

years was led by Bishop Janzen. This was followed by the “Report of the Diocesan Chancellor to Synod” (Bishop Craig Botterill, Q.C.). Questions were put to Bishop Botterill enquiring of the failed reunion of the ACCC-TAC and the Roman Catholic Church.



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Though there has been some uneasiness by some at the thought of continued talks, Bishop Botterill assured us that: “No, the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC) are not seeking talks with the Roman Catholic Church. The decision has been made, that at least for our generation, talks of unity with the Roman Catholic Church has been put to rest. There is not, nor will there be, conversations at the level of the College of Bishops on reunion with the Roman Catholic Church.” The Chancellor's report was followed by the First Reading of a Bill for “The Diocesan Ordinance, 2013”. Briefly, this Bill was a rewriting of our Diocesan Ordinances as there were a number of changes that had been made over the years and minor clerical errors in paragraph and reference numbers had crept in. The Bill also streamlined the organisational structure of the Diocese. This saw the removal of the office Archpriest as well as the office of Archdeacon (Regional Deans were retained).



*Synod delegates begin to gather for a session*

The new Ordinance also changed Rural Deaneries into Regional Deaneries. There was also a change to how Rural Deans (now regional) were to function, from being a de facto Archdeacon to the more appropriate spiritual director and counsellor to the regional clergy. There are now four Regional Deaneries: Atlantic Canada, consisting of the civil Provinces of Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Central Canada, consisting of the civil Provinces of Quebec & Ontario; Western Canada, consisting of the civil Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta and the civil Territories of Nunavut and the North West Territories; and Pacific Canada, consisting of the civil Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. From the “Diocesan Ordinance, 2013” paragraph number 59: “A Regional Dean shall on request assist the Bishop in his pastoral care of the clergy and shall give counsel, advice and spiritual direction to the clergy within the Regional Deanery upon their request or at the direction of the Bishop”.

There was also an addition which will now allow Religious Orders to be set up within and under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the ACCC. This may be done either through the Provincial Synod or the Bishop-in-Council, their title and Rule shall be made and determined by the Bishop at his discretion. The Bill passed first reading and Synod accepted the tabling of the Bill into the minutes.



*Mr. Robert Dukarm at the organ*

The next order of business was the Ratification of Acts of the Provincial and Diocesan Council since the last Synod of 2010 when this motion was passed, there was the Second Reading of the Bill and the Passing in Principle of the Bill was completed. Bishop Botterill went into further detail about the changes to the Diocesan Ordinances and the reasons for the changes. We adjourned the session for Holy Communion at which Bishop Janzen was Celebrant and gave his "Charge to Synod". The Charge in its entirety is reprinted earlier in this newsletter.



*Bishop Michael Gill presenting hats from a tribe in Africa to Bishop Botterill and Bishop Janzen*

After lunch we resumed our work with the the Auditor's and Treasurer's report which included the financial statements for the intervening years since our last Synod. There were some financial house keeping matters that were attended to and motions for consolidation of funds to the ACCC. The budget for 2013 to 2015 inclusive was presented and passed with one

amendment being made. An auditor was also appointed for the next three years. Election of clergy and lay representatives to the Provincial and Diocesan Council from the various regions were made. The following people were elected as members of the Council by Synod: Atlantic Canada: Reverend Jeffery Roy & Stephen Langille; Central Canada: Reverend John Funelas and a lay person to be appointed at a later date; Western Canada: Reverend Alan Edwardson & Maggy Onofrechuk; Pacific Canada: Reverend Robert Short & Rory Kulmala. The Regional Deans were appointed by Bishop Janzen following consultation with the clergy of the regions, they are: Reverend Ronald McBrine, Atlantic Canada; Reverend Doug Nicholson, Central Canada; Reverend Dr. Jim Schovaneck, Western Canada; Reverend Canon Richard Root, Pacific Canada.



*First meeting of the newly elected Provincial and Diocesan Council*

In the afternoon we dealt with the Committee Stage of the Bill for the Diocesan Ordinance, 2013 and the Committee of the Whole reported back that the entire bill had been gone through line by line and there were no objections or amendments made to the Bill. The Bill was passed and we dealt with the report from the Anglican Catholic Church Convent Society. There was a motion to fold the Convent Society into the ACCC. The ACCC will carry on the work of the Convent Society and after discussions and questions being answered the motion was passed. The majority of the work in the