

Section A

General Material

Diocesan Convention Agenda

October 15 – 16, 2010

Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Friday, October 15

- 2:00 p.m. Exhibit Set-up
- 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Provost Welcome
- 5:15 p.m. Roll Call / Declaration of Quorum
Appointment of Parliamentarian
Election of Secretary
Motion to Seat Transitional Parish
Approval of Minutes
Adoption of Agenda
- 5:30 p.m. Report on Parish Audits /
Assessments
Adoption of Rules of Order
Motion to give Voice to Non-
canonical Clergy
Recognition of Guests
- 5:45 p.m. Committee on Canons Report –
District Changes
- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Report
- 6:15 p.m. First Ballot
- 6:30 p.m. Chancellor's Report
- 6:45 p.m. Bishop's Address
- 7:15 p.m. Reception
- 8:30 p.m. Compline

Saturday, October 16

- 7:00 a.m. Exhibit Set-up
- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:45 a.m. Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Recognition of Guests
Declaration of Quorum
Call to Order
- 10:30 a.m. Second Ballot
- 10:45 a.m. Resolutions
Promo – G.H. & Calendar
- 11:00 a.m. District Elections
- 11:15 a.m. Workshops
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Songs
- 1:15 p.m. Third Ballot
- 1:30 p.m. Budget Presentation and Adoption
- 2:00 p.m. Slide Show
- 2:15 p.m. Committee on Canons
- 3:00 p.m. Special Recognitions
- 3:15 p.m. Courtesy Resolutions

Statement of Purpose of the Convention

The Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh meets annually to transact the many regular business items of any such assembly. Among these are: to celebrate Holy Communion and to hear the Annual Address; to elect persons to the various diocesan committees and boards; to consider any changes (amendments) to our Constitution or Canons; to receive, discuss, and act upon the assessment and budget; to receive reports from the various committees of the diocese; and to act upon any motions, notices, and resolutions properly presented to the Convention.

General Directions

Registration– All deputies (clerical and lay) must register their attendance using the proper sign-in sheets provided. The sign-in sheets are to be left on the respective tables. Alternates replacing regular deputies must declare on the sign-in sheet which deputy they are replacing. Please sign your name (and parish) as you wish it recorded and read.

Seating – Seating is assigned by Districts, look for signs as you enter the meeting space. Guests are not to sit in the District seating area. There will be a separate seating section for guests.

Ballots – The ballots for all those duly qualified to vote will be distributed in each registration packet. Deputies being replaced by an alternate must provide their ballots to the person replacing them.

Policy on Distribution of Materials

1. No material will be placed on the Official Registration table.
2. No material is to be distributed on the Convention floor except as authorized by the Standing Committee. Display booths in the nave of the church are not considered to be on the convention floor.
3. A table for official documents relating to the business of Convention will be provided.
4. The Sergeant at Arms will monitor and enforce these rules under the direction of the President and Convention Committee Chairman.

RECORD OF THE 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Minutes of the 144th Annual Convention (Unapproved)

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh of The Episcopal Church in the United States
“Vibrant Episcopal Communities United in Christ”
A.D. October 17th, 2009

The 144th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh of The Episcopal Church in the United States (the “Diocese”) convened on Saturday October 17th, 2009 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The theme for the Convention reflected the newly developed vision statement: *“Vibrant Episcopal Communities United in Christ.”*

Registration of Convention Deputies began at 8:00 a.m. and ended promptly at 9:15 a.m. in order for the necessary certifications to be completed.

The Convention commenced at 9:00 a.m. with a service of Morning Prayer, led by the Rev. Canon Cathy Brall, Provost of the Cathedral.

Following Morning Prayer, the Right Rev. Robert Johnson, called the Convention to order and asked the Secretary of the Convention to report on quorum and to call the roll of the parishes participating in the Convention.

The Rev. Canon James D. Shoucair reported that there were seventy-four (74) lay deputies present whose credentials had been received before the Convention. He also reported that there were thirty-seven (37) clergy present who duly affirmed that they were ordained and in good standing in the Episcopal Church. This brought the total deputies present to one hundred eleven (111), which constituted a quorum for the transaction of business. The Secretary then called a roll of the parishes and faith communities that had sent in certification of deputies in advance of the Convention. He asked clergy and lay deputies to stand when their parish was called. The following twenty-seven (27) parishes so indicated their presence at the Convention:

Districts 1&2: All Saints, Brighton Heights; Christ Church, North Hills; St Brendan’s, Franklin Park

