

178TH Convention
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI
Quality Inn and Suites – Hannibal, MO
November 17-18, 2017

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Plenary Session I

Having been informed of a quorum present, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith called the first Plenary Session of the 178th Convention of the Diocese of Missouri to order at 10:30 A.M.

Appointment of a Secretary and Parliamentary Advisor to the Chair – Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith appointed The Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith as Secretary of Convention, Ms. Sue Rehkopf, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Harold R. Burroughs as Parliamentary Advisor to the Chair.

Report of the Committee on Lay Credentials and Admission of New Parishes – Secretary Smith

Secretary Smith moved that the following individuals be given seat, voice and vote in this 178th Convention.

The Rev. Kathleen Adams-Shepherd: Provost, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
The Rev. Alfred J. Jewson: Interim Pastor, St. Paul's Church, St. Louis
The Rev. Charles Earl Mahan: Priest in Charge, St. Luke's Church, Manchester
The Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins: Bishop, Diocese of Springfield
The Rev. William Reed Nesbit, Jr.: Interim Pastor, Grace Church, Jefferson City
The Rev. Blake Sawicky: Assistant Rector, Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton
The Rev. Christopher D. Slane: Assistant Rector, Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Adoption of the Rules of Order – Secretary Smith

Secretary Smith moved that the Rules of Order as printed in the Convention booklet be adopted for the 178th Convention.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Rector of Trinity Church in Hannibal, welcomed the Convention delegates, alternates and guests.

Recognition of the 176th Convention Committees – Bishop Smith

Committee on Lay Credentials and Admission of New Parishes

The Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith, Chair
Mr. Harold R. Burroughs

Committee on Dispatch of Business

Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, Chair
The Rev. Canon Joseph M. C. Chambers, *ex officio*
The Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith

Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Chair
Mr. Harold R. Burroughs
The Rev. Canon Joseph M. C. Chambers, *ex officio*
Mr. Ronald Jones
Mr. Jay Kloecker
The Hon. Mary Russell
The Rev. Susan Skinner
Dr. Jamieson Spencer

Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Kathryn Dyer, Chair
The Rev. Kelly Carlson
Ms. Ann Hogan
The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell
Ms. Lisa Fox
Dr. Michael Booker

Introduction of New Clergy and Clergy in New Cures and Acknowledgement of Clergy Who Have Died – Bishop Smith

Newly Ordained Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans: Ordained to the priesthood, June 29, 2017 and serving as Interim Pastor, Church of the Good Shepherd, Town and Country
The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire: Ordained to the priesthood, June 29, 2017 and serving as Assisting Priest, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
The Rev. Andrew Sutter: Ordained to the priesthood, June 29, 2017 and serving as Curate, St. Augustine's Church, Wilmette, IL

New to the Diocese

The Rev. William Nesbitt, Jr.: Interim Pastor, Grace Church, Jefferson City
The Very Rev. Kathleen Adams-Shepherd: Provost, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
The Rev. C. Earl Mahan: Priest in Charge, St. Luke's Church, Manchester
The Rev. Amy Fallon: Vicar, Trinity Church, Kirksville
The Rev. Peter Speropulos, IV: Curate, Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton

New Cures (in the Diocese of Missouri)

The Rev. Christopher Slane: Assistant priest, Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves

New Cures (out of the Diocese of Missouri)

The Rev. Pamela Dolan: Rector, St. Martin Church, Davis, CA

The Rev. Ezgi Saribay Perkins: Assistant Rector, St. Andrew's Church, Kansas City

Other Transitions

The Rev. Carrol Davenport: End of Service, Trinity Church, Kirksville

The Rev. Rebecca Ragland: End of Service, Deaconess Anne House, St. Louis

Retirements

The Rev. Martha Metzler: Retired, February 26, 2017

Clergy Who Have Died

The Rev. Dr. Charles Morris, Jr.: Died December 26, 2016

The Rev. L. Keith Raske: Died January 27, 2017

The Rev. Edmond Cherbonnier: Died March 7, 2017

The Rev. C. Alan Campbell: Died July 13, 2017

The Rev. Llewellyn Heigham, Jr.: Died August 2, 2017

The Rev. David Benson: Died August 22, 2017

The Rev. Roderic Wiltse: Died August 25, 2017

Nomination and election of a Trustee for the University of the South – Bishop Smith

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to nominate Mr. Chris Sturgeon, member of St. Luke's Church, Manchester, as a Trustee of the University of the South, the term of which expires with the 181st Convention. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Other trustees representing the Diocese of Missouri:

The Rev. Doris Westfall (term expires with 179th Convention)

Mr. Jack Laules (term expires with the 180th Convention)

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, *ex officio*

Bishop's Address

Bishop Smith presented his Annual Address to Convention.

