

YOUTH SYNOD MOTIONS

We have provided hard copies of the motions for those of you who need the motions on paper during the debate. Our hope is that you read the motions online, did whatever research about the issues you thought necessary, and have come prepared to discuss each of them with your small group and in the Proper Sessions.

Whether you are a new or returning delegate, there is still time for you to write a motion of your own and present it to the Chair for inclusion in the proceedings. The Chair will announce the deadline for motion submissions first thing on Saturday morning. The Chair will decide which motions come to the floor being sensitive to time constraints and may not allow every motion to be discussed.

Youth Synod Council has worked hard on the attached motions on your behalf so please take a moment to thank the following Youth Synod Council members who prepared these motions:

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ACCOUNTABILITY MOTION

WHEREAS: by participating in Youth Synod, delegates are responsible to complete the action items of motions passed by the Youth Synod to which they are delegates;

AND WHEREAS: words and action work together, and so the legitimacy of Youth Synod is dependent on what is accomplished, and not only on the motions that are carried;

AND WHEREAS: we do not hear many stories, successful or otherwise, about how we are following through on motions. As one example, neither Youth Synod Council nor the Diocesan Youth Ministry staff are aware of any youth group that has completed 1,000 hours of ministry time in support of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, as required by the passage at Youth Synod 2008 of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Affordable Housing Initiative motion;

AND WHEREAS: it can be easy to forget motions passed at Youth Synod, and we do not report to Youth Synod on the work we do as individual delegates to carry out the work required by the motions we pass.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Those drafting motions make an effort to create motions that seem achievable to delegates in the coming year.
2. Delegates only vote in favour of motions that they believe can be achieved.
3. Delegates recognise that every passed motion commits them to working on the action required by the 'Be It Resolved' clauses.
4. Delegates report their motion-related accomplishments to Diocesan Youth Ministry staff and/or Youth Synod Council in a timely manner.
5. Delegates ask the diocesan Youth Ministry staff to help Youth Synod Council members to put together and send out updates to Youth Synod delegates featuring motion-related accomplishments.
6. Delegates continue to make an effort to act on motions passed by the Youth Synods they have attended in the past.

Moved by: Lenox Daley, All Saints, Hamilton

Seconded by: Sarah Noiseux, St. Thomas, St. Catharines

FAITH-BASED DECISION MAKING MOTION

WHEREAS: in decision making at the parish and diocesan level, it often seems as though decisions are driven by political considerations and a concern with being practical and realistic rather than being driven by our faith and the example of Jesus Christ;

AND WHEREAS: we are easily caught up in concerns about money, buildings, pleasing people, etc;

AND WHEREAS: we are also easily distracted by church politics (that is, leaders or parishioners relating to one another through a dysfunctional power dynamic);

AND WHEREAS: we can also be swayed by the mainstream media's take on particular issues;

AND WHEREAS: all of these distractions and other agendas cloud our judgement and draw us away from our faith perspective and distort our response to God's call;

AND WHEREAS: everyone, when making decisions, needs to inform themselves about issues and the politics involved, and balance that information with their sense of how God and their faith is calling them to act.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Delegates of Youth Synod 2010 ask their rectors to preach a sermon about balancing practical concerns and common opinion with faith considerations when making decisions, particularly about church matters and Youth Synod Council will provide an accompanying letter for any delegate who wants one when s/he makes this request of their rector.
2. Delegates of Youth Synod 2010 talk regularly to their friends and family about issues relating to politics and faith – does it capture what you are getting at to say.
3. Delegates of Youth Synod 2010 will talk regularly to their friends about how they incorporate their faith perspective into decisions they make.
4. Delegates of Youth Synod 2010, when making any decision, will try to do what they think is faithful, and not what is expedient.