District 3: St Barnabas, Brackenridge; St Paul’s, Kittanning

District 4: Christ Church, Indiana; Christ Church TEC, Greensburg; Church of the Advent, Jeannette; St Bartholomew’s, Scottsdale; St Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset; St Mark’s, Johnstown; St Michael’s of the Valley, Ligonier; St Peter’s, Blairsville

Districts 5 and 10: Church of the Nativity, Crafton; St Paul’s, Mt Lebanon; St Peter’s, Brentwood; St Thomas, Canonsburg

District 7: Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty/Shadyside; Church of the Holy Cross, Homewood; Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill; St Andrew’s Highland Park; St Matthew’s, Homestead; St Stephen’s, Wilksburg; Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh

District 8: All Souls, North Versailles; St Stephen’s McKeesport; St. Thomas, Oakmont

Bishop Johnson then addressed the Convention, stating that the Diocese currently had no bishop with ecclesiastical authority. In such cases, he said, the Canons of the Diocese direct that members of Convention shall elect, from the Presbyters, a President *pro tempore*. As Assisting Bishop, he called for nominations for a President *pro tempore*.

The Rev. Jeffrey Murph then nominated the Rev. Dr. James Simons to serve as President. The Rev.

Diane Shepherd moved the nominations be closed. This motion, moved and seconded, was passed unanimously, whereupon the Convention proceeded to elect the Rev. Dr. James Simons unanimously as President *pro tempore*.

Father Murph then proposed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by God's providence, the Rev. Dr. James Simons was left sole member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in October of 2008;

WHEREAS, by way of patient wisdom and consensus with a broad spectrum of leaders, he led the reorganization of the Diocese through challenging times;

THEREFORE, the 144th Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh expresses deep gratitude and appreciation for the sacrificial and servant leadership of the Rev. Dr. James Simons as President of the Standing Committee.

Mary Roehrich, a member of the Standing Committee rose to commend the Rev. Simons, stating that he had been the first among equals in the reorganized diocese and the strength of the Standing Committee.

The resolution, moved and seconded, passed unanimously, to a standing ovation.

The Rev. Dr. James Simons then introduced and commended others on the leadership team. He then appointed Canon Shoucair as Secretary of Convention. There being no further nominations, he declared Canon Shoucair as the duly appointed Secretary of Convention.

The President then appointed Dr. Joan Gundersen as parliamentarian for the Convention.

Mr. John Hose, as Judge of Assessments, then moved the following resolution: "For this Convention, the lay deputies of the congregations present may have seat, voice and vote without regard to the status of their parish's diocesan assessment." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Robert Pratt, as Judge of Audits, then certified that all parishes had met their requirements for the annual audit.

Ms. Joan Morris, President of Diocesan Council, moved that "the Convention adopt the printed agenda for the Convention." There being no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Joan Morris, on behalf of Diocesan Council and the Convention Planning Committee then moved that the Convention adopt the rules of order contained in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and the Amendment to the Rules of Order and Special Rules of Order contained in the preconvention packet. There being no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

The President then moved acceptance of the minutes of the 2008 Special Convention. The minutes were accepted as presented with the addition of the name of Mr. Geoffrey Hurd, whose name had been omitted as one of the nominees for the Growth Fund.

The President then called upon the Rev. William Geiger to make the report of the Nominating Committee, after which Dr. Diane Duntley, Judge of Elections, instructed the Convention on the process for voting. Ballots were then cast by Convention deputies.

The President then asked the Very Rev. George W. Werner to approach the podium to present a motion

on behalf of the Standing Committee. Dean Werner then moved the motion entitled “Resolution For a Provisional Bishop” found in the Convention packet. The motion, moved and seconded, passed unanimously. The President then asked the Right Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr., newly elected Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to address the Convention. Bishop Price indicated what a pleasure it was for him to accept the decision of the Convention, and how much he admired and respected the Diocese. He stated that he felt it an honor to help rebuild the Diocese, commended the Standing Committee for its efforts, and underscored the importance of transparency, conciliation and respect in the years to come. He also commended Bishop Johnson for his healing influence in the Diocese and what an honor it was for him to build on his work and ministry. Bishop Price indicated that he was committed to the pastoral care of clergy and parishes, and that “we who are called here are called to be true to our own vision and call of Jesus Christ and to respect the theological perspective of all.” He thanked everyone for their confidence in calling him and for “a partnership leading to new glories in the future.”