Following the Bishop's address and announcements by Mr. Burroughs, Bishop Smith concluded Plenary Session I at 11:35 A.M. and declared that Convention would stand in recess.

Presentation I

Presentation – The Rev. Charles Wynder, Jr., Presiding Bishop’s Staff Officer for Social Justice and Advocacy

Open Committee Meetings

The Budget Committee’s Mr. Tom Hedrick and Ms. Desiree Viliocco were available to respond to questions regarding the proposed 2017 Diocesan budget.

Mrs. Kathryn Dyer, chair of the Resolutions Committee, was available to discuss resolutions. A-178, B-178 and C-178.

Mr. Hal Burroughs, representing the Committee on Constitution and Canons, was available to discuss Resolution D-178.

The open committee meetings concluded at 2:10 P.M.

Plenary Session II

Having been informed of a quorum present, Bishop Smith called the second Plenary Session to order at 2:15 P.M.

Introduction of the Rt. Rev. Daniel Hayden Martins – Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith introduced the Rt. Rev. Daniel Hayden Martins, 11th Bishop of Springfield, who offered greetings to Convention from the Diocese of Springfield.

Report of the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure: Introduction of Candidates – Mr. Richard Luebcke

The following individuals had been nominated and were introduced by the Committee on Nominations.

Cathedral Chapter (1 clergy and 1 lay for 3 year terms from congregations outside St. Louis City or County).

- The Rev. Carol Wesley (C), Priest in charge, St. John and St. James Church, Sullivan
- Ms. Greta Lambert (L), Trinity Church, DeSoto

Diocesan Council (2 lay members for 3 year terms)

- Mr. Scott Ferguson (L), Church of the Holy Communion, University City
- Ms. Sondra Kekec (L), All Saints' Church, Farmington
- Mr. John Meinhardt (L), St. Vincent's in the Vineyard Church, St. Genevieve
- Ms. Janet Thompson (L), Calvary Church, Columbia
- Mr. Rudolph Walz (L), Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves
- Ms. Elizabeth Yount (L), St. Peter's Church, Ladue

Disciplinary Board (1 clergy and 2 lay members for 3 year terms)

- The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell (C), Rector, Trinity Church, Hannibal
- The Rev. Doris (Beth) Simpson (C), Deacon, St. Matthew's Church, Mexico
- Ms. Kristina Bender-Crice (L), All Saints' Church, Farmington
- Ms. Jeanne Lucas King (L), St. Martin's Church, Ellisville
- Mr. Scott Thompson (L), St. Mark's Church, St. Louis

Standing Committee (1 clergy and 2 lay members for 4 year terms)

- The Rev. Kevin McGrane (C), Deacon, Church of the Good Shepherd, Town & Country
- The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire (C), Assisting Priest, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis
- Mr. Thomas G. Allen (L), St. Martin's Church, Ellisville
- Mr. David Buck (L), Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves
- Mr. Timothy L. DeMent (L), St. Vincent's in the Vineyard Church, St. Genevieve
- Ms. Lisa Fox (L), Grace Church, Jefferson City
- Ms. Loretta Go (L), St. Martin's Church, Ellisville
- Mr. Jeffery Yount (L), St. Peter's Church, Ladue

Mr. Luebcke then called for but received no nominations by petition.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to close nominations.

First Report of the Resolutions Committee – Mrs. Kathryn Dyer

Mrs. Dyer presented the following courtesy resolutions which were moved, seconded and carried by applause.

Retired Bishops – The Rt. Rev. William Jones & The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell

Whereas we are thankful for the witness and ministry of leaders who faithfully served this diocese in the past;

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri sends greetings and best wishes to the Rt. Rev. Hays and Linda Rockwell and the Rt. Rev. William and Maggie Jones.

The Presiding Bishop – The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Whereas, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry was invested as the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church two years ago; and

Whereas, he has planned a series of revivals in 2017 and 2018 “to stir and renew hearts for Jesus, to equip Episcopalians as evangelists, and to welcome people who aren’t part of a church to join the Jesus Movement”,

Whereas, he is this weekend leading a 3-day revival in the San Joaquin Valley where the focus will be on universal community issues such as immigration,

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri expresses its gratitude for Bishop Curry’s leadership and enthusiasm and sends its greetings and deep thanks to the Presiding Bishop and assures him of our prayers.

