

JOURNAL OF THE 80TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 80th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester was held November 11 and 12, 2011 at the Hyatt Hotel in Rochester, NY. Prior to the opening of Convention, delegates and guests processed to St. Luke's and St. Simon Cyrene where Convention was opened with the liturgy.

OPENING OF CONVENTION/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The Right Rev. Prince G. Singh welcomed guests and called the 80th Convention to order at 1:45 p.m. on November 11, 2011 at St. Luke's and St. Simon Cyrene. The Bishop welcomed visiting Bishops the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, the Diocese of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. R William Franklin, the Diocese of Western New York; the Rev. Marie Jerge, Update NY Lutheran Synod – ECLA and the Rev. Marcus Matthews, UMC. The Secretary established a quorum was present and the liturgy followed. At the conclusion of the service, participants processed back to the Hyatt.

80th Anniversary Celebration

A celebratory event was held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to honor the 80th anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Call to Order

The first business session was called to order at 8:06 a.m. It was followed by the service of Morning Prayer and a video of welcome from the Presiding Bishop.

Welcome

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

Majority Vote

The Secretary established the numbers needed for a majority vote.

Appointment of a Chaplain

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Jennifer Zogg as Chaplain to Convention.

Introduction of Officers

The Bishop introduced the Chancellor and Parliamentarian, Mr. Philip Fileri and Mr. Robert Van Niel, Treasurer.

Election of Secretary

On nomination by the Bishop, Mrs. Susan Woodhouse was elected as Secretary for a term of five years.

Reading of the Minutes of the 79th Diocesan Convention

The Bishop announced that the Committee on the Reading of the Minutes had reviewed the minutes of the 79th Diocesan Convention as posted on the website and made available in print at all Pre-convention District Meetings. He called for a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and to accept the minutes of the 79th Diocesan Convention.

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Appointment of Registrar and Assistant Registrar

The Bishop appointed Ms. Nancy Bell to serve as Registrar and Ms. Carolyn McConnell as Assistant Registrar.

Committee on Elections

The Bishop announced the Committee on Elections: The Rev. Cole Gruberth, Chief Teller; Ms. Sarah Stohl, Ms. Eileen Henion, Ms. Charlotte Kimberly-Haag, Dr. Stephen Bauer, Ms. Josephine Perry, Mr. David Galleher, Ms. Celin Wood, Ms. Sue Caward.

Committee on the Dispatch of Business

The Bishop announced the Committee on the Dispatch of Business: The Rev. Eric Thompson and Mrs. Elizabeth Porter from St. Michael's Geneseo.

Committee on Credentials

The Bishop announced the Committee on Credentials: The Rev. Craig Uffman, Mr. Stephen Plain and Ms. Paula Valeri from St. Thomas Rochester.

Seat and Voice as reported by the Committee on Credentials

The Chair of the Committee on Credentials, the Rev. Craig Uffman, reported the credentials of the delegates were in order. He cited Article III, Section 2(c) of the Constitution which grants guests of this Convention seat and voice by the Bishop.

Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Eric Thompson, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, moved the agenda for the Convention. **Convention adopted the agenda.**

Rules of Debate

The Rev. Eric Thompson, Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, moved the Convention Rules of Debate, which included a modest change from the previous rules of order. With regard to the previous rules of order it is changed in that the first person speaking in support or in opposition has equal time with the sponsor. (The Rules of Debate may be amended or extended during debate by a simple majority vote, if desired.) **Convention adopted the Rules of Debate**

Appointment of a Time Keeper

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Eric Thompson as Time Keeper.

Resolutions

The Bishop recognized the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Rev. Michael Hartney, who introduced Chancellor, Mr. Phil Fileri, Chair of the Constitutions and Canons Committee, to present Resolutions A, B and C.

RESOLUTION A: Proposed Revisions to Rules of Order 6, 10 and 21

1. Proposed Revision of Rule of Order 6.

6 2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.

And renumber present Rules of Order 2 through 5 accordingly.

2. Proposed Revision of Rule of Order 10(g)

(g) ~~Ecclesiastical Court~~ *Disciplinary Board* (~~every 2 years~~)

3. Proposed Revision of Rule of Order 21(a)(1) & 21(a)(3)

(a) Resolutions Committee

The Committee on Resolutions shall be responsible for receiving all resolutions except those proposed by the Standing committee, the Diocesan Council, the Commission on Ministry, and District, or General Convention Deputies.