The President then made the annual address to Convention, as follows:

As I consider the State of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, I believe that over the past year we have lived into this truth and made it our reality. We are the body of Christ and individually members of it. St. Paul penned these words to the church in Corinth. The church was wracked with controversy on several fronts. First, it divided over theological schools. Some pledged their allegiance to Paul, some to Apollos and some to Peter. Arguments and disputes arose among the factions in the nascent church about whose theology was right and about whom they should be following. In the face of the controversy, Paul points the church to the Cross. “For the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Over this past year it would have been tempting for us, like the Corinthians, to break ourselves into theological camps and proclaim ourselves to be right when others are wrong, pure when others are tainted, or wiser when others are not. But we did not do this. Instead we chose to live into our differences, listening to each other and working together. We were able to do this because we recognized that what united us was greater than what divided us – the Cross of Christ. Our common belief in Jesus’ salvific work and subsequent resurrection, the acknowledgement that we are all sinners saved by the grace of God, our affirmation that God loved you so much that he sent his son to die for you, put us all in a place where we knew that we needed to treat each other with God’s grace. We did not break into factions but instead chose to gather together – to gather together at the foot of the Cross.

Last year I used an analogy from my background in aquatic science: namely that the diversity of an ecosystem is dependent on the quality of the environment. The better the environment, the more diversity is fostered. I believe that we have, by the grace of God, made tremendous progress toward creating such an environment – an environment in which we feel free to be ourselves and are eager to know each other’s stories and to rejoice in and with one another. There is more work to be done, but we are in a much better place than before.

But the cross also signifies sacrifice, and we, as a diocese, were willing, together, to sacrifice for one another. In the weeks leading up to our special convention last December and in the months to follow, I found myself in a position to ask many people to take on a myriad of tasks, many of them significant in the amount of time and energy required to accomplish; many of them handed to individuals who, while gifted, had never before assumed such responsibilities. Not once did any one tell me “No,” complain about the work, or shrug the responsibility. Instead, my experience was that everyone said “yes,” said “yes” and tackled their tasks with enthusiasm and joy. And often this was done at a sacrifice in terms of time, in terms of family, and sometimes at a significant personal cost. To all of you I say thank you.

The second controversy that faced the Corinthian Church was a debate around who was the most valuable

among their members. A controversy had arisen over giftedness, with some saying that tongues were more important than prophesy, or prophesy more valuable than teaching. Ironically the Corinthian Christians were being torn apart over the debate about who was the most spiritual. This is where Paul begins to talk about the Body of Christ. He declares that everyone is gifted differently and that all gifts are valuable. Paul proclaims that, just as the body has many different members, all with different functions, each important, so the Body of Christ has many different members, all of them important. It is when these members, while diverse, work in unison, that the Body of Christ is whole and a witness can be made to the world. This too, is a controversy, I am happy to report, we refused to enter into.

I am often asked by those outside the diocese, “So, how’s it going, it must be very stressful” – and while it is true that the past year has entailed some significant stress it has also created significant joy. I have repeatedly remarked about the quality of people working together in this diocese, and have rejoiced at their giftedness. In the book of Esther, the Jewish people are under an edict to be destroyed. Mordecai approaches his niece Esther, the beautiful Hebrew woman who has become the Queen of Persia, asking her to intercede on behalf of her people. He says to her, “And who knows whether you have come into the Kingdom for such a time as this?”

I believe that God has faithfully provided many people to this diocese “for a time such as this.” It is clearly the most gifted and talented group of people I have ever worked with and it is my distinct privilege to call them colleagues and friends. And while I do so at the peril of forgetting somebody, I want to mention several of them to you.

In the days following the October convention, Alice Ramser volunteered to manage our reorganized office. Alice worked tirelessly for untold hours to begin the overwhelming task of getting us organized. I am deeply grateful to her. Alice undertook this effort with Joan Gundersen who eventually became our diocesan administrator and treasurer. Joan’s amazing attention to detail and her inexhaustible energy (I cannot count how many emails I have received from her with a 3:00 a.m. time stamp) made her exactly the right person at the right time.

As archdeacon, Jean Chess has organized our deacons’ meeting regularly in a ministry of encouragement. Jean has also developed our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. She has been a blessing to us. Lou Hays has chaired our Commission on Ministry. This past spring the commission held a very well-attended day for those interested in exploring their vocations. And of course this afternoon we will witness and celebrate the ordination of Linda Wilson.

Our newest Priest, Kris Opat, has taken upon himself the task of ministering to our youth and, along with others, has created the Diocesan Youth Initiative. This valuable ministry is already bearing fruit. Carol Gonzalez, Walter Bowman and Cynthia Bronson Sweigert have been working hard at creating opportunities for all of us to form meaningful relationships. Through prayer, worship and other activities they have aided us in this important work.

