

**183<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Diocesan of Missouri – Courtesy Resolutions:**

WHEREAS the Mission of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is to illuminate the path to Christ, offering hospitality to all who come through our doors, and to seek Christ in our daily lives through worship, fellowship, and outreach; and

WHEREAS for 75 years St. Paul’s has lived the Great Commission and witnessed to the love of God in Christ to the community of Sikeston, Missouri;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extend our congratulations to St. Paul’s and look forward to celebrating its ministry for decades to come.

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WHEREAS The Rev. Jonnie Lee Cassell was ordained Transitional Deacon on May 17, 1997, and Priest on November 11, 1997, by the Rt. Rev. Robert D. Rowley, Jr. in the Diocese of Northwestern PA and

WHEREAS Jonnie served the Diocese of Missouri as Priest at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Northwoods, Missouri, and in retirement serves as Supply Clergy in the Diocese of West Missouri;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Convention extend its prayers and thanksgiving for Jonnie’s ministry as she celebrates 25 years of ordained ministry.

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WHEREASs the Rev. C. Richard Cadigan was ordained Transitional Deacon on June 20, 1962, by the Rt. Rev. Robert Hatch in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and Priest on December 15, 1962, by the Rt. Rev. George Cadigan, his uncle, in the Diocese of Missouri;

WHEREAS Richard served as Associate Priest at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Webster, from 1966 through 1967; and

WHEREAS Richard went on to serve the church in settings ranging from schools to parishes, in South Africa, Connecticut, and Texas;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extends its prayers and thanksgiving for Richard’s ministry as he celebrates 60 years of ordained ministry.

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WHEREAS the Diocese of Missouri has been led by dedicated and faithful bishops; and

WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hays H. Rockwell served as the 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, from 1993 through 2002;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183<sup>rd</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri send its warm greetings and best wishes to the Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell and Linda Rockwell, wishing them continued health and happy retirement.

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WHEREAS the Diocese of Missouri has been led by dedicated and faithful bishops; and

WHEREAS the 10th Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Missouri, The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith, served from 2002 through 2020, and

WHEREAS The Diocese of Missouri experienced a financial turn-around and years of growth under his leadership, and

WHEREAS the Diocese of Missouri created guidelines for the blessing of same sex couples in 2012, and

WHEREAS The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith continues his ministry as the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sends it warm greetings to Bishop and Debbie Smith and gives thanks for their gracious, generous, and continuing service to the people of The Episcopal Church.

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WHEREAS the Rev. William D. Roeger entered the Episcopal priesthood after serving in the Korean War and faithfully served in numerous churches in New Jersey, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois throughout his long ministry; and

WHEREAS William was a former Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Hannibal in the Diocese of Missouri, led the North Convocation, and served on the Diocesan Convention Planning and Arrangement Committee before retiring in 1995; and

WHEREAS William most recently served as part-time Priest at St. James' Episcopal in Griggsville, Illinois, in the Dioceses of Quincy and Chicago, where he was described as "beloved"; and

WHEREAS he died on June 16, 2022, at the age of 91;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri thank God for the life and ministry of William Roeger.

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WHEREAS the Rev. Alfred J. Jewson, Jr., was ordained a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1969 and was received as a Priest in the Episcopal Church in 1996; and

WHEREAS he was canonically resident in the Diocese of Western Missouri until 2021, when he became canonically resident in the Diocese of Missouri; and

WHEREAS he served churches in Kansas City, Springfield, and Warrensburg; and

WHEREAS he served as an interim and supply priest for many additional congregations; and

WHEREAS he died on November 6, 2022, at the age of 78;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri thank God for the life and ministry of Alfred J. Jewson, Jr., beloved to us as "Father Al."

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WHEREAS the Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry continues to serve as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, inspiring the people of God to boldly witness to the world The Way of Love as the “Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri send its greetings, prayers, and grateful well wishes to Bishop Curry and his wife, Sharon.

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WHEREAS during the 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church held in Baltimore this July the House of Deputies elected Julia Ayala Harris, a lay deputy and self-proclaimed “church geek” from the Diocese of Oklahoma to serve as president; and

WHEREAS just two days later the House of Deputies elected as vice president the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton from the Diocese of Olympia, who is the first ordained woman (and only the third woman) to serve in this capacity since the role of vice president was created in 1964; and

WHEREAS Taber-Hamilton, who is Shackan First Nation, along with President Julia Ayala Harris, who is a Latina, will not only be the first people of color serving together as leaders of the House of Deputies but also the first time two women will lead the House of Deputies;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri send its greetings, prayers, and grateful well wishes to this Dynamic Duo as they begin their service.

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WHEREAS the Rev. Gay C. Jennings was elected as President of the House of Deputies in 2012; and

WHEREAS she has transformed that office by her diligence, faith and intelligence; and

WHEREAS she fought to allow her successors to receive proper compensation for their service in that position; and

WHEREAS she has stood as a model of steady leadership during unsteady times;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri gives thanks to God for her selfless service over the past decade as President of the House of Deputies.

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WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson was elected as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri on Nov. 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS Bishop Johnson was ordained as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri on June 13, 2020, at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS Bishop Johnson has led the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri during the COVID-19 Pandemic with optimism and sound judgement, shepherding and guiding the diocese to embrace and utilize the tools of technology to keep us connected and facilitate the functioning of the diocese, including virtual versions of diocesan convention in 2020 and 2021, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the diocese is once again able to gather in-person to conduct the work of the church in eastern Missouri;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri offers its thanks and ongoing support for our bishop.

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WHEREAS the Rev. Leslie Scoopmire, Rector of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, along with her staff and the entire congregation are serving as our 183rd Convention hosts this year; and

WHEREAS their challenge is to host ‘away’ from their parish since the entire Convention will be held virtually (for Thursday evening workshops) and at the DoubleTree Hotel in Chesterfield, MO (Friday and Saturday meetings and events) – in-person for the first time since 2019; and

WHEREAS St. Martin’s welcomed all of us to the 183rd meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri via a short webpage YouTube video showing flashes of their parish life with the lovely background music of St. Martin’s Choir singing “Have you Heard God’s Voice;”

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extend its gratitude to all those who have worked behind the scenes and across the miles to make this convention possible and the worship meaningful.

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WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Diane Jardine Bruse was elected as Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of Los Angeles in 2008 and consecrated in 2010; and

WHEREAS she was elected Provisional Bishop in the Diocese of West Missouri in 2021; and

WHEREAS she has blessed this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri with her presence and support;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extend its gratitude to Bishop Bruce and greetings to the Diocese of Western Missouri.

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WHEREAS the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry was founded in 2013 as a joint venture of the Dioceses of Kansas, Nebraska, West Missouri and Western Kansas; and

WHEREAS it has a mission of providing “Theological Education for All People;”

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extends its thanks and ongoing support to the work of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry.

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WHEREAS Bishop Susan Candeia was elected in 2019 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and

WHEREAS The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are united in full communion;

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri sends its warmest greetings to our siblings in Christ in the ELCA and especially to their Bishop, looking forward to many years of joint efforts to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and by deed.

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WHEREAS Junior Wardens are chosen and elected by their fellow Vestry members; most often by strong-arming and a lack of anyone who actually knows what they are doing; and

WHEREAS Junior Wardens stand in as the chump for every systems representative and repair person; scheduling repairs, and answering questions of which they have knowledge; and

WHEREAS Junior Wardens meet the Spire technician, the Ameren agent, and all other persons driving vans with writing on the side; and

WHEREAS Junior Wardens use the church mop, the screwdriver, and all such various and sundry tools when needed and when they can actually find them; and

WHEREAS Junior Wardens keep a straight face when asked to do absurd things and a kind countenance, when asked such questions as “Why is the water fountain making that sound?” and “Do you know how old the bell tower is?” and “Is that ceiling leaking?”

BE IT RESOLVED that this 183rd Convention of the Diocese of Missouri extends its heartfelt thanks for the faithful service and continual long-suffering of the Junior Wardens throughout the Diocese.