Parish Anniversaries

Whereas St. John’s Church, St. Louis (Tower Grove) is celebrating 175 years since its foundation in 1842, and

Whereas Emmanuel Church (Webster Groves) was founded in 1867 and is celebrating 150 years,

Be it resolved that this convention extends to them its congratulations and looks forward to celebrating their ministries for decades to come.

St. Francis’ Episcopal Church

Whereas, the congregation of St. Francis’ Church in Eureka and Wildwood has been a Mission in this Diocese for the past twenty-six years; and

Whereas it has grown and prospered during that period despite lacking its own place of worship; and

Whereas the Rev. Sally Weaver and the Rev. Rebecca Barger are to be commended for shepherding the people of St. Francis’ through the challenging process of designing, planning, and building its first church home;

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri expresses its gratitude for the prayerful diligence of the Rev. Ms. Weaver and the Rev. Ms. Barger and for the faithful congregants of St. Francis’ Church, and encourages joyful attendance at the building dedication on December 3rd in the city of Eureka.

Anniversary of Ordinations

Whereas Marvin Foltz was ordained to the diaconate in 1992 and is celebrating 25 silver years,

Whereas Robert MacArthur was ordained to the diaconate and Donald Wilkinson and Harvel Sanders were ordained to the priesthood in 1967 and they are all celebrating 50 golden years,

Be it resolved that this 178th convention extends to them all its congratulations and prayers for their future ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Hamilton Morris -- December 26, 2016

Whereas The Rev. Dr. Charles Hamilton Morris, Jr. served churches in Texas and Missouri,
Whereas he served as assistant rector at the Church of St. Michael and St. George (1965-1966),
vicar at St. Francis Mission in Spanish Lake (1966-1979), and as priest-in-charge, then rector of
St. Andrew's Church, Northwoods from 1979-1996,

Whereas during his years in the diocese he was involved with the Hunger Task Force and the
Companion Diocese Committee,

Whereas Charlie was among the first to be selected, trained, and commissioned as an Airport
Interfaith Chaplain and served at St. Louis' Lambert Field 1985-1993,

Whereas in 2005 he began his association with Transfiguration, where he assisted with worship,
adult education, and pastoral duties,

Whereas he died on December 26, 2016,

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and
ministry of Charles Hamilton Morris, Jr.

Report of the Diocesan Council – Ms. Margaret Rowe

A summary of the work of Diocesan Council during the past year was presented by Ms. Rowe.
This Report is also included in the Convention booklet.

Report regarding the Diocesan Investment Trust – Mr. Bruce Ward

Mr. Ward presented a summary of Diocesan Investment Trust's stewardship of the funds
aggregated under its auspices, noting the DIT's objectives of increasing capital, decreasing costs
and enhancing returns with a socially responsible investment strategy.

Reports Received by Title – Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith accepted the following reports included in the Convention booklet by title.

- Bishop's Deputy for Gun Violence Prevention
- Camp Phoenix
- Commission on Ministry
- Community of Hope
- Companion Diocese Committee
- Deaconess Anne House
- Diocesan Council
- Disaster Preparedness, ERD
- Dismantling Racism Commission
- E/P Health Trust
- Episcopal Campus Ministry – Rockwell House
- Episcopal City Mission
- Commission on Dismantling Racism
- Commission on Ministry
- Community of Deacons

- Episcopal Recovery Ministry
- Grace Hill
- Jubilee Officer
- Offices of the Bishop – Archivist
- Offices of the Bishop – Senior Staff Report
- Offices of the Bishop – Communications
- Offices of the Bishop – Youth Missioner
- Order of the Daughters of the King
- St. Andrews Resources for Seniors System (STARSS)
- St. Luke’s Hospital
- Standing Committee
- Task Force for the Hungry
- United Thank Offering

Presentation Regarding the United Thank Offering – Ms. Jeanne King

Ms. King provided an update on the United Thank Offering and the initiatives it supports.

Presentation on Deaconess Anne House – Ms. Jillian Smith, Ms. Rebecca Cole & Mr. Kevin Rysted

Ms. Smith introduced Ms. Cole and Mr. Rysted, this year’s Episcopal Service Corps members, and together they provided an update on the ministry of Deaconess Anne House during the past year.

Presentation Regarding New Ventures in Community Ministry – Mr. Al Ludwig

On behalf of Diocesan Council’s New Ventures Subcommittee, Mr. Ludwig provided an update on the recent grants made from the Making All Things New Capital Campaign in support of community ministry.