Move by: Dean Sutton-Greenhalgh, All Saints, Hamilton

Seconded by: Lenox Daley, All Saints, Hamilton

GLOBAL CITIZEN MOTION

WHEREAS: In order to carry out Prophetic Social Justice Making, areas of injustice must first be identified;

AND WHEREAS: Youth Synod motions frequently aim to make delegates more aware of issues evolving in the local, national and international community;

AND WHEREAS: Youth Synod only meets once a year and so is often unable to address issues that require a timely response;

AND WHEREAS: In Micah 6:8, God calls upon us, “to act justly and to love mercy.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Delegates to Youth Synod 2010 commit to watching, hearing or reading the news once a day for every day that they have access to media (TV, internet, newspaper, etc.) in order to make themselves aware of developing issues.
2. Delegates to Youth Synod 2010 commit to educating themselves on issues of social justice via news sources and the internet to a level of understanding where they would feel comfortable speaking intelligently about the subject in conversation.
3. Delegates to Youth Synod 2010 commit to spreading awareness about issues of social justice via conversation with friends, social networking sites, school clubs or, potentially, motions to Youth Synod or to Diocesan Synod.
4. Delegates to Youth Synod 2010 commit to dedicating at least two hours a month towards social justice issues of their choosing other than those brought forward at Youth Synod 2010

Move by: Justin Michael, St. Matthias, Guelph

Seconded by:

PRO-PIRACY AMONG YOUTH SYNOD DELEGATES MOTION

WHEREAS: "Piracy" is the name given to the illegal distribution of copyrighted materials, whether by the uploading and downloading of files using the Internet, or by sharing a burned CD/DVD with friends at school or work, or using other technical means to republish media items;

AND WHEREAS: Everyday, many people pirate music, episodes of television shows, movies, video games, programs and books, in order to consume these various forms of entertainment in the manner and at the times of their choosing;

AND WHEREAS: Musicians and bands such as Radiohead (*see fact sheet*) have clearly stated that piracy is not hurting their bottom line but rather helping to expand their audience to include people who wish to sample their works before then purchasing them;

AND WHEREAS: According to a study done by the New York Times (*see fact sheet*), box office revenues for movies of all genres are making more money in the last ten years than in any previous time period, despite the advent of piracy;

AND WHEREAS: We as the consumer have the right to see, hear and read our entertainment when and however we wish and should not be bound by companies which wish to hold back and withstand the change that is happening around them;

AND WHEREAS: In Mark 6:30-44, Jesus turns a few loaves of bread and some fish into enough food to feed thousands much like the media pirates of today take a single-media item and turn it into a file that feeds the appetite of millions of consumers around the globe.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Every Youth Synod delegate, with the resources to do so, pirate at least 10 different media items over the next year, and then purchase the item legally if they wish to keep a copy after sampling the item.
2. Delegates to Youth Synod educate themselves about different aspects of piracy and help educate their friends and families.

Moved by: Cole Sutton-Greenhalgh, All Saints, Hamilton

Seconded by: Dean Sutton-Greenhalgh, All Saints, Hamilton

PRO-PIRACY AMONG YOUTH SYNOD DELEGATES MOTION FACT SHEET

The definition of piracy is “the unauthorized use of material that is covered by copyright law, in a manner that violates one of the copyright owner's exclusive rights, such as the right to reproduce or perform the copyrighted work, or to make derivative works.”

Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piracy_\(media\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piracy_(media))

Downloading pirated music is legal in Canada, provided that the songs are not sold for profit.

Source: http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/internet/downloading_music.html
http://www.cbc.ca/news/yourinterview/2008/04/michael_geist.html

The latest statistics from The Pirate Bay's website (a major site supporting the pirating community) –indicate they now have 4,340,954 registered users with 12,873,599 people helping 9,326,501 people all around the world download 2,637,010 different programs, movies, music and games every day.

Source: <http://thepiratebay.org/>

The following link is a reference guide on how to become a pirate, stay undetected and to be an efficient pirate: <http://www.crunchgear.com/2007/05/14/help-key-the-essential-guide-to-piracy/>

In a recent interview, Radiohead guitarist Ed O'Brien has stated that “There’s a very strong part of me that feels that peer-to-peer illegal downloading is just a more sophisticated version of what we did in the 80s, which was home taping...” and that “Piracy isn't killing the [music] industry”. The full interview can be viewed at: <http://torrentfreak.com/piracy-isnt-killing-music-radioheads-guitarist-says-100124/>

The New York Times - “The Ebb and Flow of Movies: Box Office Receipts 1986 – 2008”
Summer blockbusters and holiday hits make up the bulk of box office revenue each year, while contenders for the Oscars tend to attract smaller audiences that build over time. Here's a look at how movies have fared financially at the box office, after adjusting for inflation:
http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2008/02/23/movies/20080223_REVENUE_GRAPHIC.html

For further information about piracy and the reactions of the various media industries to it, the movies *Steal This Film* and *Steal This Film 2* provide more information:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steal_This_Film

Steal This Film Part 1 - <http://www.stealthisfilm.com/Part1/>

Steal This Film Part 2 - <http://www.stealthisfilm.com/Part2/>

UNIVERSITY CHAPLANCIES MOTION

WHEREAS: Living away from home for a post-secondary education is often a pivotal time in one's life, offering tremendous change and opportunity.

