

agenda having been accomplished, the meeting was adjourned and we gathered in the chapel for sung Evening Prayer. Following our time of worship we once again enjoyed the wonderful food that the Centre had prepared for us.



*Delegates sharing a meal together*

Meal times also provided us the opportunity to visit with one another and continue the time of fellowship. It was a blessing to meet so many people from across the country and discuss with them the local circumstances of their parishes, both the negative things and more importantly the positive things that we are doing to continue to build up Christ's church here on earth. There were many encouraging comments, ideas, and vision for vibrant Christian communities across this vast country, that were shared.

*~Thursday~*

We began Thursday with sung Mattins officiated by The Reverend Alan Edwardson. Our Synod welcomed Mr. Erv Lischke, Executive Director who gave a presentation on the International Anglican Fellowship (IAF). The IAF is the missionary arm of the TAC and the ACCC. He provided a brief history and outlined current mission activities. Bishop Gill elaborated on some of these activities. Mr. Lischke gave an overview of the current operating budget and the importance of the Sustainable Members' Program. This program recognizes individuals and parishes who commit to ongoing support of the IAF and thus allow for the formalization

of continuing commitments to mission activities.



*Bishop Gill and Mr. Erv Lischke, Executive Director, IAF addressing Synod*

All new mission proposals that come to the IAF are screened by the appropriate bishop before being approved as a mission that receives support from the IAF. It was pointed out that, in the past, Canada was a leader in providing support to IAF activities and it is anticipated that, with the appointment of a Canadian to the Board of Directors, Mr. Brian Kennedy, ACCC members will again have channels open for them to resume support for mission activity. Members of the ACCC who make donations to the IAF are eligible to receive from their parish a charitable donation tax receipt.

After a brief break we resumed with reports from various parishes and then adjourned for Holy Communion at which The Right Reverend Craig Botterill, Q.C. was the Celebrant.



*The procession for Holy Communion*

During the afternoon session, Bishop Gill addressed Synod and gave an update as to what happened during the talks that dealt with union with the Roman Catholic Church. He also gave Synod information regarding the acceptance of former Primate Archbishop Hepworth's resignation. Bishop Gill noted that now there is much better communication among the bishops as the College of Bishops meet via telephone conference approximately every two weeks. He stressed the importance for people to move beyond the hurt caused by the attempted reunification with the Roman Catholic Church. The focus needs to be for the future and the growth of the ACCC and indeed the TAC. Bishop Gill spoke of the collaborative work that is occurring with other continuing Anglican churches and that TAC parishes are experiencing great growth, specially so in Africa and India. He believes we can provide an option for people in the Canterbury Communion who are discouraged by the unorthodox understanding of the Christian faith that is becoming more and more prevalent within the Canterbury Communion. Bishop Gill also extended an invitation to everyone at Synod and indeed the ACCC as a whole to visit him in South Africa to see first hand the work, growth, and Christian communities under his care.

After a brief break, Synod finished receiving reports from the parishes. This provided people an opportunity to express their struggles over the past few years, as well as hear about the triumphs which have also been occurring in our parishes. Ideas for fresh ways of reaching out to people, whether Christian or not, were voiced and there was a general sense that we have come out of a trying fire and that the future, with God's help, looks promising. Following the reports, Bishop Janzen gave his assent to the legislation passed by Synod. Votes of thanks were given to Mr.

Robert Dukarm as organist for Synod; the choir of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Victoria, British Columbia; the parish of All Saints' Calgary, Alberta and Mrs. Dianne Harten and the Reverend Jim Schovanek; the Table Officers; The Diocesan Archivist and Administrative Assistant Mrs. Sonia Nicholson; Bishop Michael Gill; Bishop Botterill for all the work that he had done in his role as Apostolic Administrator. With prayer the President, Bishop Janzen declared Synod Prorogued *sine die*.



*Procession for Solemn Evensong*

Solemn Evensong followed the session at which Bishop Botterill officiated and Mr. Peter William Slade read the lessons.



*Mr. Peter William Slade reading a Lesson*

Following dinner the Provincial & Diocesan Council met and dealt with various matters at hand. The business of Synod having thus being concluded, we were able to enjoy a time of fellowship with