- Church of the Holy Communion, University City - \$11,840 for a community music ministry (children's choir)
- St. Stephen's Church, Ferguson - \$15,000 for a community meal ministry (Clay Café)
- Grace Church, Kirkwood - \$19,160 for the construction of a labyrinth and related ministry
- Calvary Church, Columbia - \$11,000 for the creation of a website in support of a community resource network ministry

*Companion Diocese Committee (Report Regarding the Diocese of Lui) –
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Goldfeder*

The Rev. Dr. Goldfeder provided an update on our relationship with the Diocese of Lui, Southern Sudan, and the ongoing civil war during the past year.

Presentation regarding Jubilee Ministries – Ms. Barbara Click

Ms. Click provided an overview of the work of the Diocese's Jubilee ministries during the past year.

Following announcements from Mr. Burroughs, Bishop Smith concluded the second Plenary Session at 3:25 P.M.

Presentation II

Presentation: The Rev. Charles Wynder, Jr., Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Social Justice and Advocacy

Following the Presentation, Mr. Burroughs offered announcements and details of the evening's Eucharist (Plenary Session III) and dinner to be held at the Star Theatre.

Plenary Session III

Plenary Session III was held at the Star Theatre in Hannibal, Missouri, and included the Convention Eucharist

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Plenary Session IV

There being a quorum present, Bishop Smith called the Convention to order at 8:30 A.M.

Explanation of the Preferential Aggregate Transfer Balloting System – Mr. Richard Luebcke

Mr. Luebcke explained the election balloting system used by Convention.

Balloting for Members of Cathedral Chapter, Diocesan Council, Disciplinary Board and Standing Committee – Mr. Luebcke

Delegates completed voting and ballots were collected and delivered to the tellers.

Youth Presentation – The Rev. Loren Lasch, Diocesan Youth Missioner

The Rev. Mrs. Lasch was joined by members of the Youth Advisory Council for a brief presentation on their work within the diocese.

Following announcements by Mr. Burroughs, Bishop Smith concluded the Fourth Plenary Session of Convention at 9:05 A.M. and placed it in recess.

Presentation III

Presentation: The Rev. Hope Welles Fernagan, Executive Director of Magdalene House, St. Louis.

Plenary Session V

Having been informed of the presence of a quorum, Bishop Smith called the Convention to order at 10:00 A.M.

Second Report of the Committee on Resolutions: Courtesy Resolutions – Mrs. Kathryn Dyer

The following resolutions were moved, seconded and carried by applause.

General Convention Deputies

Whereas, The Episcopal Church will meet in General Convention in Austin, Texas, July 5 to 13, 2018; and

Whereas, this Diocese will send its Bishop and Lay and Clergy Deputies to that Convention to deliberate prayerfully on matters of great import to the life of our Church and the world,

Therefore be it resolved that the congregations and people of the Diocese of Missouri covenant to be in prayer for our Bishop and Deputies during General Convention, that they may have a spirit of discernment, listening hearts, and make wise decisions for the sake of our Church and for the sake of the Gospel.

Clergy Retirements

Whereas The Rev. Martha Metzler served as Assistant Priest at Emmanuel Church (Webster Groves);

Be it resolved that this 178th convention expresses its gratitude for her service and extends to her well wishes and an enjoyable retirement.

The Rev. Lynn Keith Raske -- January 27, 2017

Whereas the Rev. Lynn Keith Raske was ordained to ministry in 1952,
Whereas he served as priest-in-charge at Trinity Church in St. James 1990 – 2003,
Whereas he assisted at St. Matthew's, Warson Woods and later became a part of the community at St. Mark's, St. Louis,
Whereas he died on January 27, 2017,
Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Keith Raske.

The Rev. Edmond La Beaume Cherbonnier -- March 7, 2017

Whereas The Rev. Edmond La Beaume Cherbonnier was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Scarlett in 1947,
Whereas he is recognized as an American scholar in the field of religious studies, known for his work analyzing idolatry and distinctions between mystical and biblical thought,
Whereas he died on March 7, 2017 at the age of 99,
Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Edmond Cherbonnier.

The Rev. Claude Alan Campbell -- July 13, 2017

Whereas The Rev. Claude Alan Campbell served as clinical pastoral education supervisor at Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis,
Whereas he remained canonically resident in Missouri even after retiring and returning to his native Texas,
Whereas he died on July 13, 2017 at the age of 90,
Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Claude Alan Campbell.

The Rev. Llewellyn Maitland Heigham, Jr. – August 2, 2017

Whereas the Rev. Llewellyn Maitland Heigham, Jr. was ordained to the priesthood in 1974,
Whereas he served as the vicar St. Barnabas', Moberly, 1980-1981, associate at Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood starting in 1986.
Whereas he served St. Paul's Church in Carondelet as priest-in-charge, and later as priest emeritus.
Whereas he died on August 2, 2017,
Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Lew Heigham.

