



Meeting of the Diocesan Council, 18 March 2009 at the Church of the Resurrection, Grand Bay-Westfield. Hazel MacKenzie, Vice-Chair of the Council was the Chair. The Council watched the Bishop Edward Salmon Lenten Study video introduction and discussed the questions outlined for Lent 4. The [Minutes of 17 January 2009](#) were adopted.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Code of Pastoral Conduct, Marriage and Sexuality, Clean Water as Sacred Gift, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Support of the Diocesan Budget, Rural and/or Struggling Parishes, Camp Brookwood Task Force, Evaluation of Diocesan Services, Partnership with General Synod, Primate's Request for ACC ministry/mission review, Coordination of Initiatives, Regulation 4-1 Regional Governance, Fund for (vocational) diaconate training.

#### **REPORTS**

Standing committee and team reports were received. Other reports included: [Task Force on Rural and/or Struggling Parishes Final Report](#); [Sharing Ministry Task Group 13 March 2009 update](#).

#### **BUSINESS**

Resolutions (carried motions) of the meeting were:

##### **1 Trust for the (vocational) Diaconate**

A trust fund for the purpose of supporting formation and training of those called to the (vocational) diaconate was given approval for establishment.

##### **2 Appointments (Nominating Committee)**

- Mrs. Joanne Fitzpatrick - Diocesan Council (SJ Lay)
- The Rev'd Kevin Cross - Committee on Human Resources
- Mr. Julian Dickson - Committee on Nominating.

##### **3 Committees, groups and organizations reports to Synod 2009**

Reports collected and submitted by Council Teams by the 01 April 2009 deadline.

##### **4 Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

Recommendation that Motion DS 129-22a regarding Embryonic Stem Cell Research be sent by the [130<sup>th</sup> Session of Diocesan Synod](#) as a memorial to General Synod.

##### **5 Reception of Rural and/or Struggling Parishes Report** [The Report](#) was received.

##### **6 Motion to Synod - Clergy Quorum**

Motion to Synod 2009 to change the Constitution to require the presence of "active" clergy only to constitute a quorum.

##### **7 Regulation 4-1 Regional Governance**

[Regulation 4-1 Regional Governance](#) was adopted.

##### **8 Next Meetings**

That the previously scheduled 16 May 2009 meeting of the Diocesan Council be changed to Wednesday 13 May 2009 to avoid the holiday weekend.

#### **Announcements**

1. Ordination to Priesthood 28 March 2009 ([Christ Church Cathedral](#)) - (transitional) Deacons L. Dick Black, Kevin Cross, Jasmine Chandra, Michael Caines.
2. Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection, [Parish of the Nerepis and St. John](#) 19 April 2009 - all invited.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS** (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

- Wednesday, 13 May 2009 (Shediac)
- Tuesday 23 June 2009, 2:00 p.m. (Fredericton)

*The Diocesan Council sincerely appreciates the hospitality of the [Parish of the Nerepis and St. John](#).*