

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
Convention 91 Minutes
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Livestreamed over Zoom from Good Shepherd, Webster

Bishop Lane opened with prayer at 8:31am.

Quorum was established:

Clergy: 60

Lay delegates: 95

Churches: 35

Steve Richards offered Zoom instructions and reminded delegates of Roberts Rules of Order

Bishop appoints: Rev. Deven Hubert & Patti Cummings, Chaplains of Episcopal SeniorLife Communities will be our chaplains for this convention.

Morning Prayer

Today's offertory will be directed to ERD for hurricane relief

A mission video about Zion, Palmyra was shared

Business II convened at 9:28

Appointments for Convention are found on the website

Chancellor Paul Greene has been excused. Bishop appointed Rev. Canon Denise Yarborough as Parliamentarian

Thanks were offered to assistant chancellor, treasurer, and assistant treasurer.

Sarah Herzog appointed as registrar.

Rev. Columba Salamony appointed as Timekeeper.

Consent Agenda has been posted on website.

- Waive out-loud reading of 90th Convention
- Acceptance of 90th Minutes posted on website
- Grant Courtesy of Seat, Voice, Vote
- Convention 91 agenda
- Rules of Debate
- Official Reports

Motion to accept consent agenda in entirety

Consent Agenda - Accepted

Appointment of Convention Chaplains - the Rev. Deven Hubert & Patti Cummings

Bishop recognized Rev. Troy Preston to share reports of Diocesan Council District Elections

Monroe: Rev. Mitch Bojarski

NE: Rev. Don Schranz

Rochester: Rev. Keith Patterson

SE: Very Rev. Troy Preston

SW: Rev. Eric Thompson

Thanks to all who have offered their service

Troy reviewed procedures for Elections which was posted in Required Reading on the Diocesan Website.

Troy reviewed ballots A-I

Nomination from the Floor- Ballot I (Lay Deputy to General Convention: Kelley McClenney from St. Luke and St. Simon, Rochester nominated by the Rev. Johnnie Ross, Scottsville, and Caledonia

Troy moved nominations as presented. No discussion

Vote to close nominations approved

Rev. Patti Blaine reviewed electronic voting instructions with the platform Simplyvoting.

Delegates were provided time to complete Ballot 1

Ballot 1 closed.

Bishop's Address

Break

Reconvened at 10:35

Bishop called on Patti to report on Ballot 1

Election on first ballot for all committees: No second ballot needed

A- Standing Committee- Clergy: Rev. Cam Miller

B- Standing Committee- Lay: Liz Salamone

C- Trustee- Clergy or Lay: Stan Jones; Les Kernan; Rev. Ron Young

D- Diocesan Council-Lay at Large: Ann Dawson; William Hoehne; Gilbert Stewart

E- Commission on Ministry- Clergy: Rev. Saundra Cordingly; Rev. Andrea Stridiron

F- Disciplinary Board- Clergy: Rev. Gretchen Ratterree

G- Disciplinary Board- Lay: Gail Murray

H- Deputy to General Convention- Clergy: Rev. Keisha Stokes (chair of deputation);
Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith Rev. Mary Ann Brody; Rev. Keith Patterson

I- Deputy to General Convention- Lay: Ann Galvin; Carolyn Mok; Erin Glanton; Daryl Sharp

Mission video: Arts Academy from St. Peter's Geneva

Secretary to Convention, Rev. Keisha Stokes, provided summary of actions from General Convention

Financial Reports and Budget

Diocesan Assessment decreased by \$15,000 for 2023

Bishop called on Diocesan Treasurer, Lynn Omphroy, to present:

Financial Reports and Budget

Diocesan Assessment **increased by about \$2,000** for 2023

Bishop called on Diocesan Treasurer, Lynn Omphroy, to present

2021 Diocesan Audit and Financial Report and resolution to accept report and audit

Mengle, Metzger, Barr completed 2021 audit in August 2021

Net assets: **increased by \$3 million (+12%)** over the year

Actual performance: **operating** surplus of **about \$59,000** 2% more in rev. and 1% less in expenses.

