



Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Diocesan Council

Brief Description and Mandate

Diocesan Council is elected by Synod to work closely with the Bishop in managing and administering the temporal affairs of the Diocese. Council has the power of Synod when Synod is not in session. It seeks and takes the direction of Synod, and implements Synod's decisions. Council has an inter-dependent, supportive and harmonious relationship with the Bishop in all things. Council's focus is in four main areas: providing support and advice to the bishop, playing a leadership and coordination role in the ministry, mission and programs of the diocese, encouraging and communicating with parishes, and supporting the work of the Anglican Church in Canada and around the world.

On-going Responsibilities and Reporting

- to take a Christian approach to council's whole ministry
- to be accountable to synod
- to guide and evaluate the ministry in the diocese
- to develop and approve the diocesan budget, and live within that budget
- to make regulations and set guidelines as needed
- to appoint individuals and committees as called for in the canons (eg treasurer, archivist, executive committee, etc.)
- to receive reports from diocesan committees and take appropriate action/make decisions based on recommendations
- to delegate issues and challenges to diocesan council committees
- to help ensure coordination of diocesan events, thus avoiding duplication
- to regularly communicate with the parishes and seek their support
- to guide and support the parishes
- to help strengthen the sense of community within the diocese
- to be proactive (not reactive)
- to listen, think, plan and act strategically (have a "big picture," long term focus)
- to be intentionally aware of what's going on in the Anglican church and in the world
- to ensure access to demographic and other information in order to establish appropriate plans

Membership

Archdeaconry lay and clergy representatives, Archdeacons and other standing members as defined by the Constitution s11:

Budget

Diocesan Council oversees the Diocesan Budget in seven areas of ministry seeking input from the area groups. The overall goal is a ministry driven budget expressed annually in a narrative format for use in annual regional consultations in order that the work of the Diocese may be communicated clearly, accurately and effectively.

Sub-groups and Other Links

Constitution and Canons Committee; Finance Committee; Nominating Committee; Human Resources Committee

Seven Team Areas: Mission/Outreach; Administration; Ministry with Youth; Spiritual Formation; Stewardship and Financial Development; Episcopal Ministries; Parish Support and Development.

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