The Rev. David H. Benson -- August 22, 2017

Whereas The Rev. David H. Benson was ordained to priesthood in 1958,
Whereas he served as associate for Christian Education at St. Peter's 1965-1968, then rector of St. Peter's 1968-1981.
Whereas he served as associate priest at Emmanuel Church 1996-2005,
Whereas he died on August 22, 2017,
Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of David Benson.

The Rev. Roderic Duncan Wiltse -- August 25, 2017

Whereas The Rev. Roderic Duncan Wiltse served as an Episcopal priest for 57 years;

Whereas he served as Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, University City, 1983-1993;

Whereas he served as Priest Associate at Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves, and Supply Priest at St. Vincent's in the Vineyard, St. Genevieve;

Whereas he died on August 25, 2017,

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Rod Wiltse.

Further Report of the Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Kathryn Dyer

A-178 - Clergy Compensation Submitted by Diocesan Council

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 178th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri set the annual standard base compensation for full-time clergy in 2018 as follows:

CASH SALARY & HOUSING ALLOWANCE TABLE FOR FULL-TIME PRIESTS

Years of Service	Average Sunday Attendance		
	Under 75	75-175	176 or greater
0	\$59,474	\$62,147	\$65,196
5	\$62,147	\$65,196	\$68,395
10	\$65,196	\$68,395	\$71,815
15	\$68,395	\$71,815	\$75,406
20	\$71,815	\$75,406	\$79,176
25	\$75,406	\$79,176	\$83,135

* Table outlines a standard base for full-time solo or senior priests. Full-time associate compensation should follow the left column. This resolution establishes a standard base compensation for clergy. Congregations are urged and invited to compensate clergy beyond the standard. It is understood that under individual circumstances and conditions internal adjustments in the compensation package may be negotiated.

CASH SALARY & HOUSING ALLOWANCE TABLE FOR PART-TIME PRIESTS

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CASH SALARY & HOUSING ALLOWANCE TABLE FOR PART-TIME PRIESTS

Years of Service	1/4 Time	Half Time	3/4 Time
0	\$14,869	\$29,737	\$44,606
5	\$15,537	\$31,074	\$46,610
10	\$16,299	\$32,598	\$48,897
15	\$17,099	\$34,198	\$51,296
20	\$17,954	\$35,908	\$53,861
25	\$18,851	\$37,703	\$56,554

2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Church Pension Fund assessment will be paid by the congregation;
3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$50,000 group life will be paid by the congregation;
4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the medical coverage for clergy be in compliance with Diocesan Resolution A-172;
5. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a standard of ten days per calendar year and \$500 will be provided for continuing education;
6. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the standard auto allowance will be \$2,000 per year;
7. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all parishes and missions encourage their full-time clergy to set aside the equivalent of two days each week for personal time, 24 hours of which must be consecutive;
8. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all parishes and missions be strongly encouraged to provide dental insurance for clergy and eligible dependents, or be assured they already have such coverage; and
9. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clergy in Charge shall accrue two weeks of sabbatical time for each year of service.

Rationale

The recommendation for 2018 reflects a 1.7% increase. This increase is based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index-Midwest Urban Consumers.

Current Salary Range for Full-Time Solo or Senior Priests in the Diocese of Missouri

ASA	Low	Median	High	Average	Average Years
0-75	\$52,248	\$70,000	\$75,539	\$66,510	14
76-175	\$58,480	\$70,000	\$94,232	\$74,320	15
176+	\$100,000	\$112,089	\$211,065	\$129,694	24

Resolution A-178 was moved by Mrs. Dyer, seconded and carried, but not unanimously.

Resolution B-178 as mailed to delegates and printed in the Convention booklet reads as follows:

B-178 - Immigration and Deportation Submitted by Metro III Convocation

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 178th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri seeks to welcome the stranger and to love our neighbors. We also seek laws that are just. We invite members throughout the diocese to call on the President of the United States and members of Congress to reject proposals that separate families, and to adopt new immigration laws that include a humane and just process by which undocumented immigrants can earn lawful permanent residency and eventually apply for citizenship;
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention strongly encourages members of the diocese contact their elected representatives to call for the elimination of for-profit detention centers, elimination of indefinite detention, incarceration of children, and the preservation of due process, access to courts, and access to adequate legal representation for all migrants regardless of legal status;
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourages our congregations to offer compassionate hospitality toward immigrants and supports those congregations that prayerfully choose to offer sanctuary to undocumented migrants facing deportation; and
4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we support and encourage those who are called to act as witnesses as they accompany the immigrants in our midst, by standing in solidarity with programs that seek to assist immigrants facing deportation.

