

**The Prayer Book Society of Canada**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, May 24, 2025**

- 1) The Revd. Canon Dr. Gordon Maitland, the National Chairman, opened the meeting with a prayer for the church.
- 2) Fr. Maitland welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, he asked the Revd. Christopher Samsom to take the minutes. In attendance were: the Revd. Gordon Maitland, the Rt. Rev. William Cliffe, the Revd. Benjamin von Bredow, the Revd. Chris Dow, the Revd. Donald Richmond, Frances Macdonnell, Sarah Groat, the Revd. Brody Albers, the Revd. Richard Spencer, the Revd. Christopher Samsom.
- 3) The agenda was accepted as previously circulated.
- 4) Greetings from Bishop William Cliff, PBSC Episcopal Visitor. He expressed his thrill about being asked to be the Episcopal Visitor. The Bishop discussed how the Prayer Book turned him into a Christian. He regularly speaks about and for the Prayer Book app. He expressed his willingness to help where he can.
- 5) The minutes of the previous AGM were presented. Acceptance was moved by Revd. Benjamin von Bredow, seconded by Frances Macdonnell. Carried.
- 6) There was no business arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
- 7) National Chairman's report: The Revd. Gordon Maitland shared some personal changes including his retirement from full time ministry and his move to Kingston. He mentioned his desire to continue in the role as chairman for years to come. This move means that mail needs to be redirected to the Kingston address. He expressed his pleasure at the Rt. Rev. William Cliffe's taking on of the role of Episcopal visitor. He expressed his thanks to Anne Chrisholm for her work as treasurer as she seeks to step down. Thanksgiving was given for Pat Bryan's life and witness in serving on the National Council until his recent passing at age 97. The Chairman commended the Anglican Way conference and discussed the Rt. Rev. Ashley Null's presentation before taking on episcopal leadership in North Africa. Proper space for a display table at the Anglican Church of Canada General Synod is an opportunity we hope to use for our mission. A new BCP for Charles III's reign has not yet been printed. The Old Testament supplement to the lectionary has been published. The BCP app has been successful and is being used widely. These ongoing initiatives we hope to improve in coming days as well as finding other ways to serve the church as the Holy Spirit inspires us and God's grace equips us. Report moved by The Revd. Chris Dow. Seconded by the Revd. Richard Spencer. Carried.
- 8) National Treasurer's report: The reviewed financial statements for the year ending January 31st, 2025 were presented. Moved by the Revd. Richard Spencer, seconded by the Revd. Benjamin von Bredow, that the statements be accepted. Carried. The formal proposed budget

for 2025-2026 was then reviewed. Moved by Frances Macdonnell, seconded by the Revd. Benjamin von Bredow, that the budget be accepted. Carried.

9) Appointment of an auditor. That Brian Fogarty again be appointed as auditor. Moved by the Revd. Richard Spencer, seconded by the Revd. Christopher Samsom. Carried.

10) Website custodian's report. Kerry Dickson submitted a report on the international use of the PBSC website. The website continues to generate steady interest and shows slow but steady growth. The Facebook page is also garnering gradually increasing traffic. The Prayer Book app continues to be the most used feature.

11) PBSC National Officers. The list of PBSC officers that had been elected at the meeting of the National Council held earlier in the day was read out by the National Chairman.

12) PBSC National Councillors. The slate which had recently been posted on the PBSC website was reviewed. Moved by Frances Macdonnell, seconded by Sarah Groat. Carried.

13) Honorary President of the PBSC. It had previously been moved by Diana Versegby, seconded by Benjamin von Bredow, that the Rt. Revd. Michael Hawkins, the retired Bishop of Saskatchewan, be elected to this position. Carried.

14) Questions and inquiries. The work of the Ottawa branch in supporting a chaplaincy and the training school in the Arctic was discussed. The Revd. Chris Dow discussed the bursary system and mentioned fruit that was produced by it. Sarah Groat expressed her gratitude for receiving a bursary. Ron Bentley's health was inquired about. Frances Macdonnell mentioned funding available for at St. Michael's conference and a Cranmer conference.

15) Other Business: None.

16) Adjournment. Moved by Frances Macdonnell that we adjourn the meeting. The chairman adjourned the meeting with prayer.