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**REPORT OF THE 142ND SYNOD OF THE
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JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS IN THE
PROVINCE OF THE
WEST INDIES**

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**"Lord, Renew The Church For Its Mission And
Ministry In The Nation"**

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OPENING SERVICE

The opening Service for the 142nd Synod of the Anglican Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in the province of the West Indies took place on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m in the Parish Church of St Ann's Bay, with the Service of Evensong, at which Rev. Monique Campbell, Priest in Charge officiated. A procession of Clergy and Laity from the car park along main street up the hill to the church preceded the start of the service where approximately 400 persons came together to begin the four days discussion of the church's business.

With the Theme; " Lord, Renew The Church For Its Mission And Ministry In The Nation" the Lord Bishop-Elect, Rt. Rev. Dr Howard K A Gregory, delivered the First Part of the Bishop's Charge. The Lord Bishop- elect used as his text, words from Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4: 17- 24.

The Lord Bishop- elect pointed out that there are many themes present in the letter of Paul to the Ephesians including:

- The Holy calling of God's people
- The equipping of God's people to do what God has appointed them
- The Holy Spirit's work in the lives of His people.
- The unique lifestyle of God's people.
- Unity among God's people.

He stated that, in writing this letter, Paul was addressing himself to a community which was facing fragmentation, as the members probably focused on their differences, rather than seeking the center around which their oneness was to be found. He discerned it as a community which has a Jewish and a gentile constituency, one group perhaps being under the impression that they could claim pedigree while the others, mere newcomers. Those of us who have been around a long time and borne the burden and heat of the day are not very welcoming of those who seem to pose a threat in displacing us from our positions of privilege. Accordingly, he pointed out a resounding theme in Ephesians of unity, the inclusiveness which brings Jews and gentiles together. There seems also to have been the staking out of territory and the assignment of ranks in terms of gifts and responsibilities within the life of the community of faith, and so another major theme of focus is the diversity of gifts and offices which constitute the body of Christ.

The Bishop- elect ended his charge by saying that –"all across the diocese I have heard the cry that there is a major challenge facing us concerning the future direction of the Church. I have never entertained any grandiose notion that any one person can accomplish that task. It is a task that calls for effective leadership of Bishops, and the various Councils, Boards and lay leadership. But it is more inclusive than that, he said and he cherishes no grandiose notion that he alone, or any single layer of leadership knows what's to be done and holds all the answers. Therefore he asked that this moment be one in which we commit ourselves to praying, discerning and working together to advance the work of mission and ministry within this nation and to which God has called us... This calls for a renewal of the body corporate. And so, may our petition said in the Daily Office take on new significance for us as we gather for this Synod: Lord, renew your spirit within us; that in us and through us your will may be done." AMEN
The full text of the Bishop's charge can be found on the website.

The service was enhanced by the rich music of a combined choir under the baton of Mr. Karl Fuller performing an anthem entitled- "This is the Feast of Victory"

The Suffragan Bishop of Kingston, the Rt. Rev. Dr Robert McLean Thompson, welcomed the congregation and members of Synod. He thanked the clergy, Rev Monique Campbell and members of her congregation for being good hosts. Among the special guests were the Governor General of Jamaica, His Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen and Her Most Honourable Lady Allen; His Most Honourable Sir Kenneth Hall and Lady Hall; Hon. Mr. Lensley Wolfe, OJ, Chancellor of the Diocese, Hon. Mrs. Justice Zaila McCalla OJ, Chief Justice and Mr. McCalla; Custodes and their spouses and members of the Ecumenical Fraternity.

SECOND DAY -April 11, 2012

The day started with morning prayer at 6:30 o'clock followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:20 a m in the Portland ballroom of the Sunset Jamaica Grande, Ocho Rios.

Business Sessions

After breakfast the business session was called to order by the President, Rt. Rev. Dr Howard Gregory. The Rev. Garth Minott – UTC Anglican Warden, led the synod in opening prayers at 9:40 a m. The Bishop acknowledged all attending and made special mention of those attending for the first time

Approval of the Hours of Business

The President Tabled the Proposed Agenda outlining the hours of Business. Amendments made were approved.

The Bishop's Charge -Part Two

In his Charge the Lord Bishop- elect deviated from the mere announcements and made a number of observations and expectations:

- ❖ Vacancies and adjustments of leadership structures of the diocese as positions are filled.
- ❖ Seek as church to set an example to the wider society on how decisions are made even though we might not like or agree with the decisions made by the various bodies.
- ❖ The presence of the Anglican Church in the public media is at an unsatisfactory level- suggested presence on television and in cyberspace. Encourage churches to televise services on a regular basis- cost is between \$6,000- \$8,000.00 per hour on LOVE TV. These recordings could also be made available to local cable stations.
- ❖ The use of technology and confirmation given the reported drop-outs of youngsters who because of co-curricular school activities are unable to regularly attend confirmation classes. Develop a course of preparation which is interactive and designed for delivery by means of the internet. A period of face to face meeting with priests could augment this medium of instruction.
- ❖ Mentoring interventions, in light of the social problems facing our young people, especially those at risk.
- ❖ Increasing the level of contribution from diocesan sources to meeting the budget for the operation of the Diocese.

Retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The President announced the retirement of the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Appointment of Scrutineers and select Committee

Rev Charles Danvers and the Rev. Andrew Reid representing the clergy and lay representatives Mrs. Sandra Swyer-Watson and Mr. William Willis were appointed to serve as scrutineers. The President proposed and synod approved the appointment of a Select committee to which matters could be referred during Synod. The Committee comprised the Rev. Canon Denzil Barnes, Hon, Dr. Vin Lawrence and the Bishop's nominee, Mr. Vivian Crawford.

Scrutineers' Report

The report stated that there were three hundred and twenty persons present at synod including 129 clergy and 191 members of the laity. Based on this report the President declared that the synod was properly constituted.

Resolutions and Questions

The Synod for the year 2012 carried on the trend of passing timely resolutions with potentially far-reaching impact.

1. Concerning the amendment of Canon XIX regarding election of a Bishop to allow adequate time between nomination and election to facilitate the Church's prayerful reflection and consultation prior to voting. Moved by the Lt. Col. Norman Tomlinson and seconded by the Rev. Annett Brown
2. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (St. John's – Woburn Lawn, St. Thomas) Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton
3. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (Holy Trinity – Trinityville, St. Thomas) Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton

4. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (St. Boniface Church - Whitehall, St. Thomas)
Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton
5. Concerning the appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Leslie Hoo-Sang, BA (Theo)
Moved by the Rev. (Major) Sirrano A. Kitson and seconded by the Very Rev. Canon Hartley Perrin.
6. Concerning care of the Environment
Moved by the Dr. Elizabeth Thomas-Hope and seconded by the Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence
7. Concerning delaying the appointment of a Suffragan Bishop
Moved by Ambassador Byron Blake and seconded by Mrs. Monica P. Bucknor

No question was tabled

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIOCESAN FINANCIAL BOARD: The President nominated and the Synod elected the Hon. Michael Fennell, OJ, to continue to serve as Chairman of the Diocesan Financial Board.

Estimates of Income and Expenditure

The Chairman of the Diocesan Financial Board, the Hon. Michael Fennell, OJ tabled the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 2011. He was assisted in the presentation by Mr. Almerick Cooke Jnr., accountant at Church House. They gave a review of the performance of the recurrent year 2011 as follows:

	2011 Actual	2011 Estimates
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Episcopal Stipends Fund	20,571	20,671
Diocesan Expenses Fund	127,565	136,759
Theological Education Fund	<u>10,917</u>	<u>12,032</u>
Total	159,054 =====	169,462 =====

The Chairman outlined the factors that influenced the crafting of the Estimates for 2012, giving a review of the National Environment as well as the Diocesan Environment. The expenditure represented an 11.9% increase over the 2011 actual expenditure resulting from a 5% increase in salaries and the resuscitation of programmes in the Mission and Ministry Departments and the Church Army and employment of additional personnel.

The Estimates under the following Budget Heads are as follows:

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Episcopal Stipends Fund	20,097	
Diocesan Expenses Fund	145,746	
Theological Education Fund	<u>12,158</u>	<u>178,001</u>

The Estimates would be funded in the following manner:

Assessment	140,798	
Diocesan Resources	14,655	
Income earned by the Diocese	17,006	
Unutilized Budget Funds	<u>5,542</u>	<u>178,001</u>

The Non recurrent Budget will amount to \$ 21.648m made up of the following components:

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The Bishops' Lodges, Offices & Cars	13,337	
Hillcrest Dioc. Retreat Centre	1,235	
Other Diocesan Properties	141	
Other Diocesan Programmes	590	
Church House	<u>6,345</u>	21,648

The Non-recurrent Budget would be financed by Diocesan resources and would not be a charge on Assessments.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF NOMINATIONS: The Secretary, the Venerable Winston Thomas tabled the Report of the Board of Nominations and indicated that the Report constituted the Nominations made to fill the vacancies on the several Boards, Councils and Committees. He invited members of Synod to make additional nominations if they so desire. They were to be done on the prescribed form and returned to him prior to Elections being held.

PRESENTATIONS:

TWO PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO THE SYNOD AS LISTED BELOW:

1. Property Development – The Hon. Dr. Vin Lawrence, OJ

This included information from the report of the Property Advisory Board that was tabled at Pre-Synod conferences)

Comments and issues were raised concerning aspects of Dr. Lawrence's presentation. Some of the comments included questions concerning legalities with respect to the Auditor's report and the roles and place of the Incorporated Lay Body and the Property Advisory Board.

2. Oversight Committee – Mr. Vivian Crawford

Following the presentations, members of Synod were told that on the resumption after the lunch break they were to meet at their designated Group locations at 2:15 pm.

