

MINUTES OF THE 84th DIOCESAN CONVENTION DRAFT

The 84th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester was held November 14th, 2015 at Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY.

OPENING OF CONVENTION/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh opened the Convention at 8:45 a.m. with a Gathering Liturgy and prayer.

Welcome

The Bishop extended a warm welcome to guests, convention delegates, and clergy to the 84th convention. A video greeting from newly elected Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, was shared with the convention. The Bishop introduced Mr. Mark Gearan, President of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. President Gearan welcomed delegates to the colleges. The Bishop then introduced special guest preacher, Heidi Kim, Bishop John Macholz, the Rev. Winfred Vergara, Missioner of Asian American Ministries, Mr. Loren Ranaletta and other special guests.

Quorum

The Secretary established a quorum was present and the Bishop called the convention to order at 9:20 a.m. on November 14, 2015.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

The Bishop called the meeting to order and noted that all ordained Episcopal clergy functioning in charge of congregations by canonical residence or license with this Diocese shall have seat, voice and vote. According to ARTICLE III (c), the Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese and Lay Canons also have seat, voice and vote except in the case of a vote by Orders.

Majority Vote

The Secretary established the numbers needed for a majority vote.

Introduction of the Chancellor and the Assistant Chancellors

The Bishop introduced the Chancellor, Philip Fileri, Esq. and the Assistant Chancellors, Thomas Wright, Esq. and Paul Green, Esq.

Introduction of Treasurer

The Bishop introduced the Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. Robert Van Niel, and thanked him for his fifteen years of “gentle service and profound wisdom”.

Election of Treasurer

The Bishop explained the process to call a new treasurer and announced that he and the Standing Committee have nominated Mr. Terry Butwid to be Treasurer of the Diocese. The nomination was seconded and the motion to elect carried.

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Appointment of a Chaplain

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Richard Eckhart as Chaplain to Convention.

Reading of the Minutes of the 83rd Diocesan Convention

The Bishop announced that the Committee on the Reading of the Minutes had reviewed the minutes of the 83rd Diocesan Convention as posted on the website and made available in print at all Pre-

Convention District Meetings. He called for a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and to accept the minutes of the 83rd Diocesan Convention. **MSP**

Appointment of Registrar and Assistant Registrar

The Bishop appointed Ms. Kristy Estey to serve as Registrar and Ms. Carolyn McConnell as Assistant Registrar.

Committee on Elections

The Bishop appointed the Committee on Elections Ms. Joanne Wisor, Chair; Ms. Sue Adams, Ms. Margy Ashley, Ms. Patti Blaine, Rev. Georgia Carney, Rev. Michael Finn, Ms. Madeline Gamble, Mr. David Galleher, Mr. Bill Plew and Ms. Kristin Woodward, staff; and declared the polls open.

Committee on Credentials

The Bishop appointed the Committee on Credentials: The Rev. Dr. Billy Daniel, Mrs. Dianne Price and Mrs. Liz Porter from St. Michael's, Geneseo.

Seat and Voice as Reported by the Committee on Credentials

The Chair of the Committee on Credentials, the Rev. Billy Daniel, reported the credentials of the delegates were in order. He cited Article III, Section 2(c) of the Constitution and moved that the courtesy of seat and voice be granted to the guests of convention. Included were:

- All members of elected or appointed bodies and committees of this Diocese
- All committees and organizations funded through programs of this Diocese
- Officers of the Diocese
- All Diocesan staff
- Young people of the Diocese present at this Convention
- All spouses, partners and guests present at this Convention, including SPICE
- Ms. Courtney Spitz and Auditors representing the Diocesan Audit Firm of Bonadio and CO., LLP
- All asked to speak on the behalf of Resolutions coming before this convention.

Committee on the Dispatch of Business

The Bishop appointed the Committee on the Dispatch of Business: The Rev. Dan Burner and Mrs. Linda Raide from St. Mark's Penn Yan.

Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Dan Burner, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, moved the agenda for the Convention. **MSP**

Rules of Debate

The Rev. Dan Burner, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, moved the Convention Rules of Debate as follows:

- that all speakers must identify themselves by name, congregation and organization
- that no more than 15 minutes be devoted to each question, including amendments and substitutions
- that the sponsor and first opponent limit themselves to three minutes and all speakers thereafter are limited to two minutes

The rules of debate may be amended or extended during debate by a simple majority vote, if desired. Delegates were reminded that motions, amendments and substitutions should be presented to the Secretary in writing with the name and congregation of the mover, using the form found in the packets. **MSP**

Appointment of a Time Keeper

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Lynne Sharpe, as Time Keeper.