Jim Shoucair, along with his excellent convention committee, has made this day possible. I need to add that last December, Jim led that committee to organize our special convention ex nihilo (and, I might add, in less than two months’ time). We are fortunate to have him and the members of his committee rendering such faithful service.

Over the past year, the leadership bodies of the Diocese (Standing Committee, Trustees and Council) have been meeting together monthly. When we decided we needed to develop goals and direction, Dana Philips stepped forward to facilitate. Dana, who does this work of facilitation professionally, volunteered her time and talent to lead us to an understanding of our common vision and focus. She has been a true blessing.

I have been impressed with the other members of the Standing Committee who have sought to do their work and see our circumstances through the lens of grace and charity. I am particularly grateful to Jeff Murph and Mary Roehrich for sharing the responsibility with me of being the ecclesiastical authority between October and December of last year.

The Trustees, led by Russ Ayers, and the Diocesan Council, led by Joan Morris, have embraced their responsibilities with joy and enthusiasm. Together with the Standing Committee, we have navigated some difficult waters. Their leadership has served us well.

It is doubtful that any diocese has a communications team better than Rich Creehan and Andy Muhl. Rich's experience in the world of the press, his writing talent and his ability to see us as others do has been a tremendous blessing. As I travel around the church I am constantly approached by people who say, "Who does your web site? It is so good," or, "I wish we could develop a web site like that of the Diocese of Pittsburgh." The design and freshness of our site has been enormously beneficial as a communication tool, and we are grateful to Andy Muhl for his constant attention to this. (The site receives an average of over 5,000 visitors a month.) Rich and Andy together developed two e-newsletters, one which goes out to every member of the diocese with an email address and one for the clergy. These have been essential communication tools. If you are not receiving them, I suggest that you sign up at the web site.

In last year's address, I said that one of our qualities as a diocese that we needed to embrace was incarnational ministry: that is, we take the love of Christ into the world. As St. Francis is reported to have said, "Preach the Gospel, and, if necessary, use words." Our web site and electronic newsletters are filled with stories about the incarnational ministry of the diocese, which is reaching out to the world in the name of Jesus.

One of the first appointments I made was that of Scott Quinn to be our director of Pastoral Care, a role which eventually became Canon to the Ordinary. We all knew that the year to come would bring significant stress to clergy and their families, and Scott has been the point man for these situations. Scott has spent countless hours with members of the clergy, listening to their experience, advising them as to their future, and, most significantly, praying for and with them. Scott never talks to me that he doesn't say, "How ya doing Jim, are you ok?" I know that every member of the clergy present has had that experience, and we are deeply blessed to have Scott ministering among us.

Our diocesan Chancellor, Andy Roman, has been an invaluable resource and counselor. His familiarity with the law, his attention to detail, and his willingness to listen to others (even non-lawyers) has been invaluable. Along with Walter Deforest, Andy has represented us well as is evidenced by the court decision announced last week. Andy has been for me a non-anxious presence –and believe me when I say there have been many moments when I needed a non-anxious presence – which has been, along with his friendship, a true gift for which I am deeply grateful.

Near the end of the film *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy is saying goodbye to her three dear friends whom she has met and traveled with along the yellow brick road. First she addresses the Lion, then the Tin Man, and lastly she embraces the Scarecrow, saying, "I think I'm going to miss you most of all." For some reason, that scene comes to mind as I think about Bishop Johnson. One of the true blessings of this past year has been the presence of Bishop Johnson. He understood that his primary responsibility was to be a pastor and a healer and he embraced both roles with extraordinary enthusiasm. He has been a wise counselor, a gracious pastor and a prayerful mentor. At one of our clergy days, Bishop Johnson (who has the reputation of being a liberal) was preaching. During the sermon, a colleague leaned over to me and said, "This guy preaches like an evangelical!" (Which was meant as a compliment, incidentally.) Because of his love for Jesus and his church, Bishop Johnson left his retirement to minister to us, and we

are the grateful beneficiaries of his love and service. Thank you, Bishop Johnson. You will be missed more than you know. And I would be remiss in not mentioning Julie Johnson, who has done without her husband for many weeks this year including their recent wedding anniversary. Julie, the Diocese of Pittsburgh thanks you.

There are, of course, many more who could be mentioned and to all of you I say thank you. We are the body of Christ and individually members of it. We are the Body of Christ. Over the past year, we have applied elbow grease, put our shoulder to the wheel, and our nose to the grindstone. We have looked each other in the eye, listened to each other's stories, and spoken the truth in love. We are the Body of Christ.

Our Future

While we have accomplished much over the past year, it will come as no surprise for me to say that there is much yet to be done.

