

Minutes of the Meeting
69th Synod of Province II
Rochester, NY

Thursday, May 9

1. President Audrey King (N) called the House of Deputies to order in Room 1902 of the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, at 2:38 p.m.
2. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Carr Holland (N).
3. Secretary Stephen Lane (R) certified the presence of a quorum, e.g., at least one deputy from a majority of dioceses.
4. President King introduced the Officers of the Province and members of the Provincial Council.
5. The President appointed the Rev. Joyce Caggiano (CACE) and Clinton Crocker (NJ) as emissaries to the House of Bishops to inform the House of Bishops that the House of Deputies was organized and ready for business.
6. The Bishops joined us and the President called the Joint Session to order at 2:44 p.m.
7. The Rt. Rev. Mellick Belshaw (NJ), Vice-President, offered the opening prayer.
8. The Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill, welcomed us and oriented us geographically. Rochester is a 3-tiered diocese: City, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier. Rochester's claims to fame include the Lilac Festival (going on now), Bexley Hall/Crozer/CRDS, the Diocesan House, the George Eastman House, Corning Glass. He spoke briefly of the history of Rochester.
9. The Secretary presented the proposed Agenda and Schedule for adoption. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Agenda and Schedule as amended by presidential privilege, i.e., changing times to accommodate our late start.
10. The President reported her appointments for the Committees of the Synod as follows:
 - Ordinances: Mr. Michael Rehill (N), Chair
 - The Rt. Rev. David S. Ball (A)
 - Mrs. Joan Cupo (NY)
 - Joyce M. Hogg (LI)
 - Dispatch of Business: The Rev. John R. Williams (A), Chair
 - The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor (NY)
 - Juanita Bobbitt (LI)
 - Elections: Mr. William Nickel (N), Chair
 - The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey (N)
 - The Rev. Beryl Choi
 - Mr. Charles R. Hamilton (LI)
 - Mavis Hennessey (VI)
 - Dr. Nadine D. Hunter (R)
 - The Rev. Dr. Allison Moore (NY)
 - Youth (Justin Cauley)
 - Resolutions: Mrs. Janet Farsworth (R), Chair
 - The Rt. Rev. David C. Bowman (WNY)
 - The Rev. John D. Bartle (A)
 - Mr. Jean-Claude Benoit (H)

John W. Goldsack, Esq. (NJ)
Mr. Charles R. Hamilton (LI)
Mrs. Marjorie Hartmeyer (N)
The Rev. Joseph Jerome (LI)
Dr. Al Price (WNY)
The Rev. P. Allister Rawlins (NY)
Mrs. Dorothy F. Rose (CNY)

11. The Secretary reported the following actions by his office since the last Synod:

May 11-12 - Took Minutes of 1995 Synod;
May 13-15 - Responded by mail, fax and e-mail to directives of Synod to Presiding Bishop, Executive Council, and the Committee for Dialogue on Canon 8.3.1;
July 7 - Completed follow-up to Synod;
Sept. 13 - Sent notice of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 16-17 - Took Minutes of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 25 - Circulated Minutes of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 27 - Sent official notice of 1996 Synod;
Jan. 12 - Requested deputies of the dioceses;
Mar. 1 - Sent registration materials to deputies;
Mar. 15 - Sent letter to Council and clarification of registration procedures to all Synod members;
Mar. 1-May 8 - Correspondence regarding Synod;
April 25 - Mailed Pre-Synod packet

The Secretary noted the importance of Quest/Ecunet in preparing for this Synod. He also asked for assistance in obtaining correct lists of delegates from each Diocese.

12. President King then made additional introductions of the Officers of the Province as well as Network Chairs and noteworthy guests: the Rev. John Rollins (Network Coordinator), Peter Ng and the Rev. Virginia Sheay (Executive Council), Jane Savage (Newsletter), Sonia Francis (Liaison with PB), Donald Guthrie (Brotherhood of St. Andrews), Virginia Snow (Native American Ministries), Jorge Gutierrez (Council on the Development of Ministry), Joyce Hogg (President of ECW), the Rev. Henry Atkins (Ministry in Higher Education), the Rev. Sandra Wiley (Youth Ministry), Justin Cauley (Youth Representative), the Revs. Michael Kendall and Bertram Bennett (JPIC), The Rev. Christopher David (Migrant Ministry), the Rev. E. Tom Barrington (Finger Lakes Conference).

13. Chancellor Michael Rehill (N) presented and moved the adoption of a proposed amendment to the Ordinances regarding quorums for Synod.

RESOLVED that Section 4 of Ordinance I of the Ordinances of Province II be amended to read as follows: *(New language is quotes.)*

Section 4. Quorums.

"A quorum for the transaction of business of the Provincial Synod meeting in joint session shall consist of at least one Bishop or Deputy from each of a majority of the Dioceses. A quorum for the transaction of business in the House of Bishops, when acting separately, shall consist of at least one Bishop from each of a majority of the Dioceses, except that a quorum need not be present for the purpose of convening prior to a joint session of the Synod. A quorum for the transaction of business in the Houses of Deputies, when acting separately, shall consist of at least one deputy from each of a majority of the Dioceses.

The resolution was seconded and passed. Since the amendment was adopted without objection it takes effect immediately.

14. Vice-President Belshaw, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for Provincial Officers. He explained the process of voting for President and Vice-President. The nominees were:

For President: The Rt. Rev. Walter Dennis (NY), the Rt. Rev. David Joslin (CNY), the Rev. Stephen Lane (R), the Rt. Rev. Orris Walker (LI)

For Secretary: John Goldsack (NJ)

Treasurer: Gwendolyn Carter (NY), Joyce Hogg (LI)

Lay Representative to Executive Council: Joan Cupo (NY), Janet Farnsworth (R), Al Price (WNY), Michael Rehill (N)

Lay Representative to Provincial Council: Mary Flad (N)

Clerical Representative to Provincial Council: the Rev. Joseph Jerome (LI)

It was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. Balloting will begin first thing Friday morning.

15. Treasurer Walter Berberian (CNY) presented the 1995 Year End Budget Report and the 1996 Year To Date Budget Report . In the past two years the Province has made grants to Haiti and VI from reserves. It has also been the practice of the Province to provide a subsidy to assessments of the dioceses.

a. 1995 Year End. Balance was \$34,659.23. The report was previously accepted by the Provincial Council. Question: Does the Province receive any funds from the National Church? Berberian: No. All funds are from diocesan assessments. Some monies are directed to particular programs from the National Church, but are not part of the budget. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive report.

b. Financial statement through May 8. Several questions arose regarding the accuracy of the report. It was moved, seconded and carried to table the report until Friday.

16. Keynote Address by Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies. Dr. Chinnis was introduced by Dr. Virginia Sheay, Province II Clerical Representative to Executive Council.

Dr. Chinnis began by briefly summarizing the demographics of the Second Province. She then noted that leadership and a perceived lack thereof are critical issues for the church. She criticized the widespread scapegoating of leadership around the church and spoke of the need for accountability throughout the church.