RESUMPTION: Synod resumed and broke into groups for discussions concerning the presentations made before lunch.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS:

FOCUS QUESTIONS WERE:

1. HOW CAN THE DIOCESE'S GOVERNING LAWS AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE BE ADJUSTED TO FACILITATE THE OPTIMUM ECONOMIC USE OF THE CHURCH LAND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION AND MINISTRY?
2. SHOULD LOCAL CURES AND CONGREGATIONS CEDE CONTROL TO THE DIOCESE, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE DECISION PROCESS FOR USE OF LANDS HELD BY THE DIOCESE IN TRUST FOR THEIR BENEFIT?
3. HOW SHOULD FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OR DEVELOPMENT OF CHURCH LANDS BE UTILIZED? WHAT PORTION, IF ANY, SHOULD BE UTILIZED ON A SUSTAINED BASIS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE DIRECT ECONOMIC BURDEN (ASSESSMENT ON CURES AND CONGREGATIONS)?
4. GIVEN OUR DECLINING NUMBERS AND ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT, IS IT TIMELY FOR OUR CHURCH TO REVIEW THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE? WHAT SHOULD IT LOOK LIKE AND WHY? DO WE HAVE APPROPRIATE STRUCTURES IN PLACE TO SUPPORT THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE CLERGY? IF YES, WHAT ARE THESE AND ARE THEY BEING ENFORCED? IF NOT, WHAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE?
5. SHOULD THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT METHOD BE REVIEWED? – IF YES, WHAT SUGGESTIONS WOULD YOU RECOMMEND IMPROVING COMPUTATION SO THAT IT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE? INTEREST IS CHARGED MONTHLY ON OUTSTANDING ASSESSMENTS. WHAT MECHANISMS IF

ANY SHOULD BE PUT IN PLACE FOR CONGREGATIONS TO REPAY ALL AMOUNTS DUE BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR?

6. GIVEN OUR DECLINING NUMBERS WHAT STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMMES DO WE NEED TO PUT IN PLACE TO GROW/INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP? WHO SHOULD LEAD THESE INITIATIVES AND WHAT TIMELINE WOULD YOU RECOMMEND FOR EACH?
WHAT STRATEGIES, INITIATIVES/PROGRAMMES SHOULD WE ENHANCE OR INTRODUCE TO REENERGISE OUR EXISTING MEMBERS? – CAN THE MUSIC MINISTRY SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES? IF YES STATE HOW.

Synod then reconvened into plenary with questions, to discuss record comments and prepare reports.

PRESENTATION: Jamaica at 50 – church and Society – Dr. Peter-John Gordon

The President introduced Dr. Peter-John Gordon (son of the late Canon Weeville Gordon) to the Synod, who then made his presentation to the gathering.

He began with a demographic and socio-economic overview of Jamaica since Independence, covering areas such as industry and commerce, finances, poverty, unemployment, education, crime, elections. Dr. Gordon highlighted some contemporary concerns for which no data was available. He mentioned the matter of the Public Services Commission unceremonious dismissal by the then Prime Minister for refusing to heed his request to reject the appointment of Michael Vascianie, Esq. as the Solicitor General. He shared comments on other areas including the Office of the Contractor General and the elements of corruption, Ponzi schemes, the Christopher 'Dudus' Coke saga & the sharing of (wire-tapped) information, Caribbean Court of Justice and Privy Council. Doubting our own capabilities he commended the Anglican Church on being a truly Jamaican church.

The President invited short comments/questions on Dr. Gordon's presentation. He then thanked him for his time and effort and contribution to our Synod.

EVENSONG: At 6:00 p.m. there was a Service of Evensong

SUPPER: The adjournment for Supper was taken at 6:30 p.m.

RESUMPTION: Synod resumed and broke into study groups for discussions re: - Jamaica 50 – Church and society. The questions discussed were:

Question 1 – In light of the decrease in population growth rate and the consequent aging of the population, what are the implications for the Church in terms of its Mission and Ministry?

How does this impact on our focus of Ministry to persons at different points in the human life cycle?

Question 2 - What are the implications of an increasing trend in unemployment and poverty for the exercise of Mission and Ministry of the Church?

How may the increase in poverty rate and unemployment impact the current financial difficulties affecting the life of congregations?

Question 3 – The data indicates an increase in access to secondary and tertiary education among the population but also points to questions about the quality of education being offered in these institutions. What is the role of the church in the field of education in today's Jamaica?

The following persons reported on particular questions from their groups:

Group 1 – Dr. Trevor Hope – Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BSA). Question 1.

Group 2 – Miss Sherice Cummings – Deanery Youth Rep. – St. Elizabeth. Question 2

Group 3 – Miss Angelique Davidson – Church of the Transfiguration, St. Andrew. Question 3.

