

**Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands**

**143<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN SYNOD – 2013**

**RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED**

**Resolution # 1 Re General Banking Facilities**

**Whereas** the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands may from time to time require facilities, not limited to Overdraft, e.g. Letters of Guarantee;

**Be it resolved** that this Synod authorize the Diocesan Financial Board to arrange General Banking Facilities at the National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) Limited or any other Banks registered under the Banking Act for a total amount not exceeding three million dollars (\$ 3,000,000.00) should the need arise.

Moved by                      The Hon. Michael Fennel, O.J.

Seconded by              The Rev. Canon Denzil C. Barnes                      **PASSED**

**Resolution # 2 Re Change of status of the St. Bartholomew's Church, Frankfield**

**Whereas** a Settled Congregation in this Diocese is required to have at least fifty members on the Electoral Roll and to be financially self sustaining; and

**Whereas** St. Bartholomew's Church, Frankfield, in the Deanery of Clarendon has not for a number of years been able to meet this standard – the membership being thirty-five (35) and the income from the Church cannot meet its financial obligations;

**Be it resolved** that the status of the said St. Bartholomew's Church, Frankfield, be reclassified to that of a Mission.

Returns for the past five years – St. Bartholomew's Church, Frankfield

YEAR	Members	Receipts	Assessment	Ch Hse Bal
2013	35		150,000	
2012	35	422,683	128,562	(1,908,559)
2011	25	288,941	116,778	(1,697,485)
2010	40	349,921	163,954	(1,336,286)
2009	50	323,220	160,638	(1,188,100)
2008	49	340,181	115,055	( 811,980)

Moved by:                      The Venerable Winston M. Thomas

Seconded by:              The Very Rev. A. Elizabeth Roach                      **PASSED**

**Resolution # 3      Re Change of status of the St. Gregory's Church,  
Red Hills, Frankfield Cure**

**Whereas** a Settled Congregation in this Diocese is required to have at least fifty members on the Electoral Roll and to be financially self sustaining; and

**Whereas** St. Gregory's Church, Red Hills, in the Frankfield Cure, in the Deanery of Clarendon has not for a number of years been able to meet this standard – the membership being thirty (30) and the income from the Church cannot meet its financial obligations;

**Be it resolved** that the status of the said St. Gregory's Church, Red Hills, in the Frankfield, be reclassified to that of a Mission.

Returns for the past five years – St. Gregory's Church, Red Hills, Frankfield

YEAR	Members	Receipts	Assessment	Ch Hse Bal
2013	35		150,000	
2012	35	337,674	56,123	(170,403)
2011	43	248,122	53,181	(196,944)
2010	33	164,708	69,837	(171,775)
2009	71	165,394	56,896	(147,439)
2008	54	No Returns	39,749	(93,839)

Moved by:            The Venerable Winston M. Thomas

Seconded by:      The Very Rev. A. Elizabeth Roach

PASSED

**Resolution # 4 Re Associate Evangelistic Programme**

**Whereas** there is need for more trained Lay Evangelists to be involved in the Ministry of the Church; and

**Whereas** the Church Army in recognizing this need has, with the knowledge and consent of the Church Army Council, introduced the Lay Evangelist Programme, a form of "Supplementary Ministry" to the Church Army Officers; and

**Whereas** there are lay persons who have responded to the new programme and have gone through the required course of training; and

**Whereas** the first cohort will receive a Diocesan Certificate in recognition of their completion of the course;

**Be it resolved** that this one hundred and forty-third (143<sup>rd</sup>) Synod of the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in the Province of the West Indies mandate the Canons Committee to draft the necessary canonical provisions for trained Associate Evangelists to become a recognized form of Lay Ministry in the Diocese and so be eligible to hold the Bishop's Licence.