Pres. Chinnis reviewed the history of the Province, a relatively recent invention of the Church, and the lack of enthusiasm that has been apparent until recently. Provinces have gained new powers in recent years and have a crucial role in sharing information and coordinating programming. The President then turned her attention to the future. The major issues at the 1997 General Convention will be the Concordat with the Lutherans and the election of a Presiding Bishop. We need to consider the kind of leadership we want for the future. The temptations to elect an ecclesiastical Lee Iacocca are great, but would we trust such a leader?

Dr. Chinnis closed by reminding us of the church's vocation to be a community of accountability, forgiveness and reconciliation. We must let God take control of our agenda. "This is God's church, not ours." "Jesus has already been raised from the dead. All we need to say is, 'Alleluia.'" [\(More extensive excerpts are attached.\)](#)

Question: Isn't tolerance of ambiguity a sign of weakness and inability to come to a decision? Chinnis: No, I don't think so.

President King presented Dr. Chinnis with a Province II pin as a token of our regard and our thanks.

17. Address by Mr. Stephen Duggan, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church.

The new Treasurer was introduced by Walter Berberian. Mr. Duggan began his work as Treasurer in November. A CPA, he previously worked at Arthur Anderson. He was enticed out of retirement by the possibility of serving the church.

Mr Duggan declared we now have a clear picture of our finances at every level. "The past is finally behind us." The future is less clear.

Matters regarding the embezzlement are nearly completed. Total recovery of funds will be about 75%.

New banking and transfer controls are in place. A review of all nearly 1000 trust funds has been completed. A new accounting system that provides greater detail will soon be implemented. Future concerns include levels of income from dioceses. A new stewardship statement for parishes and dioceses is being developed. Mr. Duggan hopes to reopen the Office of Development to encourage planned giving to the Church at all levels. ([More extensive excerpts are attached.](#))

Question: What do you mean by development? Duggan: Planned giving, bequests, and estates. Deferred giving by people on fixed incomes. Question: What is now in place that wasn't place before that makes you confident? Duggan: There are no situations now where anyone can do anything alone. Banking procedures have been strengthened and tightened. We've looked at specific abuses. We've also looked at places that weren't abused.

President King presented Mr. Duggan with a Province II pin as a token of our thanks.

18. Committee to Elect the Presiding Bishop.

Bp. Burrill reported that this is only second time a Nominating Committee has been used. He explained how the Committee was established and reviewed the nominating process. The Committee is hoping to do a better job in preparing people for the possibility of election. Bp. Browning was not even briefed for his first press conference. The House of Bishops could nominate someone from the floor. General Convention wishes to elect someone who could serve 9 years. Bishop must have five years experience. These two criteria create a list of about 60 possible nominees. 26 names have been received. Questionnaires have been sent to them. Those who wish to be considered will return questionnaires. Questionnaires will be read without knowing who wrote them.

In November the Committee will share the reading of questionnaires and reduce the list. Between November and March visitations will occur. The final list of nominees will be presented April 15.

Question: What about the youth? Burrill: One is very involved. The other less so.

Question: What about deacons? Burrill: There are no deacons on the Committee.

19. The Synod recessed at 5 p.m. for dinner.

20. Following dinner the Synod remained at table in small groups for "Visioning the Province." Table groups were given copies of the work done at the last Synod and were asked to respond to the following questions:

- (1) Reviewing the work from the last Synod, what is your sense of the essential work of the Province? What are the essential tasks for Provincial leaders?
- (2) What are your top three priorities for the work of the Province?
- (3) What organization/structure/resources/personnel would it take for the Province to do this work?
- (4) What decisions would the Synod need to make to accomplish the above?

A high level of energy and engagement was evident in the conversations around the room.

21. The day closed with a service of Compline, from the Lutheran Worshipbook, led by the Rev. David Robinson (R) and the Rev. Pam Hunter, Ecumenical Officer for the Finger Lakes Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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22. The Revs. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Hunter began our day with Morning Prayer according to Lutheran practice.

23. President King called the Synod to order at 9:10 a.m. She introduced Deacon Ann Hare (Prison Ministry).

24. The President then called for the first ballot. The Secretary read and verified the list of registered voters. William Nickel (N), Chair of the Elections Committee, instructed the Synod to write in Gwen Carter (NY) and Joyce Hogg (LI) on the ballot for Treasurer and to cross out Joyce Hogg for Executive Council. He then gave instructions for voting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for Secretary and the Representatives to Provincial Council. John Goldsack, Mary Flad and the Rev. Joseph Jerome were declared elected. The President declared the polls open for the first ballot.

25. The President's Report

a. President King read greetings from Bp. Duracin (H). He is studying at General Seminary. He expressed his love and best wishes in the Holy Spirit.

b. Audrey received an invitation to attend the opening of Foyer Notre Dame in Haiti, a home for aging women run by the Sisters of St. Margaret.

c. The President began her address by stating that Province II is the third largest and third most prosperous province. Are we carrying out our charge as a Province? Are we being faithful to our Baptismal Covenant?

(1) The directives of General Convention are being carried out. Examples are the new HIV/AIDS network and our "Visioning the Province" exercise. The church is trying local resourcing by national staff. This process will be refined.

(2) We are responding to B027, a resolution concerning National partnership, with Province VIII through our work with multi-cultural ministry and the CDM. Provinces II and VIII have the largest populations of non-Anglo's. We have been working seriously on this matter since 1993.

(3) The President noted the Province's support for the Legacy Fund. The Synod offering will go to the Legacy Fund.

(4) Audrey noted resolutions concerning the JPIC and concern for immigrants.

(5) The Province has made \$10,000 grants to Haiti and Virgin Island. We sponsored two Evangelism Conferences in Haiti.

(6) Audrey represented the Province at the consecration of Bp. Duracin.

(7) She pointed to the great success of the provincial dinner at General Convention.

(8) Through the efforts of the Province CACE is represented by Joyce Caggiano.

(9) Audrey mentioned the meeting of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Provinces. New procedures for funding are being looked at. As diocesan staffing diminishes, volunteer support also diminishes. Actual performance of programming is slowing. Information moves faster, but programming slows. This is a real issue for us. Volunteer workers face real risk of criticism for their work. We must grapple with the issue of adequate staffing.

(10) In the years ahead the questions that confront us will be: How do we facilitate ministry? Can we build enough trust to engage with one another? We need to tell the story in *The Grapevine* and by every other means available. I'm confident there are adequate resources in this Province if we can continue in corporate ministry.

26. Other Reports.

a. Networks. The Rev. John Rollins (N) reported there are 14 non-funded networks and 6, soon to be 7, funded networks. 12 networks met yesterday. *The Grapevine* is helping to communicate this great variety of services to the wider Province. Strong network in this Province, growing in strength.

b. Newsletter. Editor Jane Savage reported the current issue is 16 pages. Each issue has a theme. Unsolicited articles make my heart glad. Using Quest/Ecunet to publish and present *The Grapevine*. *The Grapevine* will soon appear on two Web pages. Comments are much appreciated.