2008-2014: draws averaged 8.4%

2015-2021: draws averaged 4.6%

2021 draw: 3.4%

Recovering the losses experiences in 2008

Looking forward 2022-2025: draws will increase, apportionment is going down, transition expenses, and inflation but, still in good management ranges

Resolution presented and moved by Lynn Omphroy: Accept the 2021 audit and financial report. Adopted resolution with a Zoom poll: Accepted

Bishop called on CFO Todd Rubiano to present 2023 Budget and Apportionment

Apportionment:

Move toward 10% tithe

10% for first \$160,000 and maintain 3% cap/floor ◇ \$992,112 for 2023

Apportionment is half of income, other half from investments

Draw from investments and interest from loans◇~ \$1 mil.

Budget expenditures have decreased since 2009 and been flat for the last several years since 2017◇ uptick over the next couple of years (2024: transition expenses and General Convention.

2023 Budget:

Income/ expenses down 1% from 2022

Changes to Leadership Development: Change in Deaf Ministry (**clergy staffing**).
changes in Diocesan Dean structure

Governance: **Increased expenses for the Bishop** transition

Diocesan Staff: inflation increases and new half-time Transition officer

Program: ~893,000 (CDP and Mission grants, DFMS, Leadership)

Admin: ~1,128,000 (Gov., Staff, and office expenses)

Excludes: \$50,000 non-operation draw for post-retirement health benefits

Vote on Diocesan Budget on Zoom Poll: Accepted

Bishop offered thanks to Todd, and the Diocesan Council budget committee

Bishop called on Chaplain to Convention, Patti Cummings, for a prayer

Report from Standing Committee represented by the Very. Rev. Leslie Burkardt

- Honoring Bishop Singh's leave taking
- Beginning transition work
- Rev. Dr. Gary Butterworth will be our search consultant
- Standing Committee met with Gary in July and all committees met with him together in September 2022.
- Time for Discernment
 - Listening Sessions: reestablish trust in the wake of major transitions
 - Offer a stepping stone to further inclusion and companionship
 - SW district: faithful people who love their church and desire to be a part of diocese
 - Dates of future sessions on website
 - Listening sessions for acting clergy and one for retired clergy
 - Thanks for patience and to the Diocesan staff
 - Serve as council of advice to Bishop Lane
 - Ready to move forward and asks for prayers and patience

Questions of Standing Committee? Seeing none- thanks to Standing Committee and Gary Butterworth

Mission Video: Barnie Parker's Sharing Shed, St. John's, Catharine

The Diocese of Rochester has a formal relationship with ESLC
Introduction of Loren Ranaletta and Lisa Marcello

Report from ESLC

- Lisa Marcello: new President and CEO as of September 2022

- Loren was president for 38 years
- Vision
- Individuals can live how and where they like in most comfortable ways possible
- Four Strategic Pathways: enrich resident experience, empower those who care for others, expand community opportunities, embrace our faith-based culture
- appreciate collaboration with parishes close to ESLC communities
- Many volunteers and participants from across the Diocese
- Grateful for mission grants that support pastoral care: Deven and Patti as chaplains
- 8 campuses across Monroe County and 1 in Livingston → serve 1,500 individuals yearly
- Continuing to respond pandemic challenges and cost of healthcare

- Loren Ranaletta: President of Episcopal Church Home Foundation

- Continue to refine public policy around long-term care
- Raising the capital needed to sustain the organization
- Quiet Quest: raise \$6 million; have \$3.2 million already, with a goal to reach \$6 million in 2.5 years
- Grateful to diocese and parishes

Patti Cummings, Chaplain offered a prayer for Relationships

Bishop reminded delegates of documents found on website:

- 2023 appointments/ standing committees
- Courtesy Resolutions
- Parish Records
- Diocesan Committee Members

Vote on Courtesy Resolutions: Zoom poll to accept and adopt courtesy resolutions

Thanks to those whose terms of service are ending

Thanks offered to standing committees for this convention and those appointed for 2023

Those elected will receive a form in email from Secretary to accept nomination within 7 days

Bishop Lane offered some reflections about the joys and challenges of an online convention.
Online survey found on Convention 91 webpage

The Rev. Deven Hubert, Chaplain offered a final prayer for Leadership

Zoom will remain open for 15 minutes.

Bishop offered a final blessing

Karyn Robbins concluded with a postlude

Concluded at 11:53am

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Keisha Stokes
Secretary to Convention