Mrs. Dyer announced that based on discussion of Resolution B-178 during Open Meetings yesterday, the Resolutions Committee has made one revision to the first paragraph of Resolution B-178 and that paragraph now reads as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED that this 178th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri recognizes that our church includes members with mixed immigration status. As Christians, we embrace

God's call to welcome the stranger and to love our neighbors. We also seek laws that are just. We invite members throughout the diocese to call on the President of the United States and members of Congress to reject proposals that separate families, and to adopt new immigration laws that include a humane and just process by which undocumented immigrants can earn lawful permanent residency and eventually apply for citizenship;"

Resolution B-178 as revised is now being submitted and reads as follows:

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RATIONALE

As people of faith, we are taught to welcome the stranger, offer hospitality to the sojourner and to accompany the persecuted. Remembering that we “were strangers in the land of Egypt” (Deuteronomy 10:19) and as followers of Jesus, we are commanded to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Some organizations supporting this work include:

St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA) <http://www.stl-ifcla.org/>

Missouri Faith Voices <http://www.missourifaithvoices.org/sanctuary/>

PICO National Network <https://www.piconetwork.org/>

Immigration Accompaniment Program of New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City

<https://newsanctuarynyc.wordpress.com/accompaniment/>

Revised Resolution B-178 was moved by Mrs. Dyer, and seconded. Following discussion, Revised Resolution B-178 was passed but not unanimously.

Resolution C-178 (*see footnote below) as mailed to delegates and printed in the Convention booklet reads as follows:

C- 178 Support of Poverty Awareness

Submitted by the Reverends Rebecca Ragland, Heather McCain, Kevin McGrane, Teresa Danieleley, Dr. Katherine Mathews, The Honorable Joe Adams, Ms. Barbi Click and Ms. Mary Haggerty

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 178th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri honors the 50th anniversary the Poor People's Campaign led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. In accordance with our discipleship in Jesus Christ, we encourage all people to follow Dr. King and the mandate of Matthew 25:35-40, to provide water for the thirsty, clothing for the naked and food for the hungry, and to stand against systems that perpetuate the causes of poverty;
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourages its members and affiliates to learn about poverty and participate in such movements as The New Poor People's Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) as it organizes to bring issues of poverty to the fore through national actions; and
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourages all parishes and missions to highlight issues of poverty and economic injustice during the liturgy, in the pulpit, or in special forums on the Sunday following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, January 21, 2018

Mrs. Dyer announced that based on discussion of Resolution C-178 during Open Meetings yesterday, the Resolutions Committee has made one revision to the second paragraph of Resolution C-178 and that paragraph now reads as follows:

Resolution C-178 was received 4 days after the expiration of the canonically required time for submission, 50 days prior to convention. Canon III.4 f continues, "Proposed resolutions not submitted according to the provisions of this Canon may be considered by the Convention only by consent of two thirds of Convention." This action was inadvertently omitted.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention, recognizing that our church includes members at all socio-economic levels, encourages its members and affiliates to learn about poverty and participate in such movements as The New Poor People's Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) as it organizes to bring issues of poverty to the fore through national actions; and

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Submitted by The Reverends Rebecca Ragland, Heather McCain, Kevin McGrane, Teresa Danieley, Dr. Katherine Mathews, The Honorable Joe Adams, Ms. Barbi Click and Ms. Mary Haggerty

1. BE IT RESOLVED that this 178th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri honors the 50th anniversary of the Poor People's Campaign led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. In accordance with our discipleship in Jesus Christ, we encourage all people to follow Dr. King and the mandate of Matthew 25:35-40, to provide water for the thirsty, clothing for the naked and food for the hungry, and to stand against systems that perpetuate the causes of poverty;
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention, recognizing that our church includes members at all socio-economic levels, encourages its members and affiliates to learn about poverty and participate in such movements as The New Poor People's Campaign (www.poorpeoplescampaign.org) as it organizes to bring issues of poverty to the fore through national actions; and
3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourages all parishes and missions to highlight issues of poverty and economic injustice during the liturgy, in the pulpit, or in special forums on the Sunday following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, January 21, 2018.

Revised Resolution C-178 was moved by Mrs. Dyer, seconded and passed, but not unanimously.

Report of the Committee on Constitution & Canons – Mr. Hal Burroughs

Mr. Burroughs presented Resolution D-178 for its first reading.

Resolution C-178 was received 4 days after the expiration of the canonically required time for submission, 50 days prior to convention. Canon III.4 f continues, "Proposed resolutions not submitted according to the provisions of this Canon may be considered by the Convention only by consent of two thirds of Convention." This action was inadvertently omitted.