27. Report of first ballot. Mr. Nikel reported that Gwen Carter was elected Treasurer. He reported the vote totals for the candidates for President and Executive Council. After giving instructions to the delegates, he declared the polls open for the second ballot.

28. Vice-president's Report.

Bp. Belshaw reported the Presiding Bishop, Diane Porter, and he had visited the Virgin Islands to offer pastoral support to the Diocese which is currently without a Bishop and to show concern for the electoral process which is stalled. The Virgin Islands are still rebuilding after the latest hurricane. Cathedral roof caved in. A long process of rebuilding lies ahead. It meant a great deal to be part of this pastoral visitation. The Standing Committee has asked for the appointment of an Interim Bishop. Telesoros Esock will fill that role. Please keep the Virgin Islands in your prayers.

Bp. Belshaw also served on the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. The Presiding Bishop consulted the Council twice by conference calls.

Bishops meet annually for an educational Conference. The most recent meeting discussed the Concordat of Agreement for which there is a great deal of enthusiasm.

"It has been difficult to be Vice-President in retirement. Good to be with you for three years as an officer. Thank you."

29. Chancellor's Report.

Chancellor Rehill said it was an extraordinary privilege to serve as Chancellor. He had been privileged to work with Council, with Audrey, with Steve. Role has been simple this year. He noted the change in the Ordinances. He also wrote a resolution that will be presented later. Province has changed a great deal.

President King noted that Michael is also defense attorney for the Walter Righter in the current presentment.

30. Executive Council Report.

a. The Rev. Virginia Sheay (NJ) noted that the full report is in *The Grapevine*. Ginny is a member of Planning Committee and involved in Diocesan visitations. She must read every report. Over 40 dioceses have been visited thus far.

Canadian observers participate in every meeting of Council. There will be a joint meeting with the Canadian Council in November. The ELCA will send two representatives to the next meeting.

Leadership is both privilege and burden. Ginny thanked God for her companions on the way. 45 days of work last year, but the work inspires her. Our Anglican identity is important. We must hang in with each other. Hospitality so important. Listen to the voices of the poor.

Council is sometimes fun. Ginny noted a resolution thanking Council "crooners and canaries" (singers) for their voices.

b. Peter Ng (NY) reported working very hard. Two and a half months travelling. "My birthday present to my children is coming back." Peter is visiting the Dioceses of New Jersey, Long Island, and Albany. He is a member of the Audit Committee. There is now the freedom to interview the Controller, Assistant Treasurer, and the Internal

Auditor without the presence of the Treasurer. In the past there many wild transfers of funds. \$25 fee per transfer. Now electronic transfers at \$5 per transfer.

The Commission on the State of the Church and Church Pension Fund will continue to refine the Parochial Report. We will recommend changes to Executive Council at the upcoming meeting. Instead of using NCR paper, we are now using plain paper. This will reduce cost by \$10,000. Also moving Parochial Report deadline to March 1, instead of February 1.

"The atmosphere is changing. I bring good news to you. If you have a chance, see the video "The Color of Fear." It moved me a great deal."

31. Report of second ballot. The Rev. Stephen Lane was elected President. Mr. Nikel gave instructions for the third ballot.

32. Old Business.

a. Committee on Full Participation of Women. Bp. Joslin reported on the work of our provincial Committee and presented the following resolution drafted by Chancellor Rehill.

RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II strongly supports the proposed amendments to Canons III.8.1m III.16.1(d), III.16.2 and III.17.3, but recommends that the word "solely" be omitted from the proposed amendments to Canons III.8.1, III.16.1(d) and III.16.2, and that the word "alone" be omitted from the proposed amendment to Canon III.17.3.

It is unanimous opinion of committee to remove offending words since they weaken the force of the proposed canonical amendments. "Sex" must not and cannot be considered in the ordination and licensing process.

The resolution was seconded and carried. The President thanked the members of the Committee: Bp. Joslin, Bp. Dennis, Peg Barnewall (A), the Rev. John Bartle (A), Deacon Ann Dubois Hare (LI), Chancellor Rehill, and the Rev. Claire Woodley-Aitchinson (NY).

33. New Business.

a. Council on the Development of Ministry. The Rev. Jorge Gutierrez (R), provincial representative to CDM, reported. He noted it was a pleasure to see the diversity of the church represented at Synod. However, participation of minorities in the church has seen little progress. Church has put a great deal of effort into sex and sexuality. But little effort put into enhancement of position of minorities. The number of minority congregations has remained flat or declined. To what extent these involve intrinsic racism is debatable. But the church has not worked at increasing numbers of those who are different. Jorge presented a "small proposal" to address these issues. (See attached.) He is hoping to provide an opportunity for clergy and lay to learn how to initiate multi-cultural ministries and to discover mutual support. He hopes to build on the proven record of Province VII (Jerry Drino) and to plan an event that includes case studies, leadership training, that is translatable to a variety of situations. Total cost is \$15,000.

Monies are already allocated in this year's budget and monies are identified for next year. The Congregational Ministries Cluster has offered verbal promise of support. Jorge asked for our approval of budget and our personal support. "Encourage those in your diocese to take advantage of this opportunity."

Question: How will this be communicated? Gutierrez: Through The Grapevine and direct mailing, through diocesan offices and meetings on Quest/Ecunet.

It was moved, seconded and carried to affirm the proposal.

34. Report of the third ballot. No election. Instructions were give for the fourth ballot. Bp. Joslin and Bp. Walker withdrew from consideration. It was moved, seconded and carried to cast one ballot for Walter Dennis. The Rt. Rev. Walter Dennis was elected Vice-President.

35. New Business (cont.).

b. Science, Technology and the Church. Chancellor Rehill reported for Council. He referred to the material distributed at registration. (See attached.) Council wants to support and encourage the Roundtable, but does not believe it can sponsor the Roundtable. The Council presented the following resolution.

RESOLVED that the 69th Synod of Province II endorses and supports the work of the Ecumenical Roundtable on Science, Technology and the Church, as outlined in the Proposal presented to this Synod; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod encourage the several Diocese of the Province to participate in the annual discussions sponsored by the Roundtable, by hosting meetings or sending representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod encourage the Roundtable to approach General Convention, meeting in Philadelphia in 1997, for sponsorship; and offers its assistance in drafting an appropriate resolution.

The resolutions was seconded and carried.

c. HIV/AIDS. The Rev. Joel Harvey (NY) reported regarding the work of the HIV/AIDS Task Force and presented the following resolution.

Whereas AIDS has infected and affected people throughout our Province, and

Whereas many of those people are discriminated against, and

Whereas the ministry of the Church is to nurture and care for those in need,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II authorizes the establishment of a network for those ministering to those who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and encourage each Diocese of the Province to provide comfort, care and assistance to those suffering from HIV/AIDS.