Group 4 – Miss Deon Grant – Sts. Simon's and Jude's, Ewarton. Question 1.

Group 5 – Mr. Patrick Lawrence – St. Gabriel's Church, May Pen. Question 2.

Group 6 – Mr. Vivian Crawford – Bishop's Nominee. Question 3.

Synod adjourned for day two (2) at 9:35 pm after the saying of the Grace led by the President.

THE THIRD DAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

WORSHIP

(a). Matins: The day began at 6:30 a.m. with the Service of Matins followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 a.m.

THE BUSINESS SESSION:

The President of Synod, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard K. A. Gregory, Lord Bishop-Elect of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, reconvened the Business Session at 9:45 a.m.

REPORT OF THE JAMAICA CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY (J.C.M.S.):

Synod resolved itself into Missionary Committee and received the Report of the Jamaica Church Missionary Society. The Chairman of the Society, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Thompson guided the Synod through the Report in the Handbook which set out all the activities and programmes of the Society during 2011. During the presentation the Chairman dealt with the questions that were asked either for information or for clarification. The President announced the re-appointment of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Thompson as Chairman of the Society. The President went on to appoint the following persons to the General Committee of the Society:

The Rev. Basil McLeod
The Rev. Canon Abner Powell
The Rev. Whitson Williams
Dr. Trevor Hope
Mrs. Andrea Chin See
Mr. Godfrey Perkins
Sister Phyllis Thomas, C. A.

The Committee confirmed the appointment of the following persons who were nominated by their respective Deanery Councils:

Kingston	Mrs. Patricia McCarthy
St. Thomas	Miss Edna Fisher
St. Catherine	Rev. Barrington Jones
Portmore	Sister Molly Walton, C.A.
St. Andrew	The Rev. Elizabeth Riley
St. Mary	Miss Pamiel Scott
Portland	Mr. John Crawford
Clarendon	Sister Myrel Moss, C. A.
Manchester	Sister Cynthia Lue-Bernard, C. A.
St. Elizabeth	The Rev. Carlton Tulloch
St. Ann	Sister Andrea Taylor, C. A.
Trelawny	Mr. Morris Stewart
St. James	The Very Rev. Canon Justin Nembhard
Hanover	The Rev. Percival Lynch
Westmoreland	The Rev. Leroy Johnson

The Society has a projected expenditure of \$5,390.00 for 2012 and St. Andrew Parish Church was acknowledged as a top contributor in the St Andrew Deanery for 2011 towards this effort through our Missionary Sunday contributions of \$146,500.00. The Cayman Islands topped it all with a \$311,115.00 contribution.

Bishop Thompson in his presentation spoke of the four qualities that a “**Mission-defined**” church possesses. They are:

- (a) gospel of hope
- (b) incarnational and transformational

- (c) makes disciples
- (d)and stewardship

Synod resumed and adopted the Report of the J.C.M.S.

Mission & Ministry

Retirements

The Rt. Rev. Harold Daniel, who retired on September 30 2011, was praised and congratulated for his dedication, deep commitment and work with the Jamaica Church Missionary Society (JCMS) having served the society for 31 years. Bishop Daniel was honoured at a special luncheon on October 19, 2011. One hundred and sixty five persons from congregations across the diocese were in attendance. A special service of thanksgiving for Bishop Daniel's ministry was held at the Cathedral Church , Spanish Town following the luncheon.

The work of Sisters Shirley Williams and Doris Levien who retired, during the year 2011 and who gave sterling contribution to Church army was recognized and acknowledged at a luncheon held in their honour on November 10, 2011.

Outreach Programmes & Services

The Clifton Boys' Home in Westmoreland, St Monica's in Chapelton, Clarendon and the Worthley Home in Kingston continue to be of special focus by the Society.

The Amy Muschette Home in Trelawny, the Bishop Gibson Home, and the Farquharson House in Kingston are beneficiaries; however the Society acknowledges the support of congregations and Church Organizations who continue to assist in various ways.

Distribution of Bibles

The JCMS continues to contribute to the cost and distribution of Bibles and other religious material through the Bible Society of the West Indies- Hagley Park Road.

The AIDS Support Programme

The Society, over the past six years, has been giving financial help to the programme to assist persons living with the virus.

Church/Schools Signs

The Society has been monitoring the installation of uniformed signs for our churches, missions and schools. Approximately \$21,502.50 has been spent up to April 2012.

PRESENTATION:

Topic: THE MISSIONAL CHURCH IN A POST DENOMINATIONAL ERA

The President then introduced to the Synod the Rev. Norbert Stephens, who spoke to the topic outlined. Rev Stephens in his presentation highlighted a number of concerns being experienced by all churches including the United Church and which were identified as being common to the Anglican Communion. His presentation acknowledged the work that we need to do to make a change in our mission and ministry.

Diocesan Educational Institutions.

Mrs. Sandra Swyer-Watson made a brief report on the Diocesan Educational Institutions.