Correspondence to Be Read at Convention

The Secretary reported that there was no correspondence.

Acceptance of Reports

The Bishop asked for acceptance of the reports of the Commission on Ministry, the Trustees, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee and other official reports included in the delegates' packets. Acceptance was moved, seconded and approved. **MSP**

Standing Committees for the 84th Convention

The Bishop announced the appointments to the Standing Committees for the 84th Convention and expressed thanks for their service.

On Arrangements: Ms. Marlene Allen, Rev. Robert Picken, Ms. Susan Woodhouse and the Bishop's staff. (Ms. Carolyn McConnell, Ms. Kristy Estey, Rev. Canon Julie Cicora, Mr. Matthew Townsend)

On Constitution and Canons: Philip Fileri, Esq., Chair, Dyson Gay, Esq., C. Thomas Wright, Esq., Susan Scanlon, Esq., the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, Esq. and Paul Greene, Esq.

On Nominations: Ms. Judy Carpenter, Chair; Ms. Barbara Deming, Ms. Stacey Taylor, Rev. David Hefling, Rev. Lance Robbins, Ms. Susan Woodhouse, Ms. Mary Lou Hunt-Quintal

On Resolutions: The Rev. Peter Peters, Mr. Mark Broyles, the Rev. Virginia Tyler, the Rev. Billy Daniels, the Rev. Andrew D'Angio White

To Read and Correct the Minutes: The Bishop and the Secretary

Close of the First Business Session:

The first business session closed at 9:30 a.m. for the celebration of the Eucharist.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The second business session opened at 11:07 a.m.

Nominating Committee Report - Districts

The Bishop called upon the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Judy Carpenter, to report on the election of clerical representatives from the districts to Diocesan Council:

Monroe District: Mr. Scott Seabridge

Northeast District: Mrs. Gwen Van Laeken

Rochester District: Ms. Dawn Wilkins

Southeast District: Mrs. Linda Raide

Southwest District: Mrs. Elizabeth Porter

The Bishop congratulated those elected.

Nominating Committee Report – Elected Officials

The Chair of the Committee on Nominations moved the nomination of elective offices by title. As the slate for each office was presented, the Bishop called for additional nominations from the floor.

Nominations were closed at the end of each slate. For those slates where there was no contest, the Bishop asked for a motion to elect the candidates on the slate by acclamation. **MSP**

Standing Committee, Clerical: Elect (2) Clergy (1 four year term and a 1 year term to fill vacancy)

The Very Rev. Richard L. Hamlin, St. Paul's, Angelica, Christ Church, Cuba
The Rev. Richard Krapf, St. Peter's, Bloomfield
The Rev. Virginia Mazzarella, St. Paul's Lutheran, Dansville, Zion, Cohocton
The Rev. Lance Robbins, Good Shepherd, Webster

Standing Committee, Lay: Elect (1) Lay

Ms. Barbara Fowler, St. Thomas, Bath
Ms. Sarah Peters, St. George's, Hilton

Trustee: Elect (4 clerical or lay)

The Rev. Kelly Ayer, Zion, Avon
The Rev. John T. Burr, St. Luke and St. Simon, Rochester
Mr. Gilbert Ferris, St. Thomas, Bath
Mr. Leslie W. Kernan, Jr. Esq., St. Paul's, Rochester
Ms. Susan J. Scanlon, Esq., St. Thomas, Rochester

Diocesan Council, Clergy-at-Large: Elect (3) Clergy-at-Large

The Rev. Dan Burner, St. Mark's, Penn Yan
The Rev. William O. Daniel, Jr. Ph.D., St. Michael's, Geneseo
Nominations from the floor:
Rev. Joshua Walters Christ Church Pittsford
Rev. Stephen Meister NEPM
Rev. Andrea Stridiron St. Thomas Rochester

Commission on Ministry, Clerical: Elect (3) Clergy

The Rev. Kelly Ayer, Zion, Avon
The Rev. Andrew D'Angio White, NEPM, Wayne County
The Rev. Ken Pepin, Grace, Scottsville and St. Andrew's Caledonia

Commission on Ministry, Lay: Elect (3) Lay

Mr. Allison Bourne, St. Peter's Henrietta
Mr. James Garner, St. Michael's Geneseo
Ms. Keisha Stokes, Good Shepherd, Webster
Ms. Stacy Taylor, St. John's, Canandaigua
Ms. Robin Yergeau, Trinity Church, Greece

Disciplinary Board (Canon 21): Elect (2) Clergy

The Rev. J. Brad Benson, St. Thomas, Bath
The Rev. Mary Ann Brody, St. Stephen's, Rochester
The Rev. Daniel M. Linnenberg, University of Rochester, Supply Priest

Closing of Nominations

The Bishop asked for a motion to close the nominations.