The resolutions was seconded and carried.

d. The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Network (JPIC). The Revs. Bert Bennett (NY) and Michael Kendall (NY) reported concerning the background and development of JPIC. The goal is to develop a broad based network of persons concerned about justice and peace. JPIC is preparing for a fall conference in the Second Province and a national Justice Summit in February of 1997.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II endorses the organizing of a provincial Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod accept grant of \$16,000 from the National Church for the organizing of such a network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an organizing JPIC conference be held at All Saints Cathedral, Albany, NY, October 4-5, 1996, for Province II.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

36. Report of the fourth ballot. No election. Instructions for the fifth ballot were given.

37. Presentation and Adoption of 1997 Budget. Treasurer Berberian reported.

a. It was moved, seconded and carried to remove from the table the 1996 To Date Budget Report . The totals were now included. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report.

b. 1997 Budget. There were questions regarding Quest and the subsidy.

Amendment #1. Joan Cupo (NY) moved to increase line item for communications by \$2000 from reserves . Seconded and carried.

Amendment #2. The Rev. John Williams (A) moved to increase ecumenical line by \$800 from assessments. Seconded and carried.

Amendment #3. The Rev. Richard Comegys (R) moved to reduce the subsidy from 20% to 12%.
Seconded. Considerable debate followed. The amendment failed.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the budget as amended.

38. Report of the fifth ballot. No election. Votes were cast for the sixth ballot as Synod recessed for lunch.

39. Synod reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for a panel on the Interfaith Agenda in Rochester. Prior to the panel, Mr. Nikel gave the report of the sixth ballot. No election. Instructions were given for the seventh ballot which was taken as the participants moved to workshops.

The Rev. Richard Comegys introduced the panelists. Representing the Islamic community was the Dr. Aly Nahas, Co-Founder and Vice-President of the Islamic Center of Rochester and former Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Rochester. Representing the Jewish community was Ms. Linda Saiger, Director of Community Relations for the Jewish Community Federation. (Ms. Saiger replaced Joyce Herman who was originally scheduled to take part.) Dick Comegys represented the Christian community. The presenters spoke of the history of Interfaith Dialogue in Rochester, the importance of continuing personal relationships among the participants, and the difference the dialogue has made for their communities.

40. The Synod recessed for participation in the first series of workshops which included a followup workshop on the Interfaith Agenda and a workshop on Lutheran-Episcopal Concordat. Dr. Nahas, Ms. Saiger, and Dick Comegys provided leadership for the first. The Concordat workshop was led by the Very Rev. William Petersen, Dean of Bexley Hall, Pam Hunter and David Robinson.

41. Report of the seventh ballot. During the first workshop session, Mr. Nikel reported that Dr. Al Price was elected. Election results were announced at the start of the second workshop session.

42. After a break at 3 p.m., the second session of workshops convened. Martha Ainsworth presented a workshop on Quest International, the Anglican Electronic Communications Network, and the Revs. Bert Bennett, Michael Kendall, and Earl Kooperkamp presented a workshop on the Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation Network.

43. At 4:45 p.m. Synod participants boarded a bus for a Festal Eucharist at nearby St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The service included the Commissioning of the Province's new officers. The preacher was the Rev. Pamela Hunter. Bps. Burrill and Belshaw were concelebrants. The preacher presented an outstanding sermon.

44. The Synod returned to the Holiday Inn at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and entertainment. Music was provided during dinner by Mr. Michael Ramich.

45. Following dinner, the Synod reconvened briefly. Mr. Nikel confirmed the results of the seventh ballot.

46. The new President nominated Michael Rehill to serve as Chancellor for a term of three years. It was moved, seconded and passed to confirm the nomination.

47. President King announced that the Provincial Council had accepted the invitation of Long Island to host the 1997 Synod.

48. The following resolutions were presented and adopted.

a. **RESOLVED** that this 69th Synod of Province II endorses General Convention Resolution D132s which instructs "that Provinces and Dioceses develop programs of literacy, citizenship, voter registration and advocacy to counter violations of civil rights," and "enjoins all church people to oppose initiatives and laws which penalize undocumented and immigrant workers, and also deny their foreign and US born children the right to public health and educational opportunity;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod asks the Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation Network to add this matter to its agenda.

b. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. John Krumm, former Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of American Congregations in Europe; and we pray that God has opened to him the gates of eternal life, through the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Second Province express its deepest sympathy to the family of our departed brother, John, and convey to them our assurance that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

c. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest sympathy to Vincent and Virginia Pettit on the death of their son, Vincent King Pettit, III, to advise them that our prayers are with them and their family, and to reaffirm our faith in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord.

d. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. Matthew Bigliardi, former Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of American Congregations in Europe; and we pray that God has opened to him the gates of eternal life, through the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Second Province express its deepest sympathy to the wife and family of our departed brother, Matthew, and convey to them our assurance that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

e. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Gwendoly Carter, our newly elected Treasurer, on the passing on Wednesday, May 1, of her husband, Kiah Carter. Kiah served as Treasurer and Warden of St. Andrew's, Bronx, in the Diocese of New York. We wish through this resolution to assure Gwen of our prayers and support at this time of loss.

f. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Peggy Rath on the passing of her husband, the Rt. Rev. George Rath. Bishop Rath served the Diocese of Newark both as priest and bishop and is remembered with high regard and warm affection. We wish through this resolution to assure Peggy of our continuing prayers and support.

g. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our workshop leaders, worship leaders, and participants in the Interfaith Dialogue Panel for their various roles in making his Synod a meaningful experience.

h. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and its Deputation for its kind hospitality, arrangements for this gathering conveniently planned during the Lilac Festival, and also to the Council of the Second Province for the execution of this Synod gathering.

i. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Rev. Pamela Hunter for her liturgical expertise, her magnificent singing, and her inspiring preaching.

j. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops and Deputies of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Steve Duggan, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church and of

General Convention, for his informative address concerning the financial operations of the National Church.

k. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops and Deputies of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, for her graciousness in attending and addressing the Synod of the Second Province on May 9, 1996.

l. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to retiring officers the Rt. Rev. Mellick Belshaw (Vice-President), Walter Berberian (Treasurer) and Michael Rehill (Chancellor) for their outstanding and untiring services and ministries.

m. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express to retiring President Audrey King our gratitude and affection for her nearly thirteen years of service to the Province. Audrey has served faithfully on the Council and, most recently, as President, and she has done so with grace and humor. We are in her debt. We wish Audrey and her husband, Alan, well as they begin a new phase of their lives in retirement. (The resolution was adopted with standing applause.)

49. The Provincial Council presented President King with a gift of Waterford crystal as a token of the Province's affection and appreciation for her thirteen years of service. In her final act as President, the President passed her gavel to the incoming President.

50. The President then declared the Synod adjourned and the day officially concluded with Compline led by the Revs. Ms. Hunter and Mr. Robinson. Members of the Synod were invited to remain and enjoy the music provided by Michael Ramich.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen T. Lane
Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting **69th Synod of Province II** **Rochester, NY**

Thursday, May 9

1. President Audrey King (N) called the House of Deputies to order in Room 1902 of the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, at 2:38 p.m.

2. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Carr Holland (N).