Her brief but thorough report covered activities in the Colleges and High School. She noted that there were no thorough reports from our primary schools.

The President thanked Mrs. Swyer-Watson for her report, commenting in particular on the performance the St. George's Pre-School in Grand Cayman. He also remarked that though there were no reports from our Primary schools, it does not mean we were not involved in these schools. A comment was made that the Director of Schools in the Education and Youth Dept. of the Diocese should perhaps have been the one to table the report on our educational institutions as the Director would be better able to address such issues among others.

PANEL DISCUSSION: YOUTH ON A MISSION

The Bishop invited Synod to welcome four of our young people who had demonstrated drive and success in their personal endeavours as members of the Church.

The Panelists were: Mr. Orlando Gayle, Miss Angelique Davidson, Mr. Kemar Parchment and Mr. Wayne Vassell. The Honorable Dr. Barbara Gloudon served as the moderator. Each panelist was asked to share briefly something of their life story and the role of the Anglican Church in their lives.

Kemar Parchment – UWI graduate – Economics and Statistic. President - St. Andrew Area Council of the Anglican Youth Fellowship. He had, at one time not felt a part of the Church and through that experience, decided to get serious about Church and God.

Orlando Gayle – Graduate of Church Teachers College. 1st year student at the UTCWI. Responding to God’s call on his life to full time ministry.

Angelique Davidson – Teacher at the Queens School. Graduate of Queens and Church Teachers College.

Wayne Vassell – All Saints’ Church, West Street, Kingston. He gave an inspiring testimony of God’s protection, grace and mercy and to the fatherly influence of the Rev. Canon Abner Powell on his life, having grown up in the volatile West Street environment.

As the discussion concluded all four pointed to the care and support they have, and continue to receive from the Church. To paraphrase the panelists, ‘Knowledge is not enough, it is the care that is shown and service given to others that really matters and makes the difference.’

Mrs. Gloudon thanked the President for making such an encounter and moving testimony from four remarkable young people, possible and invited him to pray for them. The President prayed for the young people and then invited the synod to take a short break.

Education and Youth Dept.

The President then invited Mr. Winston Davis to share a perspective on the work of the Education and Youth department.

Mr. Davis made some suggestions which included:

- That there be more decentralization of the structure and activities of the board. The Bishop should establish sub-committees that report to the Board, to take hands-on charge of certain activities.
- The Board should therefore meet every two months instead of the present monthly meeting.
- There should be a standing (policy making) committee of the Board.
- As leadership of our schools is critical. Ad hoc search committees should be established meeting 2 years before a vacancy is required.
- Other committees (working, standing committees etc.) should be established to address current and critical issues in a timely manner rather than waiting for monthly board meetings.

Mr. Davis questioned whether the Church would consider establishing more Church run schools especially in areas where students live far distances from schools? Would these be co-ed or single gender schools? Double shift schools or not? The Church needs to make its voice clearly heard to the nation on these and other issues in Education.

Mr. Davis asked Synod to recognize the work of Rev. Fr. Michael Allen and Mrs. Sasha Wright (both of whom resigned from the Department in the past year) and who made tremendous contributions to the Department over the years and left many suggestions for the work of the Department.

The President thanked Mr. Davis for his response to the Education and Youth Department's report and suggested that the recommendations be taken to the Board for review and possible implementation.

Comments made on the issues raised in the report plus the stories coming out of the Youth on a Mission panel discussion, seemed to suggest that a single board could no longer adequately serve the entire department. We need to look at the possibility of having two (2) different Boards serving the Department. A question was asked concerning the two vacancies in the department and how did the Department relate to the focus of St. Peter's College?

The President responded by saying that work is being done with regards to the vacancies and job descriptions.

Comments were made that expressed disappointment that the Department did not have an opportunity to make their usual Divisional presentations as the Synod may not have really grasped the enormity of the work done by the Department. There was concern expressed that the issues raised here, may be left hanging and that some timelines and action items should be put in motion at the Synod.

The President stated that it would be very difficult to give timelines to the recommendations made because of the ground work that needs to be done. The implications of the recommendations have also to be considered and Synod might not be the best place for this kind of action. The Board and Diocesan Council would have to meet and take appropriate action. A timeline however had been given regarding the concern of a Campsite at the last Education and Youth Board meeting. Further discussions and comments followed regarding the Campsite issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President invited Bishop Daniel to share information on the Annual Healing Conference. Theme: "A repentant people and healed Nation." Application forms were available.

Also that a preaching seminars would be conducted by Rev. Gordon Wollard of the Langham Partnership International on Friday May 4 - 9:30 – 3pm. St. Luke's, Cross Roads and Sat. May 5 - 9:30 – 3 pm at Christ Church, Vineyard Town.

PRESENTATION: MY VISION FOR MY CHURCH

The President welcomed Lady Rheima Hall, Bishop's Nominee, who would make the ensuing presentation.