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Taking of the First Ballot

The Bishop declared the nominations closed. Since there was no contest for Commission on Ministry – Clergy and Disciplinary Board –Lay and no further nominations from the floor, the Bishop asked for a vote on those offices by acclimation. **The positions were elected by acclimation.**

Commission on Ministry - Clergy: The Rev. Kelly Ayer, the Rev. Andrew D’Angio White, the Rev. Ken Pepin

Disciplinary Board – Lay: Mr. Jeremy Cooney

The Bishop then asked the Chief Teller, Mrs. Joanne Wisor, to instruct the voters regarding the voting procedures, the location of the ballot boxes and the number of votes to be cast.

BISHOP’S ADDRESS

The Bishop began by acknowledging veterans, clergy retirements and transitions, new leadership, working task forces, diocesan committees, his family and others. His address focused on resurrection, reconciliation, evangelism and the need to focus outward – looking for God in the faces of those round us. **The text of the Bishop’s address is included in a separate section of the Journal and available on the diocesan website.**

Reports to Convention

Deputation to General Convention

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Canon Denise Yarbrough of the delegation to General Convention to make a report to Convention. Individual members of the delegation reported on the highlights of the 78th Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Commission on Ministry

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Ken Pepin to give a report on the Commission on Ministry. Ken recognized the members of the COM and provided an overview of the work of the past year.

The 2014 Diocesan Audit Report

The Bishop recognized Mr. Robert VanNiel, Treasurer of the Diocese, to present and move the audit report. Bob thanked the audit committee of the Trustees and the audit firm, Bonadio & Co. LLC, for their oversight of the process. He reported that Total Diocesan Assets increased to approximately \$22M. That figure no longer includes “Parish managed funds” which were previously invested in the Combined Endowment (~ \$9M. as of 12/31/13). Operating expenses were 5% below budget and capital expenditures were ~ \$60K below budget, allowing for a lower draw from investments. Following discussion, delegates approved the following resolution:

Resolved: That the 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester accepts the 2014 audit, as prepared by Bonadio & Co., LLC and presented by the Trustees. **MSP**

Youth Activities

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Sara D’Angio White to report on Youth Activities within the Diocese. Sara was accompanied by many of the youth who participated in a youth team retreat held in April. The youth shared their experience using a variety of pictures from that retreat and ended their report with a song. A second retreat is planned for April 2016.

Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School (CRCDS)

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Winifred Collin, the Director of Anglican Studies, to report on CRCDS. She noted that the school has a “treasure” of courses and is a source of lifelong learning open

to all and offers an M. Div. and D. Div. She introduced the Rev. Andrew Van Buren, a recent graduate, who provided an overview of his experience.

Standing Committee:

The Bishop called upon Mr. Chris Moore, President of the Standing Committee, to provide a report. Chris recognized members of the committee and referenced the report from the Standing Committee included in the packet of Convention information. He noted the reconciliation conversation that the Committee has been undertaking with the facilitation of Bishop Joe Burnett.

Results of the First Ballot

The Bishop called upon the Mrs. Joanne Wisor, Chief Teller, to report the results of the first ballot. They were announced as follows:

Commission on Ministry – Mr. Allison Bourne, Ms. Keisha Stokes, Mr. James Garner

Diocesan Council: Lay – The Rev. Dan Burner, the Rev. William Daniel, the Rev. Joshua Walters

Standing Committee: Clergy – The Very Rev. Richard Hamlin (4 years), the Rev. Virginia Mazzarella (1 year)

Standing Committee: Lay – Mrs. Sarah Peters

Trustee: Ms. Susan Scanlon, the Rev. John Burr, Mr. Gil Ferris, Mr. Leslie Kernan

Disciplinary Board: Clergy – The Rev. Mary Ann Brody, the Rev. Dan Linnenburg

Noon Day Prayers

The Bishop invited the chaplain, the Rev. Richard Eckhart, to offer noon day prayers.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION:

The Bishop called the Third Business Session to order at 2:04 p.m. with the UTO Ingathering followed by the UTO Prayer. The Necrology was scrolled on video screens during the collection of the UTO offerings.

