**Nov 15, Synod – Webconference 8:00-8:30 am**

**PRESENT**

CT: Ian Douglas, Jim Curry, Laura Aherns, Sylvia Ho (lay), Sandy Stayner (clergy)

RI: Nick Knisely, Besty Fornal (lay),

W MA: Doug Fischer

MA:

NH: Gail Avery (clergy), Peter Cross (lay)

VT: Tom Ely

ME: Stephen Lane, Kit Wang (clergy), Ted Fletcher (lay)

EXEC COMMITTEE: Sandy Stayner (Pres/CT), Steve Lane (V Pres/ME), Steve Smith (Treasurer/VT), Julie Lytle (Exec Dir/MA), Tanya Wallace (Clergy Rep to Exec Council/W MA), Anne Watkins (Lay Rep to Exec Council/CT),

**Opening Prayer** -Sandy

**Review Proposed Budget**- Steve Smith

* Income – continues to be a blend of assessments from dioceses, a TEC block grant, Bishops allocation to environmental stewardship, and some unrestricted budget
* Expenses –primarily salaries and benefits as well as Programs. In addition to continuing grants to communities of practice (Sowing Seeds), we have added a line for province-sponsored events
* Ian moved to accept the budget as proposed, Jim seconded, budget approved
* Sandy encouraged Synod members to remind their constituents of the grants that are available to support their ministries

Affirmation of Tanya Wallace as Executive Council Clergy Representative

* The Executive Committee selected Tanya Wallace to continue in the seat left vacant when Charles LaFond moved outside of the Province. The Synod needs to approve this selection. She will serve the remainder of the term which continues through 2018.
* Tanya introduced herself
* Ian moved to accept her appointment, Jim seconded, the Synod approved

No Other Business was Identified

Ian moved to adjourn, seconded, the meeting ended