Bishop Gregory also invited to the head table and introduced Mrs. Sonia Neil – Vice Principal of Munroe College and the Rev. Fr. Leslie Mowatt, Rector of the Brown's Town Cure as persons who would each give a response to Lady Hall's presentation.

Lady Hall shared her vision for her church, which covered a wide spectrum of the church's life including worship, ministry and mission:

Mrs. Neil responded to the presentation. There was endorsement of Lady Hall's presentation. We must rekindle the passion of our membership and indeed the entire society.

Recommendations include: Greater use of Information Technology in areas of the Church's life; implementation of greater use of the Creative arts particularly among the youth; Carrying out our Lord's mandate to evangelize.

More consistent prayer meetings; Bible Study sessions; greater support for outreach programmes; skills training centers particularly the marginalized.

Lady Hall was commended for her vision...

Rev. Mowatt responded to the presentation. He highlighted that our understanding of our relationships must be transformed. He closed with his personal expression that 'We are all in the band and we can make good music together.'

Opportunity was then given for members of synod to ask questions and to make comments.

The session ended at 9:05 p.m. after the President led synod in the Grace.

THE FOURTH DAY - FRIDAY, 2012, APRIL 13

WORSHIP:

(a). **MATINS:** At 6:30 a.m. the Rev. David 'Tony' Reid, Curate at the Parish Church of St. Andrew the Apostle, H.W.T., led the service, followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:00 o'clock

. NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS AND QUESTIONS:

Led by the Secretary of Synod, the following notices of resolutions were debated:

1. Concerning the amendment of Canon XIX regarding election of a Bishop to allow adequate time between nomination and election to facilitate the Church's prayerful reflection and consultation prior to voting. Moved by the Lt. Col. Norman Tomlinson and seconded by the Rev. Annett Brown

The President then invited comments from the Synod.

Comments included: Amending prayerfully reflect to read 'Reflect prayerfully'.

The Canons committee would resolve wording 'list of nominees'.

'Lover of money' is a subjective concept and is not an appropriate injunction for our current context.

Timeline is not stated. Synod reps must be allowed to act rather than act as a legislator. Mention was made of the maturity of the National electorate in the past general elections. As a mature church we too should show maturity and trust in the process of our elections. There is no need for this resolution.

Did the mover/seconded consider Canon 22 referring to appointment of Suffragan Bishops and should the spirit of the resolution be carried over to this Canon?

Additionally to allow nominations from the floor, would defeat this resolution re Article 11. There should be a firm position and perhaps remove article 11.

Given a four week period what actions are they recommending as it is possible that nothing happens during that period.

The spirit of resolution is paramount as we would like to be able to consider the nominees and enable congregations to be so involved as to ensure that when the diocese comes together there is a sense of prayer and purpose in the mind of the synod reps from their congregations. We should trust our Synod representatives, as according to our prayer book we pray for them to make right choices. The proposers should revisit the layout of the resolution so that the spirit of the resolution remains succinct.

What is the purpose of the canons in its current form? Did the recent process reflect the mind of the Lord? Carefully reflect and consider well before going to change the canons or are we questioning the validity of past Diocesans who have served the diocese well? When names are known, the resolution if approved has the potential to create divisiveness among us.

We must be careful we do not compromise the integrity of the church and place limitations on the grace of God.

The President asked the Chancellor to respond. HE stated that the canons do not prevent consultation. Names do not need to be known. We should demonstrate confidence in the guidance of the Spirit. The Elective Assembly is not bound to accept the bishop's nominee for Suffragan. Additionally 1B will not be made any clearer by the suggested amendment in the resolution. The Canons committee has the right to adjust wordings in the best interest of the church and forward same to Diocesan Council for their consideration.

The President invited Synod to vote on the resolution as it is by a show of hands. Those 'against' out-numbered those 'for'. Abstentions were also noted.

The resolution was therefore defeated.

2. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (St. John's – Woburn Lawn, St. Thomas)
Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton

3. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (Holy Trinity – Trinityville, St. Thomas).
Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton
4. Concerning the change in status of a settled congregation (St. Boniface Church – Whitehall, St. Thomas).
Moved by the Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson and seconded by the Rev. Lenworth Haughton

The President invited the mover/seconded to speak to the next three resolutions as they concerned congregations in the same Deanery.

The President then invited voting on the resolutions #s 3, 4 and 5 from the Synod. **Synod gave its support to the resolutions.**

5. Concerning the appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Leslie Hoo-Sang, BA (Theo).
Moved by the Rev. (Major) Sirrano A. Kitson and seconded by the Very Rev. Canon Hartley Perrin.

The President invited the mover/seconded to read the resolution.

The President then invited voting on resolution #6 from the Synod. **Synod gave its support to the resolution.**

6. Concerning care of the Environment.
Moved by the Dr. Elizabeth Thomas-Hope and seconded by the Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence

The President invited the mover/seconded to speak to the resolution # 7.