AND WHEREAS: In such a period of momentous change, it's often wise or even necessary to seek spiritual guidance.

AND WHEREAS: Living away from home often means moving away from one's home parish.

AND WHEREAS: The University Chaplaincy programs offering multi-faith spiritual support on campuses in our diocese would not be possible without support from various denominations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Youth Synod calls upon Diocesan Synod (and Synod Council) to maintain its financial commitment to the University Chaplaincy programs.
2. Youth Synod delegates, upon attendance at post secondary education institutions, commit to contacting the local chaplain and asking to sit down for a cup of coffee/tea to talk about the work they do as a chaplain

Moved by: Justin Michael; St. Matthias, Guelph

Seconded by: Diana Wood; Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

WHEREAS: the current composition of committees and taskforces of the Diocese of Niagara currently have little youth involvement, and thus a significant number of members of the diocese are unrepresented;

WHEREAS: Youth Synod 2010 does recognize that the following committees have youth members; Outreach (Alicia Archbell), Greening Niagara (Dean Sutton-Greenhalgh) and Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee (Barbara Jean Lick and Cole Sutton-Greenhalgh) whose voices and perspective add value to the work of those groups;

AND WHEREAS: “The Gathering” worship services are a great way for youth to exercise their enthusiasm for youth power, voice and meet their spiritual needs but in reality “The Gatherings” are designed for all ages with only mainly youth attending;

AND WHEREAS: the Bishop affirms the importance of Youth events, and yet some parishes do not send as many delegates to Youth Synod as they can, nor youth delegates to Synod.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Youth Synod 2010 asks the Bishop to encourage each Diocesan Committee Chair to invite at least one interested youth member (aged 16 to 25) to be part of all major committees, divisions, and taskforces; including but not limited to Synod Council, the Bishop’s Advisory Committee on Church Buildings, each of the Vision Petal Teams, the Budget subcommittee, the Financial Advisory Committee, Mission Strategy, and that these members submit a short report to Youth Synod each year.
2. That Youth Synod 2010 requests the Bishop to ask Committee chairs to ensure that youth members have a supportive mentor on the committee to which they are invited.
3. Delegates of Youth Synod 2010 invite one adult member of their parish to attend each “Gathering” they attend in the next calendar year.
4. Youth Synod 2010 asks the Bishop to celebrate the importance of Youth Synod and its actions, and other Youth Events at Diocesan Synod; and Youth Synod 2010 asks the Bishop to formally invite every clergy person in the Diocese to attend the 2011 Youth Synod as an observer.

Moved by: Alicia Archbell, St. Elizabeth’s, Burlington

Seconded by: Breanna Gordon, Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton

YOUTH SYNOD AND SYNOD TIME MANAGEMENT MOTION

WHEREAS: Past Youth Synods have spent time during the Saturday night social watching movies, engaging delegates in passive entertainment rather than assisting them to get to know one another more deeply;

AND WHEREAS: Jesus taught his disciples to love one another as he loved them (John 13.34-35), and was present with them, and we need to grow in relationship to one another in order to fulfill that commandment;

AND WHEREAS: Diocesan Synod agendas give much time to speakers and presentations, yet the Generous Culture of Stewardship petal explicitly asks us to try innovative ways of meeting;

AND WHEREAS: Jesus taught by encouraging others to ask questions and to engage with him and with one another.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Youth Synod planning team be directed to plan all social times to encourage interaction between delegates that will lead them to better know one another and grow in relationship and love for one another.
2. All future Youth Synod delegates be required to fill in specific evaluations that ask for input to help plan events and socials for the following Youth Synod.
3. Members of Youth Synod who are also youth delegates to Diocesan Synod be supported by Youth Synod Council in bringing a motion to the floor of Synod to allow less time to be given to information-providing sessions at Synod; and for more time to be given to activities which engage delegates with one another, and with God in worship.

Moved by: Dean Sutton-Greenhalgh, All Saints Hamilton

Seconded by: Diana Wood, Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton