

## Minutes

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Chancellor Graham took the Chair at 12:07 p.m. and called the Spring Meeting of the Corporation to order. The Secretary read an acknowledgement of the traditional Indigenous land on which Trinity College operates, and instructions for how members could optimize their Zoom meeting experience.

### 1. Prayer

Dean Britain offered a prayer to open the proceedings.

### 2. Resolutions

The Secretary read the following four resolutions for departed Members of Corporation:

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hugh Harold Bedford-Jones

Bishop Michael Bedford-Jones died April 18, 2021 at the age of 78. Michael attended Trinity College School before coming to Trinity College at U of T. He graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and again in 1968 with a Bachelor of Sacred Theology, the same year he was ordained a priest. While at Trinity, he was the recipient of the Sidney Childs Prize in Dogmatics, the Rupert Fenwick Williams Prize in New Testament, and the College Prize in Church History. Michael was the fourth generation in his family to serve in the ministry of the Anglican Church.

Michael served the Church in many roles. He began as assistant curate and director of Christian Education at St. James Cathedral from 1969-1973. In 1974 he was appointed senior assistant to the Dean of Toronto. In 1976 he was appointed the rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Scarborough, and served as Regional Dean of Scarborough from 1980-1983, after which he was made incumbent of the Church of St. Aidan in Toronto. He was appointed Regional Dean of Toronto East in 1985, an honorary assistant of St. Martin in-the-Fields, canon of St. James Cathedral, and executive assistant to the Bishop of Toronto. In 1991 he became the incumbent of St. George's

Cathedral in Kingston and dean of the Diocese of Ontario. He returned to Toronto in 1994 when he was elected Suffragan Bishop, serving as area bishop first in York-Scarborough and later in Trent-Durham. Michael retired in 2008, but continued serving the Church with a number of priest-in-charge appointments.

Michael was a “people” person. In an interview with *The Anglican Journal* upon his retirement, he was asked what he enjoyed most about his time as bishop: “...going to a parish on a Sunday and celebrating the eucharist with the people of God and hearing about their vision and their lives. Over the years, you get to know not just the clergy but the laity. So many have become friends and have been very kind to me.” Michael was a mainstay of the Trinity community and for many years an honorary member of Corporation. As the most senior ordained bishop, he was frequently called upon to chair Corporation meetings in the Chancellor’s absence, and many of you will remember the enthusiasm and dedication he brought to the job. Trinity granted him a Doctor of Sacred Letters degree in 1997 in recognition of his professional and community accomplishments.

#### James Edward Fordyce

J.E. Fordyce died April 7, 2021 at the age of 75. Born and raised in Ottawa, he attended Trinity College School before coming to Trinity College at U of T. Following his graduation in 1970, he attended Osgoode Hall, and was called to the bar in 1975.

J.E. spent his career at Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt, focusing on corporate, banking, and natural resource law until he retired in 2001. J.E. also volunteered his time at Trinity College School as a member of the Board of Governors and Body of Trustees, and on the Board of SPRINT (Senior Peoples Resources in North Toronto) where he was the chair from 2007 to 2009. J.E. was an active skier and sailor, frequently traveling for both activities. He was an active member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, and a Fellow and Medalist of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in recognition of his sailing prowess.

#### Margaret C. Morrison

Dr. Margaret C. Morrison died January 9, 2021 at the age of 66. She completed her undergraduate degree in philosophy at Dalhousie University and her graduate degrees at the University of Western

Ontario, earning her Ph.D. in 1987. She taught briefly at Stanford University and the University of Minnesota before joining the University of Toronto in 1989. She retired from teaching in 2019.

Margaret specialized in the philosophy of science, studying problems in scientific theory and epistemological problems associated with model formation and simulation. Her book *Unifying Scientific Theories* dealt with how mathematical structures contribute to the concept of scientific unity. Her 2015 book, *Reconstructing Reality*, was focused on the epistemology of computer simulations.

Margaret was not only respected in the philosophical community, but the scientific one as well. She held numerous research fellowships at academic institutions around the world and was elected to the German National Academy of Science in 2004, the Royal Society of Canada in 2015, the International Academy for Philosophy of Science in 2016, and received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2017. She is fondly remembered by her colleagues and students alike, and her presence in the Senior Common Room will be missed.

#### Richard Hay Sadleir

Richard Sadleir died February 12, 2021 at the age of 91. Richard attended University of Toronto Schools before coming to the University of Toronto and Trinity College. Upon graduation in 1951, he enrolled at Cambridge University where he earned an M.A.

Richard had a long career in education, starting as an English teacher at Upper Canada College. In 1963, his friend and fellow Trinity alumnus, Thomas Symons, asked him to help establish Trent University. He held a variety of roles at Trent, including Dean of Men, Head of the English Department, Vice President, and Acting President. In 1974 he was invited back to Upper Canada College to serve as its Principal. In 1988 he accepted the position of Director of the Lycée Canadien en France in Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, where he remained for three years.

According to Richard's obituary, "theatre and music gave him the greatest pleasure which he carefully nurtured in the next generations. From Camp Kitchikewana to his farm in Palgrave, from sailing Lake Huron at Southampton, Ontario to family gatherings in rural Holstein, Ontario, Dick was happiest in lakes, gardens and fields."

The Secretary moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Tenai, **that** the Corporation express its gratitude for the life and service of these four members to the College and that these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes and copies sent with the sympathy of the Corporation to their families.

The motion was **carried**.

A moment of silence was held for these members.

### 3. Minutes

The Secretary then read a summary of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Corporation, held on October 22, 2020.

The Secretary moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Tenai, **that** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on October 22, 2020 be approved.

The motion was **carried**.

### 4. Motion to Excuse Absent Members

Ms. Ingrid Cui moved, seconded by Mr. Benjamin Xu, **that** the members who advised the Secretary of their inability to attend be excused.

The motion was **carried**.

### 5. Report of the Provost

Provost Moran delivered her report on the status of Trinity College. This report is appended to the minutes (Appendix A).

### 6. Report of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Andrew McFarlane, Chair of the Board of Trustees, delivered his report on the activities of the Board. This report is appended to the minutes (Appendix B).

### 7. Report of the Committee on Nominations

The Chancellor presented the Committee's report to the Corporation. This report is appended to the minutes (Appendix C).

The Chancellor moved, seconded by Mr. Andre McFarlane, **that** the Corporation endorse the report of the Committee on Nominations and thereby elect or re-elect the listed individuals to the indicated positions.

The motion was **carried**.

## 8. Report of the Senate

Mr. Alex Smith, Vice-Chair of the Senate, delivered his report on the activities of the Senate. This report is appended to the minutes (Appendix D).

## 9. Report of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association

Ms. Maureen Simpson, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, delivered her report on the activities of the Association. She reported that the Association has held several well-attended and excellent virtual events over the course of the year, such as the Conversation with the Chancellor, the Larkin-Stuart Lecture, a presentation by the Rolph-Bell Archivist on the College's buildings, and a musical performance with the Gryphon Trio. The annual spring reunion will again be a virtual event, honouring graduating years ending in 1 and 6, as well as those in 0 and 5 who could not attend last year. Ms. Simpson noted that, while there are obvious disadvantages to holding the event virtually, the College is able to accommodate a much larger number of people than could normally attend because of distance.

Ms. Simpson reported that the Living Trinity Campaign has thus far raised \$28 million of its \$40 million goal. She concluded her report by thanking alumni for their volunteer service, and asked Corporation members to contact the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs if they were interested in additional volunteer opportunities.

## 10. Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were given.

## 11. Other Business

Mr. Graham Cotter read to the Corporation the following correspondence between himself and Dr. John Gibault, President of Thorneloe University, regarding Laurentian University's unilateral termination of their federation agreement:

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Graham Cotter | Monday, April 19:

"To John Gibaut

I have just heard through the Agenda program of TVO of the disgraceful treatment of Laurentian by the Ontario Government in the destruction of , among other things, of the tri-cultural bond so wonderful an expression of social and academic freedom. On Thursday I shall attend the Zoom meeting of the Trinity Corporation, and will remind them of Trinity's mission as a provincial university to support academic freedom. 'Programs have been discontinued because they do not pay'

We should be reminded of the words of John Milton's *Areopagitica* on the walls of Hart House Great Hall."

John Gibaut | Tuesday, April 20:

"Dear Graham,

Many thanks for your note, and for reaching out. Laurentian's insolvency and the CCAA process have been so destructive for Laurentian itself, but also for the federated universities. Part of Laurentian's restructuring plan is to close down its federated universities, including Thorneloe. We are challenging their right to end a bilateral agreement in court, and a restructuring that will be cosmetic rather than one with any fiscal advantage.

What should catch Trinity's attention at this time is not what the Province of Ontario is doing to Laurentian—that would be U of T's interest—but how the province is complicit in the termination of

historic, church-affiliated, federated universities, such as Thorneloe University, a fellow Anglican institution, albeit on a much smaller scale.”

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The Rev. Canon Dr. Darcey Lazerte pronounced the benediction.

Chancellor Graham adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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