



Diocesan Council Group Norms

Diocesan Council, as a collective group, sharing our thoughts and ideas have created a foundational document that expresses how we will interact and communicate. This document sets clear expectations of how the Council has chosen to ensure clear, effective decision making and communication.

Highlights of what we have committed to as a group:

Before the meeting

- Meeting materials being distributed several days prior to the meeting.
- Coming to the meeting prepared having read through the materials.
- Praying for the meeting.

During the meeting

- Intentionally speaking and acting in a way that demonstrates our belief that each of us is beloved of God who is in our midst always.
- Respecting the boundaries around private, privileged or confidential information when requested to do so.
- Leading with interest and curiosity especially when offering constructive criticism.
- Listening carefully in order to understand.
- Respecting the preparation work done by the various committees in bringing a motion to council.
- Respecting time limits for agenda items.
- Declaring any private interests that could influence the way we vote on a motion

After the meeting

- Disseminating a short report to within a week after each meeting. The report will be sent by the Governance Coordinator to the widespread diocesan email list which includes churches, wardens, treasurers, lay delegates to synod, and clergy.
- Sharing information with our deaneries and parishes.
- Supporting the motions that have been passed by the Diocesan Council.
- Holding in prayer those affected by the decisions that have been made.
- Providing Diocesan Council members minutes within ten business days of the meeting.

Bishop's Corner:

As we begin a new year:

With the new year comes a season of preparing for Annual Vestry meetings of the church & embracing the opportunities that are given. The new year brings newness but also many changes/angst in our world. Our Christian lives and practices are important to ourselves and those with whom we reflect with. Bishop Todd reminded us that we are in the presence of God and we have much to look forward to and it is made possible through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Todd shared the following celebration:

Recognition and gratitude for the work of our Chancellor, Canon James Ferguson. This year marks Canon Jim's 16th Anniversary (Jim began his role with the Diocese of Huron as Vice-Chancellor January 10, 2009) – with thanks to God for his ministry!

General Synod Update

The Local Arrangements Committee brought greetings and an update to Council regarding the arrangements for General Synod 2025 that the Diocese of Huron is hosting.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event please stay tuned to updates that will be made on the Diocesan Website for volunteer opportunities and an application form!

[**"This is Huron" Promotional Video**](#)

A New Opportunity:

A Bursary Trust Fund opportunity has been set in motion with the disestablishment of Trinity Church, Waterford.

It was the wish and intention of the closing vestry of Trinity Church, Waterford to establish a trust to be administered through the Diocese that will be used in support of Christian education including the provision of bursaries for children to attend Camp Huron.