Moved by                      The Rt. Rev. Dr. Harold B. Daniel  
Seconded by                Sister Norma E. Thompson, C.A.                      PASSED

**Resolution # 5 Re Appreciation for the Ministry of the Rev. Canon Ernle Patrick Gordon**

**Whereas** the Rev. Canon Ernle Gordon retired from active service in the Ministry of the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in April of 2012; and

**Whereas** the Rev. Canon Ernle Patrick Gordon has given dedicated and sterling service for over four decades;

**Whereas** the Rev. Canon Ernle Patrick Gordon has served the Diocese since his Ordination as Priest-in-Charge and then Rector of the Cure of St. Mary the Virgin; and

**Whereas** his Pastoral Ministry in the Cure of St. Mary the Virgin enriched the lives of many and facilitated the growth of the Youth Ministry and contributed to its development for over forty years; and

**Whereas** he has guided the development of Students of the United Theological College of the West Indies, Deacons and Priests who were assigned to St. Mary's during his tenure; and

**Whereas** his work and ministry established itself in his pastoral work in homes and schools; and

**Whereas** his social outreach programmes in the troubled communities in which St. Mary's is located have resulted in a harmonious relationship between the Church and the community; and

**Whereas** he has contributed to the advancement of cultural and indigenous forms of worship in the Anglican Diocese; and

**Whereas** his considerable body of work on Liberation Theology has influenced the doctrine of the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands; and

**Whereas** his numerous newspaper articles and public discussions on Theology have taken the teachings of the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands to the wider public; and

**Whereas** his service to the Diocese also included service on the Diocesan Boards and in the Supplementary Ministry Programme;

**Be it resolved** that the one hundred and forty-third (143<sup>rd</sup>.) Synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands place on record its deep and sincere thanks and appreciation for his contribution to the Diocese in general and his outstanding Pastoral Leadership and Ministry which have contributed to the spiritual development and growth of the Diocese; and

**Be it further resolved** that this one hundred and forty-third (143<sup>rd</sup>.) Synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands present a copy of this Resolution to the Rev. Canon Ernle Patrick Gordon and his dear wife and family who have supported his Ministry.

Moved by                      Mrs. Sonia Young  
Seconded by:              Mr. Denston Brown

PASSED

**Resolution # 6 Re Appreciation for the Ministry of the Venerable Hollis Peter Lynch – Archdeacon Emeritus**

**Whereas** the Ven. Hollis Peter Lynch has retired from active service in the Ministry of the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands; an

**Whereas** the Ven. Hollis Peter Lynch has given dedicated and sterling service for over fifty(50) years; and

**Whereas** the Ven. Hollis Peter Lynch has served the Diocese since 1962 in several capacities, namely:

- Evangelist in Majesty Gardens with the late Captain Roy Wilson 1962
- Evangelist in the Saint Ann's Bay Cure with responsibility for (Lime Hall, Ocho Rios, Priory, Chester and St. Ann's Bay 1962 – 1967
- Cathedral of Saint Jago de la Vega, Chaplain of the Prison and Remand Home for Boys 1967
- Rector of St Luke's Balaclava/Siloah Cure, St. Elizabeth 1974– 1982
- Rector, Holy Trinity Church – Westgate 1982 – 2008
- Rural Dean, St. James and Hanover 1982 – 1987
- Archdeacon of Montego Bay Region 1987 – 2008
- Rector of St. George's Cure, Grand Cayman 2008– 2012
- Archdeacon Emeritus 2008

and

**Whereas** in his Ministry he was instrumental in

- achieving the building of St. Mark's Church, Chester, Saint Ann,
- the refurbishing of Saint Agnes Mission in Priory, Saint Ann,
- the rebuilding of the Church in Auchtembeddie, Manchester,
- the building of the Multi-Purpose Church Hall at Holy Trinity Church, Westgate, Montego Bay, St. James and was instrumental in having padded seats and air conditioning units installed in Holy Trinity Church; and

**Whereas** in his Pastoral Ministry he worked and enriched the lives of the Maroons in Maroon Town, St. James and has impacted the lives of several persons throughout the Diocese in his ministry to the sick and shut-ins; and

**Whereas** under his leadership, he was able to motivate Holy Trinity Church, Westgate, to become the top contributor to the JCMS for over ten years; and

**Whereas** he served the Diocese as Administrator for the Montego Bay Region from 2001 to 2002 and acted as Canonical Administrator of the Diocese on two occasions; and

**Whereas** he was instrumental in the promotion of the Self-Insurance Fund for the Diocese and was appointed a Trustee of the Anglican Church Insurance Fund; and

**Whereas** he has been one of the longest serving Examining Chaplain, having been serving from the time of Bishop Herbert Edmondson in 1976 to the present time; and

**Whereas** he served as a member of the Provincial Synod and represented the Diocese at the first Provincial Gathering held at the University of the West Indies, Mona, in 2000; and