3. Secretary Stephen Lane (R) certified the presence of a quorum, e.g., at least one deputy from a majority of dioceses.

4. President King introduced the Officers of the Province and members of the Provincial Council.

5. The President appointed the Rev. Joyce Caggiano (CACE) and Clinton Crocker (NJ) as emissaries to the House of Bishops to inform the House of Bishops that the House of Deputies was organized and ready for business.

6. The Bishops joined us and the President called the Joint Session to order at 2:44 p.m.

7. The Rt. Rev. Mellick Belshaw (NJ), Vice-President, offered the opening prayer.

8. The Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill, welcomed us and oriented us geographically. Rochester is a 3-tiered diocese: City, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier. Rochester's claims to fame include the Lilac Festival (going on now), Bexley Hall/Crozer/CRDS, the Diocesan House, the George Eastman House, Corning Glass. He spoke briefly of the history of Rochester.

9. The Secretary presented the proposed Agenda and Schedule for adoption. It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Agenda and Schedule as amended by presidential privilege, i.e., changing times to accommodate our late start.

10. The President reported her appointments for the Committees of the Synod as follows:

Ordinances: Mr. Michael Rehill (N), Chair
The Rt. Rev. David S. Ball (A)
Mrs. Joan Cupo (NY)
Joyce M. Hogg (LI)

Dispatch of Business: The Rev. John R. Williams (A), Chair
The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor (NY)
Juanita Bobbitt (LI)

Elections: Mr. William Nikel (N), Chair
The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey (N)
The Rev. Beryl Choi
Mr. Charles R. Hamilton (LI)
Mavis Hennessey (VI)
Dr. Nadine D. Hunter (R)
The Rev. Dr. Allison Moore (NY)
Youth (Justin Cauley)

Resolutions: Mrs. Janet Farsworth (R), Chair
The Rt. Rev. David C. Bowman (WNY)
The Rev. John D. Bartle (A)
Mr. Jean-Claude Benoit (H)
John W. Goldsack, Esq. (NJ)
Mr. Charles R. Hamilton (LI)
Mrs. Marjorie Hartmeyer (N)
The Rev. Joseph Jerome (LI)
Dr. Al Price (WNY)
The Rev. P. Allister Rawlins (NY)
Mrs. Dorothy F. Rose (CNY)

11. The Secretary reported the following actions by his office since the last Synod:

May 11-12 - Took Minutes of 1995 Synod;
May 13-15 - Responded by mail, fax and e-mail to directives of Synod to Presiding Bishop, Executive Council, and the Committee for Dialogue on Canon 8.3.1;
July 7 - Completed follow-up to Synod;
Sept. 13 - Sent notice of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 16-17 - Took Minutes of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 25 - Circulated Minutes of fall Council meeting;
Oct. 27 - Sent official notice of 1996 Synod;
Jan. 12 - Requested deputies of the dioceses;
Mar. 1 - Sent registration materials to deputies;
Mar. 15 - Sent letter to Council and clarification of registration procedures to all Synod members;
Mar. 1-May 8 - Correspondence regarding Synod;
April 25 - Mailed Pre-Synod packet

The Secretary noted the importance of Quest/Ecunet in preparing for this Synod. He also asked for assistance in obtaining correct lists of delegates from each Diocese.

12. President King then made additional introductions of the Officers of the Province as well as Network Chairs and noteworthy guests: the Rev. John Rollins (Network Coordinator), Peter Ng and the Rev. Virginia Sheay (Executive Council), Jane Savage (Newsletter), Sonia Francis (Liaison with PB), Donald Guthrie (Brotherhood of St. Andrews), Virginia Snow (Native American Ministries), Jorge Gutierrez (Council on the Development of Ministry), Joyce Hogg (President of ECW), the Rev. Henry Atkins (Ministry in Higher Education), the Rev. Sandra Wiley (Youth Ministry), Justin Cauley (Youth Representative), the Revs. Michael Kendall and Bertram Bennett (JPIC), The Rev. Christopher David (Migrant Ministry), the Rev. E. Tom Barrington (Finger Lakes Conference).

13. Chancellor Michael Rehill (N) presented and moved the adoption of a proposed amendment to the Ordinances regarding quorums for Synod.

RESOLVED that Section 4 of Ordinance I of the Ordinances of Province II be amended to read as follows: (*New language is quotes.*)

Section 4. Quorums.

"A quorum for the transaction of business of the Provincial Synod meeting in joint session shall consist of at least one Bishop or Deputy from each of a majority of the Dioceses. A quorum for the transaction of business in the House of Bishops, when acting separately, shall consist of at least one Bishop from each of a majority of the Dioceses, except that a quorum need not be present for the purpose of convening prior to a joint session of the Synod. A quorum for the transaction of business in the Houses of Deputies, when acting separately, shall consist of at least one deputy from each of a majority of the Dioceses.

The resolution was seconded and passed. Since the amendment was adopted without objection it takes effect immediately.

14. Vice-President Belshaw, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for Provincial Officers. He explained the process of voting for President and Vice-President. The nominees were:

For President: The Rt. Rev. Walter Dennis (NY), the Rt. Rev. David Joslin (CNY), the Rev. Stephen Lane (R), the Rt. Rev. Orris Walker (LI)

For Secretary: John Goldsack (NJ)

Treasurer: Gwendolyn Carter (NY), Joyce Hogg (LI)

Lay Representative to Executive Council: Joan Cupo (NY), Janet Farnsworth (R), Al Price (WNY), Michael Rehill (N)

Lay Representative to Provincial Council: Mary Flad (N)

Clerical Representative to Provincial Council: the Rev. Joseph Jerome (LI)

It was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed. Balloting will begin first thing Friday morning.

15. Treasurer Walter Berberian (CNY) presented the 1995 Year End Budget Report and the 1996 Year To Date Budget Report . In the past two years the Province has made grants to Haiti and VI from reserves. It has also been the practice of the Province to provide a subsidy to assessments of the dioceses.

a. 1995 Year End. Balance was \$34,659.23. The report was previously accepted by the Provincial Council. Question: Does the Province receive any funds from the National Church? Berberian: No. All funds are from diocesan assessments. Some monies are directed to particular programs from the National Church, but are not part of the budget. It was moved, seconded and carried to receive report.

b. Financial statement through May 8. Several questions arose regarding the accuracy of the report. It was moved, seconded and carried to table the report until Friday.

16. Keynote Address by Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies. Dr. Chinnis was introduced by Dr. Virginia Sheay, Province II Clerical Representative to Executive Council.

Dr. Chinnis began by briefly summarizing the demographics of the Second Province. She then noted that leadership and a perceived lack thereof are critical issues for the church. She criticized the widespread scapegoating of leadership around the church and spoke of the need for accountability throughout the church.

Pres. Chinnis reviewed the history of the Province, a relatively recent invention of the Church, and the lack of enthusiasm that has been apparent until recently. Provinces have gained new powers in recent years and have a crucial role in sharing information and coordinating programming. The President then turned her attention to the future. The major issues at the 1997 General Convention will be the Concordat with the Lutherans and the election of a Presiding Bishop. We need to consider the kind of leadership we want for the future. The temptations to elect an ecclesiastical Lee Iacocca are great, but would we trust such a leader?