Resolution B

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Paul Frolick to present Resolution B. Paul presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION B

Resolution: Diocesan Year-Long Pilgrimage of Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

Resolved, that, with the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester recommit to the work of responding to the continued systemic racism in our society; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention declare a Diocesan wide “Year Long Pilgrimage of Seeing the Face of God in Each Other” with support of the Diocese, the Anti-Racism Committee and a Steering Committee appointed by the Bishop, and be it further

Resolved, that this Pilgrimage will conclude with a Day of Repentance, Healing, and Reconciliation in conjunction with the 85th Convention of this Diocese in 2016.

Explanation

The Episcopal Church program, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, is designed to make us all more aware of how society's racist past still haunts us today. Through self-examination and sharing our

stories, we come to learn more about how our behavior affects others, and how our society, institutions and churches affect how we think and feel about others.

At each General Convention since 1991, the Episcopal Church has committed to address racism within our church, society, and the world. At the 78th General Convention this past summer, the church reaffirmed this commitment in Resolution A182: Using Education, Community Dialogue, and Internal Audit to Respond to All Forms of Racial Injustice (the text of that resolution is attached). Many of us recognize when obvious racism, discrimination or oppression occurs, but are unaware of the subtle racism that occurs everyday all around us and how we might be involved in perpetuating it. To better educate ourselves about the underlying racism in our daily lives and institutions, all lay and ordained leaders in the Episcopal Church are required to attend antiracism training. Each and every member of the church can be involved in the effort to end the institutional racism that exists in the church. Together we can make our church a welcoming place, devoid of racism. Each of us has a part in eliminating racism in the church, society and world. In order to truly love our neighbors as ourselves, we must walk in one another's shoes and understand how our behavior affects those around us. Changing our own behavior is just the beginning; creating change in our institutions is the next step. While the church is a collection of its individual members, it will not change unless we work together to make change happen and to eradicate institutional racism from our churches.

BACKGROUND

78th General Convention Resolution A182: Using Education, Community Dialogue and Internal Audit to Respond to All Forms of Racial Injustice

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church recognize that many Episcopalians find it challenging to understand or know how to respond to 21st century systemic racial injustices that still occur in multiple contexts including but not limited to education; employment; housing; health care; banking; voting rights; immigration; policing, courts, and prisons, etc., be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention affirms that the Gospel, our Baptismal Covenant, and our Marks of Mission call individuals, churches, dioceses, provinces, and the wider Church to find more effective and productive ways to respond to racial injustice as we love our neighbors as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being, and transform unjust structures of society; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention declare that “not knowing” and “not having the eyes to see and ears to hear” are serious obstacles to transforming unjust structures and therefore direct the Church at every level for this triennium to commit to increase the use of study, education, research, anti-racism training, liturgies, and Christian formation instruction that specifically address systemic racial injustice; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the Church at every level to increase the number of dialogues about systemic racial injustice it has with local, state and national bodies within the public and private spheres and that these dialogues be used to identify, examine, and offer correctives to policies and practices within and among these bodies that result in systemic racial disparities and injustices; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge dioceses and congregations to create vehicles for listening to diverse neighbors and developing reconciling relationships; such options might include (a) listening campaigns in local communities, (b) partnerships with churches and organizations comprised predominately of a different race or culture (especially those targeted by oppression), (c) neighborhood prayer walks, (d) storytelling and speak-out events designed to facilitate truth-telling, healing and action, (e) and others with which leaders throughout the Church are familiar; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with other church offices and organizations as appropriate to host, resource, and moderate an ongoing online forum for Episcopalians dedicated to the ministry of racial justice and reconciliation, with spaces dedicated to sharing about local and diocesan efforts and resources; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention encourage Justice and Advocacy Ministries to partner with Youth Ministries to commission a gospel-centered, Internet-integrated, action-oriented, anti-racism youth ministry curriculum for congregations throughout The Episcopal Church, including those not in the United States, to be provided in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music produce and post online a set of prayers for racial reconciliation and justice, suitable for inclusion in the Prayers of the People; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention urge the Executive Council to conduct its own internal audit to assess to what extent, if at all, racial disparities and systemic racial injustices exist within the Church (including but not limited to clergy salaries and deployment); and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention request that the Executive Council report back to the 79th General Convention on the results of the internal audit; what concrete steps it and the wider Church took to address systemic racial injustice in the wider culture; and how effective those steps were.

Following discussion, the Convention approved Resolution B.