**Whereas** in collaboration with the Very Rev. Canon and Hon. Hartley Perrin (now Custos Rotulorum of Westmoreland) he was able to initiate the introduction of photographs of the Clergy in the Synod Journal and was instrumental in recommending the walk-up collection at Synod to augment the Diocesan Development Fund in 1986; and

**Whereas** he was able to achieve the acquisition of the purchase of a parcel of land on Cayman Brac to establish a Mission there;

**Be it resolved** that the One Hundred and Forty Third (143<sup>rd</sup>) Synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands place on record its deep and sincere thanks and appreciation for his contribution to the Diocese in general and his outstanding pastoral care and ministry which has enriched the lives and spiritual growth and financial well-being of the Diocese; and

**Be it further resolved** that this One Hundred and Forty Third (143<sup>rd</sup>) Synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands requests that the Bishop of the Diocese present a copy of this Resolution to the Ven. Hollis Peter Lynch and his family who have supported his Ministry.

Moved by: The Venerable Justin A. Nembhard

Seconded: The Venerable Winston M. Thomas

PASSED

### **Resolution # 7 Re: Gender Issues**

WHEREAS the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands received the presentation on Gender issues from Dr. Leith Dunn and was made aware of the seriousness of the gender Issues facing Jamaica, and the Church's need to be involved in helping to reverse the negative statistics of gender related violence.

**Be it resolved** that the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod request the Bishop in Diocesan Council, to:

- (i) Develop a gender policy and action plan for the Diocese in support of the national policy for gender equality (2011)
- (ii) Organize gender sensitive training – educating persons on differences between male and female, and how these differences impact on their everyday life experiences; and

**BE it further resolved that**

The Diocese becomes an Advocate for the Integration of gender issues into the curriculum of educational institutions and programmes within the Diocese.

Moved by Rt. Rev. Dr. Robert Thompson  
Seconded by Rev. Leslie Mowatt

PASSED

**Resolution # 8 Re: Child Abuse**

**WHEREAS** for the period January to June 2012, the Office of the Children's Registry (OCR) received four thousand four hundred and ninety-nine (4,499) reports, representing an increase of 11.4% over the corresponding period in 2011 and recognizing the need for decisive action and steps to report abuses to the relevant authorities and to provide moral and physical support for victims

**Be it resolved that** given the increasing incidence of child abuse, the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod request the Bishop in Diocesan Council to:

- (i) Develop a protocol of how clergy and congregations report child abuse in the church and in the community (Basic/Primary-Prep/High Schools) and
- (ii) Strengthen the existing parenting education programme already implemented by the Mothers' Union and recommend that such programmes be instituted through other organizations e.g. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Women's Auxiliary and the Anglican Youth Fellowship, within the local church and Diocese, as is practical to do so. Bearing in mind that there is an existing National Parenting Policy presently in the Ministry of Education, to form and/or strengthen partnership between the Church and the relevant Ministry and non-governmental agencies.

Moved by Rev. Garfield Campbell  
Seconded by Miss Tanya Tomlinson

PASSED

### **Resolution # 9 Re: Foster Care of Children**

**Whereas** the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod affirms the work of children's homes, particularly those in our Diocese; and given the well-established fact that children in foster care do better in their growth and development than those in Children's Homes,

**Be it resolved that** given the increasing incidence of child abuse, the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod request the Bishop in Diocesan Council to:

Encourage members within local congregations to become more involved in fostering and mentoring children; particularly those in State care.

Moved by                      The Very Rev. Franklyn Jackson

Seconded by                Lt. Col. Norman Tomlinson                      PASSED

### **Resolution # 10 Re: National Issues**

Whereas the 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod in session received very disturbing analyses and information, and engaged in detailed discussions on, among others, the deep crisis in our economy and the implication for the economic and social conditions of the vast majority of the population going forward

– Issues of violence, injustice, oppression, marginalization and the need for peace and reconciliation; and

Whereas these issues require timely and sustained action by the entire Jamaican community

Be it resolved that this 143<sup>rd</sup> Synod of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands requests the Bishop in Diocesan Council to take urgent steps to develop an appropriate set of responses which can be acted upon by the Diocese and our local churches and congregations

Moved by                      Ambassador Byron W. Blake

Seconded by                Mr. Vivian Crawford                      PASSED