included in the opening mass of the 2018 Retreat and Synod to enable more priests to attend. The deacons volunteered to prepare the individual oils needed for the chrism mass. The chrism mass for 2017 is separate from the Retreat and Synod, a challenge for priests who must travel greater distances to attend both a synod and a chrism mass.

**Opening Address**

The Rt. Rev. William Ilgenfritz gave the opening address welcoming all attendees, thanking the staff of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Gloria Dzambo, and the Retreat speaker, the Rt. Rev. Jack Iker. Bishop Ilgenfritz announced the transitioning of the former REC Diocese of the West to the Anglican Convocation of the West to be under Canon Michael Penfield, Vicar-General.

Challenges and Opportunities was the theme of his address. MDAS is the only ACNA diocese that started out of nothing and is building a diocese witnessing to faith and order of the undivided Church from our founding.

**Challenge #1 – Clergy Education.**

Since most of the priests in the diocese are bi-vocational and cannot afford residential seminary, Bishop Ilgenfritz announced his intention to re-start Andrew Hall as an online clergy seminary with Fr. Geoffrey Boland to serve as Academic Dean. Theological education through Andrew Hall is beginning to develop online education to cover the following subjects: Holy Scripture, church history, pastoral care, moral theology, ethics and liturgy. It is expected that tuition will be minimal and there will be no residential requirement. Previous education will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The goal is to operate a diocesan commission on ministry board of examining chaplains to create a standard for clergy education.

**Student Aid**

A bequest was made for theological education of male clergy which was given to FIFNA to be dispersed as grants.

## Start-up Costs for the Online Seminary

Bishop Ilgenfritz announce a surplus of \$10,000 as of the end of 2016. To defray start-up costs for the renewal of Andrews Hall for theological education, he proposed \$5,000 to establish MDAS Theological Education Fund.

## Challenge #2 – 2013 Texts for Common Prayer

There are mixed reviews in the ACNA Province of the 2013 texts for the proposed Book of Common Prayer falling between evangelicals vs. catholic Anglicans. Bishop Ilgenfritz cited one example: “Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.” (Protestant Evangelical form) “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.” (Catholic form)

The full report of the College of Bishops on Holy Orders is about to be released. Parts are encouraging; parts are discouraging. In the Missionary Diocese of All Saints, the Christian priesthood is male. Not all dioceses in ACNA agree with this rule.

## Challenge #3 – Forming a Diocese

ACNA Guidelines set a standard for forming a diocese of 12 congregations with a minimum Sunday attendance of 50 people per congregation and a combined total attendance of 1,000 people on Sundays in order to become a full diocese. The challenge here is the message given by Canon I.5.1 that smaller, struggling congregations are less important than larger ones and that church size equals church success. This is the wrong message to give any missionary diocese.

## Opportunity #1 for Anglo-Catholics

Be active in each community. Come alongside those in pain. Get on with God’s mission. Each parish is encouraged to do these three things.

## Opportunity #2 Eucharist and Catechesis

Bring people to Jesus in the Eucharist. Our launch pad is catechesis, teach the people. Jesus said to make disciples not plant churches. We must practice engagement not just invitation. We must take the church to the world not bring people to the church.

## **Business Session**

The business session of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints was convened on March 24, 2017. Leslie Hanna was appointed secretary to take the minutes for the meeting.

The next order of business were the Diocesan appointments and the election of officers. The following appointments were made:

**Chancellor:** Hon. William Smith  
**Treasurer:** Dr. Christine Hutchinson  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Leslie Hanna, C.J.  
**Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Loisjean Ilgenfritz

**Canon to the Ordinary:** The Very Rev. Canon Lawrence H. Hill

One clergy and one lay person were elected to fill openings on the Bishop's Council. Deacon Vince Coppola completed Rev. Fr. Mark Hanna's term. Deacon Vince Coppola and Mrs. Nancy Moore were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve a 3-year term as the class of 2020. The current Bishop's Council consists of the following members:

**Bishop's Council – (3 year term; 3 Clergy; 3 Laity)**

2018

The Rev. Dr. James Hutchinson

Dr. Paula Rose

2019

The Rev. Fr. Terry Moore

Mrs. Kay Arturo

2020

The Rev. Dn. Vince Coppola

Mrs. Nancy Moore

The next order of business was to elect 5 members for the Ecclesiastical Court to consist of 3 clergy to be elected by clergy ballot and 2 lay members elected by lay delegates. Nominees for the 3 clergy members were Rev. Canon Michael Penfield, Rev. Fr. Ricky Brown, Rev. Fr. Tim Reimer and Rev. Dn. Clay Cook. Nominees for 2 lay members of the Ecclesiastical Court were Deaconess Brenda Smith and Karen Chalmers. The 2 lay member nominees were elected by acclamation of the lay delegates. The 3 clergy members of the Ecclesiastical Court were elected by secret ballot of the clergy and include: Rev. Canon Michael Penfield, Rev. Fr. Ricky Brown, and Rev. Fr. Tim Reimer.