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Diocesan Council:

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Paul Frolick, the Rev. Chris Streeter, and the Rev. Catherine Tatem from Diocesan Council. Paul gave an overview of Council's work over the past year and introduced Chris who gave a short report on Congregational Development (CDPC) and Catherine who gave an overview of the work of the Mission Grant Committee (MPC).

Presentation of the 2016 Diocesan Budget

The Bishop recognized Rev. Paul Frolick, Vice-chair of Diocesan Council, who introduced Gwen Van Laeken, a member of Council and chair of the Budget Committee. Gwen reported on the process that the budget committee used to create the budget and introduced Todd Rubiano, CFM, to present the 2016 budget.

2016 Budget

Todd presented the 2016 budget with a review of sources of income (parish apportionments (46%) and draw from investments (54%)), budget projections for five years and the expense categories of the 2016 budget for the diocese. Apportionment remains flat for 2016 and the average rate is down 8% since 2011. Projected draw from investments is 6% with continual progress toward a goal of 5% within the next few years. The \$2.128M 2016 budget is a reduction of \$77.5K from 2015 with a goal of reducing expense by 3-4% over the next two years.

The Rev. Paul Frolick made a motion on behalf of the Diocesan Council for the approval of the 2016 budget. Following time for discussion, the following resolution was approved:

Resolved, that the 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester approves the 2016 Diocesan Budget of \$2,127,666, as recommended by Council, with thanks to the Committees for their work and to all the Parishes through whom mission and ministry are undertaken.

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Appointment of Committees for the 85th Diocesan Convention:

The Bishop appointed committees for the 2016 Convention.

On Arrangements: The Bishop's Staff

On Constitution and Canons: Philip Fileri, Esq., Chair, Dyson Gay, Esq., Thomas Wright, Esq., A. Paul Greene, Esq., Susan Scanlon, Esq., the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, Esq., and Les Kernan, Esq.

To Read and Correct the Minutes: The Bishop and the Secretary

Closing Prayer

The Bishop called upon the Chaplain, the Rev. Richard Eckhart, for a closing prayer.

Resolutions of Courtesy

The Bishop recognized Rev. Andrew D'Angio White to present the Resolutions of Courtesy.

**Resolutions of Courtesy
The 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester**

Worship at Convention and Music During the Celebration

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank the Rev. Dick Eckart and for serving as Chaplain.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank all who helped with arrangements and logistics for this convention.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank Heidi Kim for her presence among us and for her willingness to be our preacher and we ask God's continued blessing on her ministry

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank Bishop Prince Singh and the Rev. Rob Picken; and all those who participated in the music, the reading, the preparation of slides, the set up and the writing of the Liturgy.

Officers of the Diocese

Secretary of Convention

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express gratitude and appreciation for the commitment and skill of Ms. Susan Woodhouse, Secretary to Convention, for her years of volunteer ministry.

Treasurer

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express gratitude and appreciation for the commitment and skill of Mr. Robert Van Niel, Treasurer of the Diocese for his fifteen years of volunteer service.

Assistant Treasurer of the Diocese

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester expresses appreciation for Ms. Bliss Owen, Assistant Treasurer, for her years of volunteer service.

Chancellors of the Diocese

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express gratitude and appreciation for the overwhelming support in terms of time and commitment of Mr. Philip Fileri Esq., Chancellor of the Diocese during the past year.

Assistant Chancellors of the Diocese

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Mr. Thomas Wright, Esq. and Mr. Paul Greene, Esq; Assistant Chancellors of the Diocese for their volunteer service.

Chapel Service

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express gratitude and appreciation for the Ministry of the Rev. Dick Eckart for leading weekly chapel services at the Diocesan House chapel.

Senior Most Clergy (female)

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send birthday greetings to the Rev. Diana Purcell Chapman and express appreciation and gratitude for over 21 years of priestly ministry in the church.

Senior Most Clergy (male)

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send birthday greetings on his 94th birthday to The Rev. Richard Henshaw and express appreciation and gratitude for over 60 years of priestly ministry in the church.