D-178 - A Resolution to Give Seat & Voice to General Convention Deputies at Diocesan Convention

Resolved, that Article III.3 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Missouri shall be amended to add the following:

"SEC. 12. Lay Deputies and Lay Provisional Deputies to General Convention who are not otherwise Members of Convention shall have seat and voice in Convention."

and that subsequent sections of Article III.3 be renumbered.

RATIONALE

Article III.3 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Missouri already affords seat and voice to the Lay members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council who do not otherwise have seat and voice in Convention. This amendment would afford the same role to the lay Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention. All clergy Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention already have seat and voice.

Resolution D-178 was moved, seconded and carried but not unanimously.

Mr. Burroughs reminded delegates that because this is a proposed amendment to the Constitution, it requires the further vote of the 179th Convention.

Following announcements, Bishop Smith placed the Convention into recess at 10:00 A.M.

Presentation IV:

The Rev. Hope Welles Jernagan, Executive Director of Magdalene House, St. Louis.

Plenary Session VI

Having been informed of the presence of a quorum, Bishop Smith called the Convention to order at 11:05 A.M.

Further Report from the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedures: Election Results – Mr. Richard Luebcke

Mr. Luebcke announced that the election process had been completed, and Bishop Smith reported the following results.

Cathedral Chapter (3 year terms)

The Rev. Carol Wesley (C)

Ms. Greta Lambert (L)

Diocesan Council (3 year terms)

Ms. Janet Thompson (L)

Ms. Sondra Kekec (L)

Disciplinary Board (3 year terms)

The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell (C)

Mr. Scott Thompson (L)

Ms. Kristina Bender-Crice (L)

Standing Committee (4 year terms)

The Rev. Leslie Scoopmire (C)

Ms. Loretta Go (L)

Ms. Lisa Fox (L)

Adoption of the Operating Budget – Mr. Tom Hedrick

The proposed 2018 Operating Budget published in the Convention booklet was moved, seconded and carried but not unanimously.

Selection of the Site for the 180th Convention – Bishop Smith

The selection of St. Louis, Missouri as the site for the 180th Convention on November 22-23, 2019 was moved, seconded and carried, but not unanimously.

The 179th Convention will be held on November 17, 2018 in St. Louis, at Christ Church Cathedral.

Appointment of Committees for the 178th Convention – Bishop Smith

The Bishop made the following appointments to the Committees of Convention for the next year.

Lay Credentials and Admission of New Parishes

- The Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith, Chair
- Mr. Harold R. Burroughs

Dispatch of Business

- Mr. Harold R. Burroughs, Chair
- The Rev. Canon Joseph M. C. Chambers, *ex officio*
- The Rev. Dr. Marc D. Smith

Constitution & Canons

- The Hon. Jean C. Hamilton, Chair
- Mr. Harold R. Burroughs
- Mr. Andrew Bryer
- The Rev. Canon Joseph M. C. Chambers, *ex officio*
- Mr. Ronald Jones
- Mr. Jay Kloecker
- The Hon. Mary Russell
- The Rev. Susan Skinner
- Dr. Jamieson Spencer

Resolutions

- Ms. Kathryn Dyer, Chair
- Ms. Ann Hogan
- The Rev. Kelly Carlson
- The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell
- Mr. Michael Booker
- Ms. Lisa Fox

Affirmation of the Bishop's Appointments to the Diocesan Commission on Church Architecture and Allied Arts – Bishop Smith

The Bishop nominated the Rev. Canon Joe Chambers to serve on the Commission on Architecture and Allied Arts. The nomination was moved, seconded and passed unanimously. Continuing members are:

- Mr. Richard Entenmann – Grace Church, Kirkwood
- Mr. Clark Davis – Grace Church, Kirkwood
- Mr. Rick Kuhn – Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves
- The Rev. Ian Lasch – St. Peter's Church, Ladue

Affirmation of Bishop's Appointments to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry – Bishop Smith

The following appointments and terms to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry were affirmed unanimously:

- Ms. Deborah Nelson Linck (L) – Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis (2021)
- The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner (C) – Church of the Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis (2021)
- The Rev. Doris (Beth) Simpson (C) – St. Matthew's Church, Mexico (2021)

The continuing members of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and their terms are as follows.

- The Rev. Harry Leip, III (C) (2018) – Trinity Church, St. Louis
- The Rev. Dr. Paula Hartsfield (C) (2018) – Grace Church, Jefferson City
- Ms. Elizabeth Hines (L) (2018) – Church of the Holy Communion, University City
- The Rev. Edith (Edie) Bird (C) (2018) – Christ Church, Cape Girardeau
- The Rev. Michael Angell, Chair (C) (2019) – Church of the Holy Communion, University City
- Dr. Carter Whitson (L) (2019) – All Saints’ Church, Northwoods
- Ms. Lynette Ballard (L) (2020) – Grace Church, Kirkwood
- The Rev. Martha Metzler (C) (2020) - Retired
- Ms. Jeanie Bryant (C) (2020) – Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton

Affirmation of Bishop’s Appointments to the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure – Bishop Smith

Bishop Smith made the following appointments to the Committee on Nominations and Election Procedure. These appointments were affirmed unanimously.

- Mr. Rich Luebcke, Chair (L) (2018) – All Saints’ Church, Farmington
- Ms. Margaret Rowe (L) (2018) – Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves
- Mrs. Simone Camp (L) (2018) – St. Alban’s Church, Fulton
- The Rev. Annette Joseph (C) (2018) – Holy Cross Church, Poplar Bluff
- Mr. Al Ludwig (L) (2019) – Emmanuel Church, Webster Groves
- The Rev. Todd McDowell (C) (2019) – Grace Church, Kirkwood
- The Rev. Bob Taliaferro (C) (2019) – St. Paul’s Church, Sikeston

Further Report from the Resolutions Committee – Mrs. Kathryn Dyer

Mrs. Dyer introduced the following courtesy resolutions moved, seconded, and affirmed by applause.

Deaths of former clergy of the Diocese

Whereas The Rev. Walter W. Witte who served as vicar and rector of the Church of the Epiphany (Kirkwood) and St. Stephen’s died December 12, 2016;

Whereas The Rev. Richard Bamforth who served both Grace Church (Kirkwood) and Holy Cross (Poplar Bluff) died January 6, 2017;

Whereas The Rev. James F. D’Wolf, Jr. who served as vicar of St. John’s (Caruthersville) and St. Luke’s (Kennett) died on 2-6-2017;

Whereas The Rev. Bruce Henry Cooke who served St. Peters and Calvary (Columbia) died March 6, 2017 at the age of 93;

Whereas The Rev. Roy Ostensen who served St. Matthew’s (Warson Woods) in the 1960s died April 13, 2017;

Whereas The Rev. John Robert Harmon who served St. Matthew's (Mexico) and also in Moberly died April 27, 2017;

Whereas The Rev. Carlson Gerdau served as Archdeacon of the Diocese of Missouri from 1979 until 1986 died May 27, 2017;

Whereas The Rev. Richard J. Bormes who served as Canon to the Ordinary died 7-1-2017; and

Whereas The Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley who served as priest-in-charge and later as rector of Trinity, St. Louis in the 1950's died October 4, 2017;

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri thanks God for the life and ministry of Walter, Richard, James, Bruce, John, Roy, Carlson, Dick, and Arthur.

Diocesan Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith

Whereas the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith has led this Diocese with faithfulness, dedication, and humor for fifteen years,

Whereas he calls us to wade in the mighty waters of Baptism and reconciliation, so that we can not just Christen but Baptize, not just go to church but be the church, and not just be members but disciples.

Whereas he reminds us that "God is at work saving the world, Baptism is what such salvation looks like, and binds the baptized to God's reconciliation."

Be it resolved that this 178th diocesan convention express its gratitude and thanksgiving to our Bishop for his continuing ministry among us.

On The Arrangements for Convention

Whereas Michael Reiser and the diocesan staff planned this convention for us to meet together as a diocese – to pray together, to do business together, and to learn from each other, and

Whereas The Rev. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Jill Walker, Marilyn Skinner, Sandy Cockrell, Clark Todd, Natalie Noel, Ann Lear, Gloria Burns, Sara Anton North, and Trinity Church (Hannibal) hosted our convention this year,

Whereas Hedy Rothfuss, Steve Cockrell, Frank North, Sara Anton North, Andrea Reinwald, Isaac Reinwald, Sara Gosney, and Clark Todd shared their musical talents with us,

Whereas the Rev. Charles Wynder, Jr. invited us to “come deeper into the labyrinth” to grow a beloved community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers,

Whereas Hope Welles Jernagan shared with us the practices at Magdalene House including living into more authentic ways of being with one another,

Be it resolved that this 178th convention of the Diocese of Missouri is grateful to all those who made this convention a success.

Call for Adjournment – Bishop Smith

Following announcements by Mr. Burroughs and there being no further business, Bishop Smith declared the 178th Meeting of Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Missouri adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Marc D. Smith, Ph.D.
Secretary