To help us to accomplish what lies before us, we welcome Bishop Kenneth Price. I am excited by his presence among us and believe that he is now here for a time such as this. Bishop Price is a native of Charleston, West Virginia, and served several parishes in the Diocese, which included ten years at St. Matthews in Wheeling. Bishop Price has a feel and familiarity for our culture and region, which will serve us well. (He's even already a Steelers Fan). He was elected as the Suffragen Bishop of Southern Ohio in 1994, and when the diocese was between diocesan bishops, he served in the capacity of interim bishop. In other words, he has done this before. Bishop Price is held in high regard by his colleagues, having twice been elected by the House of Bishops as their Secretary. Bishop Price has already impressed the Standing Committee with his desire to be our pastor first, leading us forward into healing and continued Gospel ministry. He has also expressed a strong desire to move with grace and charity through some of the more difficult issues we face.

And so one chapter closes and another begins. We look toward our collective future with hope and anticipation, assured that the Lord who called us to this task will enable, empower, and encourage us to do the same. We move forward together as the Body of Christ. May we, like the prophet Isaiah when asked who would go into the world for God, be able to continually say, "Here I am; send me."

We are the Body of Christ and individually members of it. Let us go forward in peace in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

After his address the President called for a ten minute recess.

After the recess, the President invited Ms. Jacqui Och to the podium in order to move Resolution One in the pre-convention journal, entitled "**Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday.**" The motion, moved and seconded, passed unanimously. Ms Och then moved an additional resolution commending and extending the thanks of the Diocese to Mrs. Mary Sweeney for her 20 years of service to the Diocese as coordinator with the national Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. The motion was passed unanimously and can be found in Attachment A to these minutes.

Dr. Joan Gundersen then moved Resolution Two, entitled "**Resolution in Recognition of Volunteers,**" found in the pre-convention journal. There being no discussion, the motion was passed unanimously. Dr. Gundersen then indicated that she had an additional resolution to bring before Convention -one not contained in the pre-convention journal. This Resolution was entitled "**Resolution of Thanks**" which expressed the heartfelt thanks of the Diocese to Bishop Johnson for his ministry, and asked the Convention to consider him as Assisting Bishop Emeritus. A copy of the resolution can be found in Attachment A. The resolution passed unanimously, whereupon two gifts were presented to Bishop

Johnson, one by Dr. Gundersen on behalf of the Diocese, and the other by The Rev. Kris Opat and members of the Diocesan youth.

Dr. Jeremy Bonner, a deputy from the Cathedral, then moved the passage of Resolution Three, “**Thanksgiving For Celebrate 250,**” found in the pre-convention journal. The motion, moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison then moved passage of Resolution Four in the pre-convention journal. After the motion was seconded, he moved the withdrawal of the resolution, indicating that he intended to propose a substitute Resolution Four. His motion to withdraw, moved and seconded, passed unanimously, whereupon Dr. Robison moved his substitute Resolution Four, entitled “**Advisory Task Force.**” This motion passed unanimously. Please see attachment A for the text.

Dr. Jeremy Bonner, the sponsor of Resolution Five, entitled “**The Anglican Covenant,**” then moved an amended version of the resolution as found in the pre-convention journal, the effect of which was to add the word “to” before the words “The Standing Committee” in the second paragraph. The motion, moved and seconded, passed unanimously.

The President then asked the Judge of Elections for a report. Dr. Duntley then reported the following results (*indicates elected):

For the Array:

<u>Clergy</u>		<u>Laity</u>	
*The Rev. Kristian Opat	99	Kenneth Gray	30
		*Betsy Hetzler	65
		*Pamela Mayer	52
		Kenneth M. Weidaw III	43

For The Board of Trustees:

*G. Santiago	45	(2011)
Ken Gray	25	
*L. Knapp	85	(2012)
*D. Quinn	70	(2012)
G. Zitnay	24	
D. Philips	1	

For The Chapter of Trinity Cathedral:

<u>Clergy</u>		<u>Laity</u>	
The Rev Daniel Hall	22	*Robert Goode	98
*The Rev. Scott Quinn	77		

For The Committee on Canons:

<u>Clergy</u>		<u>Laity</u>	
*The Rev. Philip Wainwright	66	Pamela J. Hysong	49
		*Lionel Deimel	53

For the Growth Fund:

*Nancy Fincke 70
Geoffrey Hurd 23

For the Standing Committee:

<u>Clergy</u>		<u>Laity</u>	
*The Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison	60	*John Delano	66
The Rev. Cynthia Bronson-Sweigert	46	Leon Haley	24
		Robert E. Pratt	18

Dr. Duntley announced that no further elections were necessary, other than those to be conducted in District meetings.