Leadership

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank Mark Gearan, President of Hobart William Smith Colleges for his leadership and hospitality.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks the Rev. Winfred Vergara for his commitment to the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester and his work as missionary of Asia American ministries.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank Judy Carpenter and the nomination committee for their work.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank the resolution committee for their work.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of the Rev. Paul Frolick as Vice Chair of Diocesan Council, the Rev. Chris Streeter as chair of the Congregational Development Partnership Committee, the Rev. Catherine Tatem as chair of the Mission Grant Partnership Committee, and members of the respective sub committees.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the prompt action and guidance of the Anti Racism Steering committee for developing a plan of study and action for the Diocese of Rochester to raise the level of awareness about issues of racism. The Convention is grateful for the leadership of Marlene Allan and for Richard Reid, Michael Laver, Yvonne Arnold and the Rev. Lance Robbins.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of Ms. Libby Bakken as chair of the Human Resource Committee and members of the committee.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of Dr. Carolyn Mok as chair of the Health Insurance Policy Task Force and members of the committee including Sherry Ralston, Rev. John Karl, Libby Bakken, Amy Moyer, and the Rev. Charlie Tyo for their eighteen months of work sometimes meeting every other week.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of Ms. Gwen Van Laeken on the budget committee and members of the committee.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of Ms. Marlene Allen, the Rev. Kit Tobin and members of their committee for their work and continued commitment to repentance, healing and reconciliation.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of Mr. Ed Bohrer as chair of the Diocesan FUNraisers and the Very Rev. Phil Kasey, Jan Farnsworth, Margie Ashley, Shanon Hillman, and Susan Feller.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the Clergy Assessment Service for providing professional assessment of psychological evaluation for those in the Diocese discerning Holy Orders.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude for the consulting services of Bishop Joe Burnett.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation and gratitude to all the volunteers and parishes that have hosted Diocesan Gatherings.

Supply Priests

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express its appreciation and gratitude for the ministry of all priests who preach and celebrate as they are able.

Newly Retired Priests

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express its appreciation and gratitude for the ministry of the Rev. Nancy Stevens at Epiphany, Gates.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express its appreciation and gratitude for the ministry of the Rev. Michael Hopkins at St. Luke's and St. Simon's Cyrene, Rochester.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express its appreciation and gratitude for the ministry of the Rev. Dennie Bennett, at St. John's Clifton Springs.

District Deans

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of our District Deans, the Very Rev. David Hefling (NE), the Very Rev. Phil Kasey (SE), the Very Rev. Richard Hamlin (SW), the Very Rev. Cindy Rasmussen (Roc), and the

Very Rev. Debs Duguid-May (Mon). May God bless you and be with you as you lead our districts into the future ministry of the church.

Diocesan Staff and Bishop

Resolved, that his 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend appreciation and thanks for the dedication and work of the staff at the Diocesan House.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express our appreciation and thanks to The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh as he continues in his eighth year as Bishop of this Diocese and sends greetings and love to his family, Dr. Roja Singh, Ned Singh and Eklan Singh.

Greetings

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings good wishes and prayers to Mrs. Bettina Barrett.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, good wishes and prayers to the Rt. Rev. William Burrill and Mrs. Marilyn Usher Burrill.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, good wishes and prayers to The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey and Mrs. Linda B. McKelvey.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, prayers and good wishes to the clergy and their families from our diocese who have been ordained and consecrated as bishops in The Episcopal Church: The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, and The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greeting, prayers, and gratitude to the Most Rev. Michael Curry as he begins his leadership of the Episcopal Church.

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, prayers, and gratitude to the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori for her past leadership of the Episcopal Church and blessings on all her future ministries.

Neighboring Dioceses

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend greetings to the dioceses on our borders: Central New York, Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Western New York. We pray for these dioceses and resolve to seek greater collaboration in mission and ministry with these neighbors on our borders.

Our Ecumenical Partners

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send congratulations, support, and prayers to Bishop John Macholz as he continues his term as Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod of the ELCA.

Our Governing Authorities

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send prayers and good wishes to all governing authorities in the counties, towns and villages of our Diocese.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send its prayers and good wishes to the Mayor of Rochester, Lovely Warren, who took office in January 2014.

Volunteers And All Who Served Us

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express appreciation to all veterans and their families for their selfless service and especially to those who have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send prayers and gratitude to all First Responders and their families for their selfless service and especially to those who have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty.

Resolved, that this 84th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thank all volunteers and employees of the companies who provided the Diocese with service of food, arrangements, communications, and care.

Convention approved the Resolutions of Courtesy.

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Announcements

The Bishop thanked those who ran for office and those who helped with hospitality. He announced the date of November 5, 2016 for the 85th Diocesan Convention.

Evening Prayer

The Bishop called on the Rev. Maurice Charles to lead Evening Prayer.

Convention Adjournment

Convention closed with a benediction and was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. sine die.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodhouse,
Secretary of Diocesan Convention