**Ecclesiastical Court - (3 year term, 3 Clergy; 2 Laity)**

Clergy Members:

Rev. Canon Michael Penfield

Rev. Fr. Ricky Brown

Rev. Fr. Tim Reimer

Lay Members:

Deaconess Brenda Smith

Karen Chalmers

**Provincial Council – (5 year term, 1 Bishop; 1 Clergy; 2 Laity; no election needed)**

Term runs 2016-2020

The Rt. Rev. William Ilgenfritz

The Rev. Terry Moore

Mrs. Alayne Boland

Mr. Wright Poffenberger

Provincial Assembly delegates to the next Assembly scheduled for June 26-30, 2017 in Wheaton, IL graciously agreed to attend the assembly as delegates at their own expense not reimbursable by the Missionary Diocese of All Saints.

### **Provincial Assembly Delegates**

#### **Clergy Delegates:**

The Rev. Fr. Michael Moorehead

The Rev. Fr. Shaun LeDuc

#### **Lay Member Delegates:**

Deaconess Dr. Paula La Rose

Deaconess Dr. Sarah Masterson

#### **Youth Delegate:**

Hannah Saulsbury

### **Bishop's Budget**

Following the elections to the various offices, the Rt. Rev. William Ilgenfritz presented his budget. An Income and Expense Report for 2016 including the 2016 Balance Sheet along with the 2017 Operating Budget, the Historical Budget for 2016 as well as the Current Budget for 2017 year to date. The Bishop's budget was reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

### **Canon to the Ordinary's Report**

The Very Rev. Canon Lawrence H. Hill presented his report of changes in the Diocese since the 2016 Synod.

#### **Church Re-plant:**

St. Clement's Anglican Church, Muleshoe, TX (3/5/2017)

#### **Vacancies:**

St. Luke's Anglican, Manakin-Sabot, VA

#### **Total Congregations:**

We now have 35 congregations in the Missionary Diocese of All Saints.

#### **Clergy Changes – Since 2016 Diocesan Synod**

##### **Ordinations:**

Rev. Fr. Segun Oladapo – 10/15/2016

Rev. Dn. Wesley Walker – 10/22/2016

Rev. Fr. Jose Santos – 11/12/2016

Rev. Dn. Charles Mattina – 12/17/2016

Rev. Fr. Charles Mattina – 2/5/2017

**Transferred In:**

Rev. Fr. Timothy Reimer – 8/20/2016

Rev. Fr. John Onstott – 2/21/2017

**Reinstated:**

Rev. Fr. Sergio Leal – 3/5/2017

**Transferred Out to ACNA Diocese or Partner:**

Rev. Fr. Kenneth Lewis – 1/19/2017

**Resigned/Moved to Different Communion:**

Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Johnston - 1/1/2017

**Deceased:**

Rev. Fr. Mark Hanna – 4/9/2016

**Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders:**

Neal Hansberger

Clarence Hyatt

Joshua DeVries

Frederick Schwarz

**Total Clergy:**

**Bishops:** 5 (2 Retired)

**Priests:** 81 (10 Retired)

**Deacons:** 25 (1 Retired)

**New Business**

Following Canon Larry Hill's report of Changes in the Diocese, two items of new business were introduced.

**Changes in the Canons**

To clarify eligibility regarding election to the Bishop's Council and to the Ecclesiastical Court, the following amendment to the Canons was motioned, seconded and voted by acclamation. The amendment reads: "No **electd** member may serve more than two consecutive terms. This does not include an appointment to fill out a term." The Canons are hereby amended.

**Changes in Constitution (Must be done in two separate synods)**

To comply with traditional Anglican usage, it was proposed by Rev. Fr. Norman Hancock that the "Bishop's Council" be re-named the "Standing Committee." This is a change in name only not in function. The motion was seconded by Rev. Fr. Terry Moore. Any proposal to change the constitution must be approved by both clergy and lay delegates in two separate votes. The first vote was held today, March 24, 2017 and approved by clergy and also approved by the lay delegates.

**Further New Business**

Following the proposals and votes on the Changes in the Canons and Changes in the Constitution, Mrs. Alayne Boland proposed a raise in the Bishops' salaries by \$2,000 each from the Surplus. The motion was seconded by Canon Michael Penfield. After some clarification of the two separate offices and 2 separate bank accounts with separate budgets, it became clear to everyone that it was impractical to raise both bishop's salaries out of the Bishop Ordinary's separate budget. There is currently no diocesan office purse since MDAS is a non-geographic diocese. The Suffragen Bishop's budget and bank account are currently separate. Both bishops stated their goal of working towards a unified budget and an integrated report to the National Church in 2017 to prove that MDAS is a sustainable diocese.

After hearing the clarification, Mrs. Boland revised her motion to raise the Bishop Ordinary's salary for 2017 by \$2,000. The motion was seconded and voted by acclamation to raise the Rt. Rev. William Ilgenfritz's salary by \$2,000 for 2017. A raise in the Suffragen Bishop's salary was put on hold until the integrated budget/bank accounts can be worked out at a later date. Appreciation was expressed to both bishops for their tireless efforts and care in guiding MDAS and the College of Bishops for ACNA.

**Closing Business**

Following the vote to raise the Bishop Ordinary's salary for 2017, business finished with a motion to adjourn which was seconded and adopted by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,



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