Dr. Chinnis closed by reminding us of the church's vocation to be a community of accountability, forgiveness and reconciliation. We must let God take control of our agenda. "This is God's church, not ours." "Jesus has already been raised from the dead. All we need to say is, 'Alleluia.'" [\(More extensive excerpts are attached.\)](#)

Question: Isn't tolerance of ambiguity a sign of weakness and inability to come to a decision? Chinnis: No, I don't think so.

President King presented Dr. Chinnis with a Province II pin as a token of our regard and our thanks.

17. Address by Mr. Stephen Duggan, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church.

The new Treasurer was introduced by Walter Berberian. Mr. Duggan began his work as Treasurer in November. A CPA, he previously worked at Arthur Anderson. He was enticed out of retirement by the possibility of serving the church.

Mr Duggan declared we now have a clear picture of our finances at every level. "The past is finally behind us." The future is less clear.

Matters regarding the embezzlement are nearly completed. Total recovery of funds will be about 75%.

New banking and transfer controls are in place. A review of all nearly 1000 trust funds has been completed. A new accounting system that provides greater detail will soon be implemented. Future concerns include levels of income from dioceses. A new stewardship statement for parishes and dioceses is being developed. Mr. Duggan hopes to reopen the Office of Development to encourage planned giving to the Church at all levels. [\(More extensive excerpts are attached.\)](#)

Question: What do you mean by development? Duggan: Planned giving, bequests, and estates. Deferred giving by people on fixed incomes. Question: What is now in place that wasn't place before that makes you confident? Duggan: There are no situations now where anyone can do anything alone. Banking procedures have been strengthened and tightened. We've looked at specific abuses. We've also looked at places that weren't abused.

President King presented Mr. Duggan with a Province II pin as a token of our thanks.

18. Committee to Elect the Presiding Bishop.

Bp. Burrill reported that this is only second time a Nominating Committee has been used. He explained how the Committee was established and reviewed the nominating process. The Committee is hoping to do a better job in preparing people for the possibility of election. Bp. Browning was not even briefed for his first press conference. The House of Bishops could nominate someone from the floor. General Convention wishes to elect someone who

could serve 9 years. Bishop must have five years experience. These two criteria create a list of about 60 possible nominees. 26 names have been received. Questionnaires have been sent to them. Those who wish to be considered will return questionnaires. Questionnaires will be read without knowing who wrote them.

In November the Committee will share the reading of questionnaires and reduce the list. Between November and March visitations will occur. The final list of nominees will be presented April 15.

Question: What about the youth? Burrill: One is very involved. The other less so.

Question: What about deacons? Burrill: There are no deacons on the Committee.

19. The Synod recessed at 5 p.m. for dinner.

20. Following dinner the Synod remained at table in small groups for "Visioning the Province." Table groups were given copies of the work done at the last Synod and were asked to respond to the following questions:

- (1) Reviewing the work from the last Synod, what is your sense of the essential work of the Province? What are the essential tasks for Provincial leaders?
- (2) What are your top three priorities for the work of the Province?
- (3) What organization/structure/resources/personnel would it take for the Province to do this work?
- (4) What decisions would the Synod need to make to accomplish the above?

A high level of energy and engagement was evident in the conversations around the room.

21. The day closed with a service of Compline, from the Lutheran Worshipbook, led by the Rev. David Robinson (R) and the Rev. Pam Hunter, Ecumenical Officer for the Finger Lakes Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Friday, May 10

22. The Revs. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Hunter began our day with Morning Prayer according to Lutheran practice.

23. President King called the Synod to order at 9:10 a.m. She introduced Deacon Ann Hare (Prison Ministry).

24. The President then called for the first ballot. The Secretary read and verified the list of registered voters. William Nickel (N), Chair of the Elections Committee, instructed the Synod to write in Gwen Carter (NY) and Joyce Hogg (LI) on the ballot for Treasurer and to cross out Joyce Hogg for Executive Council. He then gave instructions for voting. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for Secretary and the Representatives to Provincial Council. John Goldsack, Mary Flad and the Rev. Joseph Jerome were declared elected. The President declared the polls open for the first ballot.

25. The President's Report

a. President King read greetings from Bp. Duracin (H). He is studying at General Seminary. He expressed his love and best wishes in the Holy Spirit.

b. Audrey received an invitation to attend the opening of Foyer Notre Dame in Haiti, a home for aging women run by the Sisters of St. Margaret.

c. The President began her address by stating that Province II is the third largest and third most prosperous province. Are we carrying out our charge as a Province? Are we being faithful to our Baptismal Covenant?

- (1) The directives of General Convention are being carried out. Examples are the new HIV/AIDS network and our "Visioning the Province" exercise. The church is trying local resourcing by national staff. This process will be refined.
- (2) We are responding to B027, a resolution concerning National partnership, with Province VIII through our work with multi-cultural ministry and the CDM. Provinces II and VIII have the largest populations of non-Anglo's. We have been working seriously on this matter since 1993.
- (3) The President noted the Province's support for the Legacy Fund. The Synod offering will go to the Legacy Fund.
- (4) Audrey noted resolutions concerning the JPIC and concern for immigrants.
- (5) The Province has made \$10,000 grants to Haiti and Virgin Island. We sponsored two Evangelism Conferences in Haiti.
- (6) Audrey represented the Province at the consecration of Bp. Duracin.
- (7) She pointed to the great success of the provincial dinner at General Convention.
- (8) Through the efforts of the Province CACE is represented by Joyce Caggiano.
- (9) Audrey mentioned the meeting of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Provinces. New procedures for funding are being looked at. As diocesan staffing diminishes, volunteer support also diminishes. Actual performance of programming is slowing. Information moves faster, but programming slows. This is a real issue for us. Volunteer workers face real risk of criticism for their work. We must grapple with the issue of adequate staffing.
- (10) In the years ahead the questions that confront us will be: How do we facilitate ministry? Can we build enough trust to engage with one another? We need to tell the story in *The Grapevine* and by every other means available. I'm confident there are adequate resources in this Province if we can continue in corporate ministry.

26. Other Reports.

- a. Networks. The Rev. John Rollins (N) reported there are 14 non-funded networks and 6, soon to be 7, funded networks. 12 networks met yesterday. *The Grapevine* is helping to communicate this great variety of services to the wider Province. Strong network in this Province, growing in strength.
- b. Newsletter. Editor Jane Savage reported the current issue is 16 pages. Each issue has a theme. Unsolicited articles make my heart glad. Using Quest/Ecunet to publish and present *The Grapevine*. *The Grapevine* will soon appear on two Web pages. Comments are much appreciated.

27. Report of first ballot. Mr. Nickel reported that Gwen Carter was elected Treasurer. He reported the vote totals for the candidates for President and Executive Council. After giving instructions to the delegates, he declared the polls open for the second ballot.