The President then asked Mr. Steve Stagnitta to present the constitutional and canonical changes proposed by the Diocesan Committee on Canons.

He began with the first of two required readings of proposed changes to the Diocesan Constitution, as follows:

A restatement in its entirety of **Article III, Members of Convention**, as set forth in Attachment A.

A restatement in its entirety of **Article XII, Deputies to Extra-Diocesan Conventions or Synods**, as set forth in the pre-convention journal.

A restatement in its entirety of **Article XIII, Admission of Parishes**, as set forth in the pre-convention journal.

All three Constitutional changes were presented by separate motion, each of which was passed unanimously by the Convention.

Mr. Stagnitta then proceeded to the proposed Canonical changes, which, if affirmed by affirmative vote of the Convention, go into effect immediately.

The following Canons were presented for the consideration and vote of the Convention:

A restatement in its entirety of **Canon VII, of the Director of Administration**, as set forth in Attachment A.

A restatement in its entirety of **Canon XI, Of the History and Archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Registrar/Historiographer**, as set forth in the pre-convention journal.

Canon XV, Section 6 deleted and sections 7-16 of Canon XV renumbered 6-15, all as set forth in the pre-convention journal.

Each of the foregoing canonical changes was presented by separate motion, and each was passed by unanimous vote of Convention.

The President then declared a recess for District meetings and lunch.

After the recess, The Secretary of Convention reported to Convention on certain changes made to the National Church's Constitution. He reported that individual Dioceses were required to announce such changes at their respective Diocesan Conventions. He reported that there were three such amendments, the first dealing with Consents to Episcopal Elections, the second with the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, and the third dealing with who, from churches in communion, may officiate at services. He indicated that the amendments could be found in the preconvention journal.

The President then asked Dr. Diane Duntley for a report on the results of District elections. She reported the following:

District #2 (includes former District #1)

District Chair: Daryl Walker
District Vice-Chair: David Dix
Diocesan Council: The Rev. Christine McIlvain

District #3

District Chair: The Rev. Stephen Smalley
District Vice-Chair: Kristin Smalley
Diocesan Council: Kristin Smalley, (term ends in 2010)
Board of Trustees: David Laughlin

District #4

District Chair: John Hose
District Vice-Chair: George Zitnay
Diocesan Council: John Roberts

District #5 (includes former District #10)

District Chair: Jon Delano
District Vice-Chair: The Rev. Scott T. Quinn
Diocesan Council: The Rev. Charles Weiss

District #7

District Chair: Carol Stanier
District Vice-Chair: The Rev. Lynn Edwards
Diocesan Council: The Rev. Leslie Reimer
Board of Trustees: Larry Howard

District #8

District Chair: The Rev. Dr. Wm. Jay Geisler
District Vice-Chair: Jim Kelly
Diocesan Council: Dana Phillips
Board of Trustees: Dana M. Phillips

The President then invited Dr. Gundersen to present the Diocesan budget for approval. After the presentation, the budget (as amended in certain respects from the version found in the preconvention journal) was adopted by the Convention.

The President then called on the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Andy Roman, to make his report. Mr. Roman proceeded to give a brief history of the current lawsuit brought by Calvary Episcopal Church six years earlier. He indicated that in 2005, a settlement was reached between the parties. In 2008, the Diocese sought enforcement of the settlement agreement in order to secure the return of Diocesan funds.

In a strongly worded opinion dated October 6, 2009, Judge James ruled in our favor, affirming the Diocese as the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in The Episcopal Church and ordering the return of the Diocesan assets to us. Attorneys, he said, would be meeting with the Special Master to develop an itemized list of assets in order to facilitate the transfer.

The President then invited Mr. Stagnitta to continue his presentation of the resolutions proposed by the Diocesan Committee on Canons. Mr. Stagnitta presented resolutions implementing the following canonical changes, all as found in the preconvention journal:

A restatement in its entirety of Canon XX.

Canon XXXIII deleted and Canon XXIII restated in its entirety.

A restatement in its entirety of Canon XXV.

A restatement in its entirety of Canon XXVI.

Each of the foregoing resolutions was adopted unanimously by Convention. The President then recognized Ms. Joan Morris, who made a motion of thanks to Trinity Cathedral. The motion, moved and seconded, passed unanimously, and can be found in attachment A.

