

NOTICES OF MOTION

MOTION 2: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

MOVED BY The Rev. Canon George Kwari
SECONDED BY The Rev. Dr. Mary Cate Garden

That Synod appoint the firm of Deloitte as auditors for the 2026 financial statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa.

MOTION 3: CONFIRMATION OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL CANDIDATES

MOVED BY The Rev. Bob Albert
SECONDED BY The Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne, Clerical Secretary

That Synod confirm the election of the following to Diocesan Council:

- The Rev. Matthew Brown
 - Kathryn Fournier
 - The Rev. Canon Dr. Jon Martin
 - The Rev. Karen McBride
 - The Rev. Dr. Alana McCord
 - Christine Ormsby
 - Mike Strong
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MOTION 4: MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2027 DIOCESAN BUDGET

MOVED BY The Ven. Chris Dunn
SECONDED BY The Rev. Dr. Mary-Catherine Garden

That Synod adopt the 2027 Budget for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa as presented.

MOTION 5 – MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS RELATED TO DIOCESAN CEMETERIES

MOVED BY Canon Henry Schultz, Chancellor
SECONDED BY The Rev. Matthew Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Canon 1.04(2) of the *Canons of the Diocese of Ottawa*, Synod hereby confirms the decision of the Diocesan Council, taken at its meeting of January 20, 2026, to enact the following amendments to the *Bylaws of the Diocese of Ottawa*:

THAT the provisions of **Bylaw 3.26 (MANAGEMENT OF CEMETERIES)** be repealed and replaced with the following:

1. Every cemetery adjacent to, or affiliated with, a Parish or a Congregation shall be managed by a Cemetery Board, which shall report to the Vestry of that Parish or Congregation.
2. Subject to paragraph 4, should any Parish or Congregation fail to elect a Cemetery Board in a manner consistent with these Bylaws or any related Regulations, then the Incumbent and the Churchwardens shall be deemed to form the Cemetery Board for that Parish or Congregation.
3. There shall be a subcommittee of the Property and Finance Committee known as the Diocesan Cemeteries Subcommittee, whose membership shall be determined by Regulation.
4. The Diocesan Cemeteries Subcommittee shall:
 - a) serve as the Cemetery Board for:
 - (i) any cemetery adjacent to or affiliated with a Parish or Congregation that has been disestablished, where such cemetery does not have an ongoing Cemetery Board or has not been conveyed to a third party in a manner consistent with Bylaw 3.22; or
 - (ii) any other cemetery which, in the determination of both the Bishop and the Property and Finance Committee, can no longer be properly managed by a Parish or Congregation; and
 - b) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by Regulation.
5. The Property and Finance Committee may, with the approval of the Bishop, transfer responsibility for the management of any cemetery from one Parish to a Congregation or another Parish, from one Congregation to a Parish or another Congregation, or from the Diocesan Cemetery Subcommittee to a Parish or a Congregation.
6. The Property and Finance Committee may approve policy guidelines regarding the

operation and maintenance of diocesan cemeteries.

7. Every Cemetery Board shall administer each cemetery for which it is responsible in accordance with: (a) applicable provincial legislation; (b) this Bylaw and any related Regulation; and (c) any policy guidelines approved by the Property and Finance Committee for the purposes of this Bylaw.
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MOTION 6 – MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS RELATED TO PARISH COUNCILS

MOVED BY Canon Henry Schultz, Chancellor
SECONDED BY The Rev. Matthew Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Canon 1.04(2) of the *Canons of the Diocese of Ottawa*, Synod hereby confirms the decision of the Diocesan Council, taken at its meeting of September 22, 2026, to enact the following amendments to the *Bylaws of the Diocese of Ottawa*:

THAT:

- A. Sections 3 through 7 of Bylaw 5.11 (Parish and Congregational Councils) are renumbered as sections 6 through 10; and:
- B. Sections 3 through 5 of Bylaw 5.11 are enacted as follows:
 3. Vacancies in the Council occurring between Vestry meetings may be filled by appointment by the members of the Corporation.
 4. Subject to section 5 of this Bylaw, the Chairperson of the Council shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the Council and shall act as Chairperson at meetings of the Council, and in his or her absence, one of the Churchwardens shall so act.
 5. Should a Parish or Congregation fail to elect a Chairperson of the Council within 30 days following the date of the Annual Meeting of Vestry, the Chairperson of the Council shall be the Incumbent, or another member of the Council designated by the Incumbent.