28. Vice-president's Report.

Bp. Belshaw reported the Presiding Bishop, Diane Porter, and he had visited the Virgin Islands to offer pastoral support to the Diocese which is currently without a Bishop and to show concern for the electoral process which is stalled. The Virgin Islands are still rebuilding after the latest hurricane. Cathedral roof caved in. A long process of rebuilding lies ahead. It meant a great deal to be part of this pastoral visitation. The Standing Committee has asked for the appointment of an Interim Bishop. Telesoros Esock will fill that role. Please keep the Virgin Islands in your prayers.

Bp. Belshaw also served on the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. The Presiding Bishop consulted the Council twice by conference calls.

Bishops meet annually for an educational Conference. The most recent meeting discussed the Concordat of Agreement for which there is a great deal of enthusiasm.

"It has been difficult to be Vice-President in retirement. Good to be with you for three years as an officer. Thank you."

29. Chancellor's Report.

Chancellor Rehill said it was an extraordinary privilege to serve as Chancellor. He had been privileged to work with Council, with Audrey, with Steve. Role has been simple this year. He noted the change in the Ordinances. He also wrote a resolution that will be presented later. Province has changed a great deal.

President King noted that Michael is also defense attorney for the Walter Righter in the current presentment.

30. Executive Council Report.

a. The Rev. Virginia Sheay (NJ) noted that the full report is in The Grapevine. Ginny is a member of Planning Committee and involved in Diocesan visitations. She must read every report. Over 40 dioceses have been visited thus far.

Canadian observers participate in every meeting of Council. There will be a joint meeting with the Canadian Council in November. The ELCA will send two representatives to the next meeting.

Leadership is both privilege and burden. Ginny thanked God for her companions on the way. 45 days of work last year, but the work inspires her. Our Anglican identity is important. We must hang in with each other. Hospitality so important. Listen to the voices of the poor.

Council is sometimes fun. Ginny noted a resolution thanking Council "crooners and canaries" (singers) for their voices.

b. Peter Ng (NY) reported working very hard. Two and a half months travelling. "My birthday present to my children is coming back." Peter is visiting the Dioceses of New Jersey, Long Island, and Albany. He is a member of the Audit Committee. There is now the freedom to interview the Controller, Assistant Treasurer, and the Internal Auditor without the presence of the Treasurer. In the past there many wild transfers of funds. \$25 fee per transfer. Now electronic transfers at \$5 per transfer.

The Commission on the State of the Church and Church Pension Fund will continue to refine the Parochial Report. We will recommend changes to Executive Council at the upcoming meeting. Instead of using NCR paper, we are now using plain paper. This will reduce cost by \$10,000. Also moving Parochial Report deadline to March 1, instead of February 1.

"The atmosphere is changing. I bring good news to you. If you have a chance, see the video "The Color of Fear." It moved me a great deal."

31. Report of second ballot. The Rev. Stephen Lane was elected President. Mr. Nikel gave instructions for the third ballot.

32. Old Business.

a. Committee on Full Participation of Women. Bp. Joslin reported on the work of our provincial Committee and presented the following resolution drafted by Chancellor Rehill.

RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II strongly supports the proposed amendments to Canons III.8.1m III.16.1(d), III.16.2 and III.17.3, but recommends that the word "solely" be omitted from the proposed amendments to Canons III.8.1, III.16.1(d) and III.16.2, and that the word "alone" be omitted from the proposed amendment to Canon III.17.3.

It is unanimous opinion of committee to remove offending words since they weaken the force of the proposed canonical amendments. "Sex" must not and cannot be considered in the ordination and licensing process.

The resolution was seconded and carried. The President thanked the members of the Committee: Bp. Joslin, Bp. Dennis, Peg Barnewall (A), the Rev. John Bartle (A), Deacon Ann Dubois Hare (LI), Chancellor Rehill, and the Rev. Claire Woodley-Aitchinson (NY).

33. New Business.

a. Council on the Development of Ministry. The Rev. Jorge Gutierrez (R), provincial representative to CDM, reported. He noted it was a pleasure to see the diversity of the church represented at Synod. However, participation of minorities in the church has seen little progress. Church has put a great deal of effort into sex and sexuality. But little effort put into enhancement of position of minorities. The number of minority congregations has remained flat or declined. To what extent these involve intrinsic racism is debatable. But the church has not worked at increasing numbers of those who are different. Jorge presented a "small proposal" to address these issues. (See attached.) He is hoping to provide an opportunity for clergy and lay to learn how to initiate multi-cultural ministries and to discover mutual support. He hopes to build on the proven record of Province VII (Jerry Drino) and to plan an event that includes case studies, leadership training, that is translatable to a variety of situations. Total cost is \$15,000. Monies are already allocated in this year's budget and monies are identified for next year. The Congregational Ministries Cluster has offered verbal promise of support. Jorge asked for our approval of budget and our personal support. "Encourage those in your diocese to take advantage of this opportunity."

Question: How will this be communicated? Gutierrez: Through The Grapevine and direct mailing, through diocesan offices and meetings on Quest/Ecunet.

It was moved, seconded and carried to affirm the proposal.

34. Report of the third ballot. No election. Instructions were give for the fourth ballot. Bp. Joslin and Bp. Walker withdrew from consideration. It was moved, seconded and carried to cast one ballot for Walter Dennis. The Rt. Rev. Walter Dennis was elected Vice-President.

35. New Business (cont.).

b. Science, Technology and the Church. Chancellor Rehill reported for Council. He referred to the material distributed at registration. (See attached.) Council wants to support and encourage the Roundtable, but does not believe it can sponsor the Roundtable. The Council presented the following resolution.

RESOLVED that the 69th Synod of Province II endorses and supports the work of the Ecumenical Roundtable on Science, Technology and the Church, as outlined in the Proposal presented to this Synod; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod encourage the several Diocese of the Province to participate in the annual discussions sponsored by the Roundtable, by hosting meetings or sending representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod encourage the Roundtable to approach General Convention, meeting in Philadelphia in 1997, for sponsorship; and offers its assistance in drafting an appropriate resolution.

The resolutions was seconded and carried.

c. HIV/AIDS. The Rev. Joel Harvey (NY) reported regarding the work of the HIV/AIDS Task Force and presented the following resolution.

Whereas AIDS has infected and affected people throughout our Province, and
Whereas many of those people are discriminated against, and

Whereas the ministry of the Church is to nurture and care for those in need,
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II authorizes the establishment of a network for those ministering to those who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and encourage each Diocese of the Province to provide comfort, care and assistance to those suffering from HIV/AIDS.

The resolutions was seconded and carried.

d. The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Network (JPIC). The Revs. Bert Bennett (NY) and Michael Kendall (NY) reported concerning the background and development of JPIC. The goal is to develop a broad based network of persons concerned about justice and peace. JPIC is preparing for a fall conference in the Second Province and a national Justice Summit in February of 1997.
BE IT RESOLVED that the Synod of Province II endorses the organizing of a provincial Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Network; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod accept grant of \$16,000 from the National Church for the organizing of such a network; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an organizing JPIC conference be held at All Saints Cathedral, Albany, NY, October 4-5, 1996, for Province II.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

36. Report of the fourth ballot. No election. Instructions for the fifth ballot were given.

37. Presentation and Adoption of 1997 Budget. Treasurer Berberian reported.

a. It was moved, seconded and carried to remove from the table the 1996 To Date Budget Report . The totals were now included. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report.

b. 1997 Budget. There were questions regarding Quest and the subsidy.

Amendment #1. Joan Cupo (NY) moved to increase line item for communications by \$2000 from reserves . Seconded and carried.

Amendment #2. The Rev. John Williams (A) moved to increase ecumenical line by \$800 from assessments. Seconded and carried.

Amendment #3. The Rev. Richard Comegys (R) moved to reduce the subsidy from 20% to 12%. Seconded. Considerable debate followed. The amendment failed.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the budget as amended.

38. Report of the fifth ballot. No election. Votes were cast for the sixth ballot as Synod recessed for lunch.

39. Synod reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for a panel on the Interfaith Agenda in Rochester. Prior to the panel, Mr. Nikel gave the report of the sixth ballot. No election. Instructions were given for the seventh ballot which was taken as the participants moved to workshops.

The Rev. Richard Comegys introduced the panelists. Representing the Islamic community was the Dr. Aly Nahas, Co-Founder and Vice-President of the Islamic Center of Rochester and former Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Rochester. Representing the Jewish community was Ms. Linda Saiger, Director of Community Relations for the Jewish Community Federation. (Ms. Saiger replaced Joyce Herman who was originally scheduled to take part.) Dick Comegys represented the Christian community. The presenters spoke of the history of Interfaith Dialogue in Rochester, the importance of continuing personal relationships among the participants, and the difference the dialogue has made for their communities.

40. The Synod recessed for participation in the first series of workshops which included a followup workshop on the Interfaith Agenda and a workshop on Lutheran-Episcopal Concordat. Dr. Nahas, Ms. Saiger, and Dick Comegys provided leadership for the first. The Concordat workshop was led by the Very Rev. William Petersen, Dean of Bexley Hall, Pam Hunter and David Robinson.

41. Report of the seventh ballot. During the first workshop session, Mr. Nickel reported that Dr. Al Price was elected. Election results were announced at the start of the second workshop session.

42. After a break at 3 p.m., the second session of workshops convened. Martha Ainsworth presented a workshop on Quest International, the Anglican Electronic Communications Network, and the Revs. Bert Bennett, Michael Kendall, and Earl Kooperkamp presented a workshop on the Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation Network.

43. At 4:45 p.m. Synod participants boarded a bus for a Festal Eucharist at nearby St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The service included the Commissioning of the Province's new officers. The preacher was the Rev. Pamela Hunter. Bps. Burrill and Belshaw were concelebrants. The preacher presented an outstanding sermon.

44. The Synod returned to the Holiday Inn at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and entertainment. Music was provided during dinner by Mr. Michael Ramich.

45. Following dinner, the Synod reconvened briefly. Mr. Nickel confirmed the results of the seventh ballot.

46. The new President nominated Michael Rehill to serve as Chancellor for a term of three years. It was moved, seconded and passed to confirm the nomination.

47. President King announced that the Provincial Council had accepted the invitation of Long Island to host the 1997 Synod.

48. The following resolutions were presented and adopted.

a. **RESOLVED** that this 69th Synod of Province II endorses General Convention Resolution D132s which instructs "that Provinces and Dioceses develop programs of literacy, citizenship, voter registration and advocacy to counter violations of civil rights,"and "enjoins all church people to oppose initiatives and laws which penalize undocumented and immigrant workers, and also deny their foreign and US born children the right to public health and educational opportunity;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Synod asks the Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation Network to add this matter to its agenda.

b. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. John Krumm, former Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of American Congregations in Europe; and we pray that God has opened to him the gates of eternal life, through the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Second Province express its deepest sympathy to the family of our departed brother, John, and convey to them our assurance that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

c. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest sympathy to Vincent and Virginia Pettit on the death of their son, Vincent King Pettit, III, to advise them that our prayers are with them and their family, and to reaffirm our faith in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting through Jesus Christ our Lord.

d. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. Matthew Bigliardi, former Bishop-in-Charge of the Convocation of American Congregations in Europe; and we pray that God has opened to him the gates of eternal life, through the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Second Province express its deepest sympathy to the wife and family of our departed brother, Matthew, and convey to them our assurance that they remain in our thoughts and prayers.

e. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Gwendoly Carter, our newly elected Treasurer, on the passing on Wednesday, May 1, of her husband, Kiah Carter. Kiah served as Treasurer and Warden of St. Andrew's, Bronx, in the Diocese of New York. We wish through this resolution to assure Gwen of our prayers and support at this time of loss.

f. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our deepest condolences to Mrs. Peggy Rath on the passing of her husband, the Rt. Rev. George Rath. Bishop Rath served the Diocese of Newark both as priest and bishop and is remembered with high regard and warm affection. We wish through this resolution to assure Peggy of our continuing prayers and support.

g. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our workshop leaders, worship leaders, and participants in the Interfaith Dialogue Panel for their various roles in making his Synod a meaningful experience.

h. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and its Deputation for its kind hospitality, arrangements for this gathering conveniently planned during the Lilac Festival, and also to the Council of the Second Province for the execution of this Synod gathering.

i. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Rev. Pamela Hunter for her liturgical expertise, her magnificent singing, and her inspiring preaching.

j. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops and Deputies of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Steve Duggan, Treasurer of the Episcopal Church and of General Convention, for his informative address concerning the financial operations of the National Church.

k. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops and Deputies of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Dr. Pamela Chinnis, President of the House of Deputies of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, for her graciousness in attending and addressing the Synod of the Second Province on May 9, 1996.

l. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to retiring officers the Rt. Rev. Mellick Belshaw (Vice-President), Walter Berberian (Treasurer) and Michael Rehill (Chancellor) for their outstanding and untiring services and ministries.

m. **RESOLVED** that the Bishops, Deputies and Delegates of the Second Province of the Episcopal Church meeting in Synod on May 10, 1996, at the Airport Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, wish to express to retiring President Audrey King our gratitude and affection for her nearly thirteen years of service to the Province. Audrey has served faithfully on the Council and, most recently, as President, and she has done so with grace and humor. We are in her debt. We wish Audrey and her husband, Alan, well as they begin a new phase of their lives in retirement. (The resolution was adopted with standing applause.)

49. The Provincial Council presented President King with a gift of Waterford crystal as a token of the Province's affection and appreciation for her thirteen years of service. In her final act as President, the President passed her gavel to the incoming President.

50. The President then declared the Synod adjourned and the day officially concluded with Compline led by the Revs. Ms. Hunter and Mr. Robinson. Members of the Synod were invited to remain and enjoy the music provided by Michael Ramich.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen T. Lane
Secretary