

10/95 Form of Future Synod Meetings

(A report from a committee of the Archbishop-in-Council.)

1. In 1994 the Archbishop on the advice of the Standing Committee set up a committee to advise the Archbishop about the form of future Synod meetings. The Committee made a preliminary report in 1995 which is published on pages 476 to 484 inclusive of the 1996 Yearbook.
2. In its preliminary report the Committee said that the Synod should be completely recast and its size reduced. If this was not acceptable to the Synod, the Committee indicated some procedural experimental reforms which could assist the working of the Synod. The Committee also suggested some minor procedural reforms which it believes could be readily adopted.
3. By resolution 10/95 the Synod asked that any member of the Synod who wished to comment on the preliminary report do so by 28 February 1996 by sending written comments to the Secretary of the Committee. The resolution also requested that the Committee present a final report to the 1996 session of the Synod.
4. The Committee received comments from only one Synod member and, having no clear direction from the Synod on how to proceed, it sought the Standing Committee's direction. In April 1996 the Standing Committee requested that the Committee prepare a proposal in ordinance form for further consideration.
5. The Committee is working on a draft ordinance but, due to the complexity of the drafting issues, will not be able to finish the proposal for the 1996 session of the Synod.
6. The Committee hopes to present its final report to the 1997 session of the Synod.

For and on behalf of the Committee

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