The President then motioned for an adjournment of the Convention, *sine die*, which was seconded and passed unanimously. The Convention reconvened later in the day at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which included the ordination of Linda Wilson to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon James D. Shoucair, Secretary to Convention

ATTACHMENT A

MARY SWEENEY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary Sweeney has served as the Diocese of Pittsburgh for over 20 years as the Coordinator with the national Episcopal Relief and Development, and
WHEREAS, Mrs. Sweeney has stepped down from that position,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh expresses its gratitude for the years of service, dedication and hard work of Mrs. Sweeney and notes that because of her efforts the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has been able to provide valuable services to the global community.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO BISHOP JOHNSON

Whereas, Bishop Robert H. Johnson has faithfully served the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh as Assisting Bishop beyond the time of his original contract; and
Whereas, he has graciously borne the resulting separation from his wife and home; and
Whereas, this native southerner has braved the shock of a Pittsburgh winter, the initial lack of an office and shared administrative support, and the challenges of a cell phone and laptop computer; and

Whereas, he has hiked with our youth, sung with anyone he could, visited every parish that asked; endured numerous lunches with clergy and diocesan leaders; and served as a healer, pastor, teacher, and anchor for a diocese in the midst of rebuilding; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, gives him our heartfelt thanks and best wishes that he may now resume both his family life and retirement activities; and be it furthermore

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh consider him Assisting Bishop emeritus and extend to him an unqualified invitation to return for visits at any time.

Title: Advisory Task Force (replaces Resolution 4: Task Force on Reunion)

Whereas, the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, noting the changing demographics and economic conditions of our Church, has called, in Resolution A127, for a reconsideration of administrative and governance structures at all levels of Church life; and

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, in this time of reorganization, has an exceptional opportunity to re-examine structures and practices, to learn from the expertise and experience of others, and to re-establish effective and natural ties with neighboring dioceses and with Province III of The Episcopal Church; be it therefore

Resolved, that the 144th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh direct the ecclesiastical authority to appoint an Advisory Task Force to contact the bishops and standing committees of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, with which our diocese has a long historic relationship, and other neighboring dioceses of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as well as the leaders of Provinces III and Province V, to invite a conversation about, and to initiate opportunities for, collaborative partnerships to enhance the ministries of our dioceses and to improve the efficiency of diocesan operations; and be it further

Resolved, that the ecclesiastical authority shall, as soon as practical, appoint an equal number of diocesan clergy and laypeople, not fewer than six total, to carry out the work of the Task Force. Be it also

Resolved, that the Task Force report on its work to the 145th Annual Convention of the diocese.

Sponsors: The Rev. Bruce Robison, D.Min., Rector, St. Andrew's, Highland Park
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1. Article III, Members of Convention, shall be restated in its entirety as follows:

Members of Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Lay Deputies.

Section 2. Every member of the Clergy in regular standing who shall have been canonically and physically resident in the Diocese and engaged in the parochial, missionary, or educational work of the Church under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for three months preceding any Convention shall be entitled to a seat and vote in such Convention in all cases except in the election of a Bishop, in which case the qualifications necessary to vote shall be as hereinafter provided in Article XIV of this Constitution. No member of the Clergy so qualified shall lose his or her right to a seat and vote by reason of sickness or old age.

Section 3. The Deputies shall consist of two Deputies from each Parish in union with the Convention, chosen from the Lay Communicants as the Convention may, from time to time, by Canon, prescribe. Each such Parish shall have the right to send additional Deputies, chosen as aforesaid, in such proportion to the number of its registered communicants as the Convention may, from time to time, by Canon, prescribe. A change in the scale of graduation, when fixed by Canon, shall not become effective until the succeeding

Annual Convention. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall be an ex-officio member of the Convention with the right to a single vote in the appropriate order.

Section 4. No Parish shall be entitled to representation in the Convention that does not comply with duly enacted Canons of this Diocese relating to assessments levied upon it by authority of the Convention, unless it shall not do so for reasons that shall be deemed satisfactory by the Convention itself; and it shall be the duty of the Diocesan Council, at the opening of each session, to present to the Secretary a list of such Parishes as are delinquent in this regard, in order that the same may be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims of Deputies to Seats.

Rationale: There are two substantive changes made here. Additionally, a number of minor editorial changes have been made for clarity, consistency, or grammatical correctness. (As long as the article is being amended, it seems proper to make such minor improvements as well.) In Section 2, the words “and physically” have been inserted before “resident in the Diocese.” The words “and actually” were removed from this location by votes in 2003 and 2004.