The President then invited comments from the Synod.

The President then invited voting on resolution # 7 from the Synod. **Synod gave its support to the resolution.**

7. Concerning delaying the appointment of a Suffragan Bishop.
Moved by Ambassador Byron Blake and seconded by Mrs. Monica P. Bucknor

The President invited the mover/seconded to speak to the resolution # 8.

The President then invited the Chancellor to speak to the resolution. He stated that this was not a matter for the Synod rather it is the purview of the Lord Bishop. The Lord Bishop-Elect gave a commitment to consider the intent of the Resolution. **The Resolution was therefore withdrawn.**

8. Concerning appreciation for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Alfred C. Reid. Moved by the Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence and seconded by the Venerable Winston Thomas.

The President invited the mover/seconded to read the resolution.

The President then invited voting on resolution # 9 from the Synod. **Synod gave its support to the resolution.**

The Secretary of Synod brought forward the following other resolutions:-

Resolutions of sympathy to Venerable Canon Hartley Perrin on the death of his wife and Rev. Zelphya McLaren on the deaths of her mother.

Resolution of congratulations to Bishop Gregory on being elected the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Comments were made concerning resolutions being brought concerning the ministry of some retired persons and not all such persons. The president did acknowledge that such a policy is being worked on by Diocesan Council

PRESENTATIONS:

St. Peter's College – The Rev. Canon Georgia 'Grace' Jervis

Canon Grace outlined the work being done to get the college up and running which will facilitate short term training for clergy and laity

APPRECIATION:

The Hotel senior staff led by Mr. Reader, the General Manager attended the Synod hall and offered thanks to the Synod for our attendance and in particular Miss McGibbon who worked closely with them in preparation for the Synod. The President in turn offered thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Synod.

WORKSHOPS:

Mr. Fennell – chair of the Diocesan Financial Board addressed the Synod announcing that four (4) regional workshops will be organized to assist the relevant Church persons in carrying out their Church's financial reports and responsibilities, covering primarily the following areas:

- Review status of their Current Account balances
- Review status of membership development and set targets for their region
- Review their Annual returns reporting and management

Each session will be for four hours.

THE ELECTION RESULTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

The President tabled the results for the several Boards, Councils and Committees as outlined below.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE APPOINTED TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Financial Auditors: Messrs. Dunn Cox

Board of Nominations:

Clergy	The Rev. Garfield Campbell The Rev. Rory Honeyghan
Lay	Mrs. Sandra Swyer-Watson Mr. William Willis (for 2 years)

Canons Committee:

Clergy	The Rev. Canon Ernle Gordon The Rev. Canon Charles Manderson
Lay	Mrs. Sonia Bertram-Linton Miss Veronica Morris Mr. Ronald W. M. Parris

The Church Army Council

Clergy	The Rev. Cheryl Phillips
Lay	Mrs. Billie Clarke Miss Melrose Wiggan

Diocesan Council

Clergy	The Rev. Annett Brown The Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson The Rev. Canon Georgia Jervis The Very Rev. Barrington Soares (for 2 years)
Lay	Lady Rheima Hall Lt. Col. Norman Tomlinson Mrs. Lisa Watt Mr. B. Anthony Carr (for 1 year)

Board of Education and Youth

Clergy Kingston Region – The Rev. Deacon Khaliah Kinkead
Lay Mrs. Antoinette Wright
Mr. Shane Cunningham

Lay Eastern Jamaica – Miss Angelique Davidson

Lay Montego Bay - Mrs. Hirfa Arscott

Clergy Mandeville Region – The Rev. Richard Tucker
Lay Mr. Garth Anderson

Bishop's Nominees - Mr. Winston Davis and Prof. Elizabeth Hope both have two (2) years remaining

Diocesan Financial Board

Clergy The Rev. Basil McLeod
Lay Dr. Marlene Phillips
Mrs. Audrey Anderson

Diocesan Schools' Trust Ltd – Bishop's nominees

Clergy Deaconess Elaine Cunningham
Lay Mr. Winston Davis
Mr. Vincent Guthrie
Mr. Clement Radcliffe
Mrs. Yvette Smith

Diocesan Schools' Trust Ltd Council

Lay Mr. Winston Davis
Mrs. Yvette Smith

Jamaica Church Pension Fund

Bishop's Nominees The Hon. Michael Fennell OJ
Mr. Clive Nicholas

By Members of the Scheme

The Rev. Ralph M. 'Jim' Parkes
The Very Rev. Dr. Alton Tulloch
The Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson

By the Pensioners The Rev. Canon Ralston Smith

Legal Advisor to the Diocese Mr. Crafton Miller

Nuttall Mem. Hospital Trust Ltd – Board of Governors

Bishop's Nominees The Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence, OJ
 The Rev. Canon Denzil Barnes
 Mr. Vivian Crawford
 Mr. Crafton Miller
By Synod Mr. Winston Hay
 Mr. Basil Nelson
 Mr. Lester Woolery

Nuttall Mem. Hospital – Board of Governors

Bishop's Nominees The Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence, OJ - Chair
 The Rev. Canon Denzil Barnes
 Mr. Vivian Crawford
 Mr. Crafton Miller
By Synod Mr. Winston Hay
 Mr. Basil Nelson
 Mr. Lester Woolery

Selection Committee

Clergy The Very Rev Dr. Marion Sutton
 The Rev. Canon Georgia Jervis
Lay Dr. Jennifer Cadogan

Rural Deans	Kingston	The Very Rev. Dr. Alton Tulloch
	St. Thomas	Vacant
	St. Catherine	The Very Rev. Canon Collin Reid
	Portmore	The Very Rev. Robert McLean
	St. Andrew	The Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson
	St. Mary	The Very Rev. Charles Manderson
	Portland	The Very Rev Dr. Marion Sutton
	Clarendon	The Very Rev. Elizabeth Roach
	Manchester	The Very Rev. Barrington Soares
	St. Elizabeth	The Very Rev. Peter D. Clarke
	St. Ann	The Very Rev. Kenute Francis
	Trelawny	Vacant
	St. James	The Very Rev. Canon Justin Nembhard
	Hanover	The Very Rev. Canon Justin Nembhard
	Westmoreland	The Very Rev. Canon Hartley Perrin

Hillcrest Diocesan Retreat Centre

The Ven. Leon P. Golding - Chair
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory

The Rector – St. Mark's Church Brown's Town – The Rev.
Leslie Mowatt

The Director – Hillcrest Retreat Centre – The Rev. Vivette
Jennings

Mr. Karl Fuller
Mrs. Cislyn Holloway
Sister Bernadette Hughes, CP
Miss Joan Marsh
Mrs. Hermine Price
Mrs. Nella Stewart
Mrs. Rosie Pilliner

The Bishop Swaby Mem. Camp Committee

Dr. Marco Brown
Mr. Junior Donalds
Mr. Vincent Guthrie
Mrs. Adel Hamilton
Miss Winsome Hibbert
Miss Mavis Isaacs
The Rev. Harold Jones
Miss Enid McKenzie
Sister Norma Thompson C.A.

The Anglican Church Insurance Fund

The Hon. Michael Fennell, OJ
The Ven. Hollis Lynch
The Very Rev. Barrington Soares
The Hon. Bobby Pottinger
Mr. Earl Powell
Mr. Robert Martin
Mr. Peter DePass

Committee to Deal with Applications-The Marriage of Divorced Persons

The Hon. Justice Lensley Wolfe, Chancellor
The Ven. Patrick Cunningham
The Rev. Jean Fairweather-Wilson
Mr. Crafton Miller

Provincial Synod Representatives

The Rev. Canon Denzil Barnes
The Ven. Leon Golding
The Hon. Dr. Vincent Lawrence, OJ
Miss Claudette Marshall
Mr. Dwane Blackwood (Youth Representative - 2012)

The President then made the following announcements and comments:

Provincial Synod will be hosted by the Diocese during the period Nov. 9 – 17, 2012. Montego Bay is likely venue.

Enthronement of the Lord Bishop at the Cathedral in Spanish Town - May 17, 2012 – Ascension Day

A date for Clergy Conference is to be determined after consultations with clergy-held June 4- 6, 2012

Publications available:

1. SS Curriculum is available at \$2500
2. Rev Canon Calvin Golding's book 'Who God Calls He Enables' - \$1750

The President expressed thanks to the following persons:

RE: Synod Opening Service:

To the Rev. Monique Campbell and her team at St. Ann's Bay for a job well done.

To Mr. Karl Fuller and Choir and Ushers

Re: Synod itself:

To the Synod planning Staff – Canon Denzil Barnes, The Hon. Michael Fennell, OJ, the Venerable Winston Thomas, the Rev. Michael Elliott, Miss Marjorie McGibbon, the various group leaders and rapporteurs, The presenters, the dancers, musicians and drummers, the Church House staff – Mr. Al Cooke, Mrs. Laceta Brown, Miss Eulitt Lampart, Miss Therese Richards, Mrs. Carmen Bromley, Rev. Cheryl Phillips and assisting them in the Secretariat Miss Pamiel Scott from St. Mary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Military Tattoo - June 28 and July 1 daily. Polo Field \$1500 Bleachers

Tickets available at JDF bases Island wide-- Moneague, Burke Barracks, Coast Guard Bases,

Bishop's address – review Mission statement e.g. Proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ should be our first Commitment

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the Synod by the Venerable Dr. Edmund Davis to the Bishop's leading his first synod. It was done with patience, professionalism, tolerance he stated.

The President moved a motion that the Minutes of the final day be taken to Diocesan Council – this was approved by Synod.

Synod prorogued at 2:05 pm following the blessing by the President.

Synod Reps 2012: Rhena Williams
Sterling Soares