The change in 2003 -2004 allowed clergy working elsewhere while canonically resident in Pittsburgh to vote in convention. Such people did so in large numbers, largely voting as a block. The effect was to dilute the votes of people actually living in the diocese and regularly participating in its work. The Committee on Canons responded to a concern voiced at our August forum by adding wording in Section 2 giving vote to missionaries and chaplains canonically resident here but serving elsewhere. This, however, turned out to create more questions than it solved, and the committee has decided to return to its original proposal allowing only those clergy actually living in the diocese to vote. The change proposed in this resolution restores Section 2 to its pre-2004 meaning and improves clarity.

In Section 3, the final words “Lay order” have been replaced with “appropriate order.” The section assumes the Chancellor is necessarily a layperson, but this office could, in principle, be held by a member of the clergy, even though Canon IX currently requires a lay chancellor.

This would replace the current Article III reprinted below:

Article III
Members of Convention

Section 1. The convention shall be composed of Clergy and Lay Deputies.

Section 2. Every member of the Clergy, in regular standing, who shall have been canonically resident in the Diocese, and engaged in the parochial, missionary, or educational work of the Church, under the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, for three months preceding any Convention, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in such Convention in all cases except in the election of a Bishop, in which case the qualifications necessary to vote shall be as hereinafter provided in Article XIV of this Constitution, PROVIDED, that no member of the Clergy so qualified shall lose his or her right to a seat and vote by reason of sickness or old age.

Section 3. The Deputies shall consist of two Deputies from each Parish in union with the Convention, chosen from the Lay Communicants as the Convention may, from time to time, by Canon prescribe. And each such Parish shall have the right to send additional Deputies, chosen as aforesaid, in such proportion to the number of its registered communicants as the Convention may, from time to time, by Canon prescribe. PROVIDED, however, that a change in the scale of graduation, when fixed by Canon, shall not become effective until the next succeeding Annual Convention. The Chancellor of the Diocese shall be ex-officio a member of the Convention with the right to a single vote in the Lay order.

Section 4. No Parish shall be entitled to a representation in the Convention which does not comply with duly enacted Canons of this Diocese relating to assessments levied upon it by

authority of the Convention, unless it shall not do so for reasons which shall be deemed satisfactory by the Convention itself; and it shall be the duty of the Diocesan Council, at the opening of each session, to present to the Secretary a list of such Parishes as are delinquent in this regard, in order that the same may be placed in the hands of the Committee on Claims of Deputies to Seats.

4. Canon VII, Of the Director of Administration, shall be restated in its entirety as follows:

Canon VII
Of the Treasurer and Director of Administration

Section 1. There shall be a Treasurer for the Diocese, who shall be appointed by the Bishop with the approval of the Diocesan Council. The term of office and salary shall be determined by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. The Treasurer shall have such duties as are defined by canon or determined by the Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Council.

Section 2. There shall be a Director of Administration for the Diocese, who shall be appointed by the Bishop with the approval of the Diocesan Council. The term of office and salary shall be determined by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. The Director of Administration shall have such duties as are defined by canon or determined by the Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. The Treasurer and the Director of Administration of the Diocese may be the same person.

Rationale: The roles of Treasurer and Director of Administration are rather different, and, although one person could full both roles, there is no logical need for the roles to be so joined. It might be desirable to employ a volunteer Treasurer or to hire someone other than the Director of Administration to serve as Treasurer. The proposed change allows, but does not require, that the Treasurer and Director of Administration be different people. The change is intended to provide greater flexibility in the organization of the diocesan office.

If approved, this change will require changes to the Financial Regulations, which assume that the Treasurer and Director of Administration are the same. The Financial Regulations, for example, assign certain duties to the “Treasurer” that are clearly functions of an office manager and that should therefore be assigned to the Director of Administration. Note that, in accordance with Canon XII, Section 1, the Financial Regulations are the responsibility of the bishop and of the Diocesan Council.

The current wording of Canon VII to be replaced is the following:

Canon VII
Of the Director of Administration

There shall be a Director of Administration for the Diocese, who shall be appointed by the Bishop with the approval of the Diocesan Council. The term of office and salary shall be determined by the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. The Director of Administration shall be the Treasurer of the Diocese. In addition, the Director of Administration shall have such duties as shall be determined by the Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Council.

Resolution of Thanks to Trinity Cathedral

Whereas, Trinity Cathedral and its staff have graciously undertaken the many tasks associated with hosting the 2009 Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh; and

Whereas, this convention has been the recipient of the Cathedral's hospitality on both the night of October 16, and the day of October 17, therefore be it

Resolved, that the officers, delegates, bishop, and visitors participating in this convention tender the Cathedral our sincere thanks for the many ways large and small that the Cathedral people have worked to smooth the course of events and provide us with a welcoming site for our convention.