(1) All miscellaneous resolutions to be considered for action by the Convention all be submitted to the Secretary of the Convention in writing and signed by the proposer at least ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) before the date of Convention. Resolutions should be submitted on white 8 ½ x 11 paper, typed and double spaced, or electronically in a .doc format, and contain two sections: the Resolved specifying the desired action; and a further Resolved, as appropriate, providing for the implementation of the resolution if adopted. A separate, brief supporting statement may accompany the resolution. After the expiration of the ~~ninety (90)~~ sixty (60) day deadline, the Secretary shall transmit to the committee all resolutions so submitted.

(3) The committee shall at least ~~sixty (60)~~ fifty (50) days before the date of Convention ~~submit~~ submit its report to the Secretary with its recommendation for action upon each resolution. This report shall be distributed to the delegates by publication, by mail or otherwise at least thirty (30) days before the date of Convention.

Resolution A

Adopted

RESOLUTION B: Replace Canon 21 “Trial of a Presbyter or Deacon”

Resolved, That Canon 21 be replaced in its entirety with new Canon 21 as set forth below:

New Canon 21

Ecclesiastical Discipline

Section 1. Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church

The ecclesiastical discipline of Clergy shall be governed by Title IV of the Canons for the Government of The Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended (“Title IV”). To the extent, if any, that any of the provisions of this Canon are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of Title IV, the provisions of Title IV shall govern. Capitalized terms in this Canon shall have the meaning as set forth in Title IV.

Section 2. Disciplinary Board Structure

(a) **Disciplinary Board.** There is hereby established a Disciplinary Board consisting of seven (7) members, four (4) of whom shall be Clergy, canonically resident in the Diocese, and three (3) of whom shall be lay adult (“Lay”) Communicants in Good Standing in the Diocese.

(b) **Election.**

(1) Members of the Disciplinary Board shall be elected by the Convention. Each member shall serve a three (3) year term; except, if a member is elected to fill a vacancy, the term of such member shall be the unexpired term of the member being replaced. The terms of the members shall commence immediately following election. The terms of office of the Disciplinary Board shall be staggered and arranged into three classes. The first class shall consist of two (2) members (one Clergy, one Lay), the second class shall consist of two (2) members (one clergy, one Lay), and the third class shall consist of three (3) members (two Clergy, one Lay).

(2) As a matter of transition commencing with Convention in 2011, the first class of two (2) members (one Clergy, one Lay) shall first expire at Convention in 2012 or on December 31, 2012, whichever shall occur first, the second class of two (2) members (one clergy, one Lay) at Convention in 2013 or on December 31, 2013, whichever shall occur first, and the third class of three (3) members (two Clergy, one Lay) at Convention 2014 or December 31, 2014, whichever shall occur first. Membership in each such class shall be determined among the members of the Disciplinary Board by agreement or if no agreement then by drawing of lots. This Section 21(2) (b) (2) shall be automatically removed from this Canon without further action effective December 31, 2014.

(3) No member shall be eligible for reelection for a year after the end of the second consecutive full term. Each member serving a one year term ending in 2012 or a two year term ending in 2013 shall not be deemed to have served a full term. No Members of the Standing Committee or any person serving as Chancellor, Assistant Chancellor, Advisor, Conciliator, Church Attorney, Intake Officer, Investigator, or any member of the diocesan staff shall be eligible to serve on the Disciplinary Board.

(c) **Vacancies.** Vacancies on the Disciplinary Board shall be filled as follows:

(1) Upon the determination that a vacancy exists in accordance with Title IV.5.3 (a) and (b), the President of the Disciplinary Board shall notify the Bishop of the vacancy and request appointment of a replacement member of the same order as the member to be replaced.

(2) The Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Committee, shall appoint a replacement Board member of the proper class and who meets the same eligibility requirements as apply to elected Disciplinary Board members.

(3) With respect to a vacancy created for any reason other than pursuant to a challenge as provided below, the term of any person selected as a replacement Disciplinary Board member shall continue until the next annual Convention. With respect to a vacancy resulting from a challenge, the replacement Disciplinary Board member shall serve only for the proceedings for which the elected Disciplinary Board member is serving as a result of the challenge.

(d) **Removal.** A Disciplinary Board member may be removed from office by the Bishop, whenever in the judgment of the Bishop the best interests of the Diocese would be so served. The Disciplinary Board member so removed may appeal the removal to the Diocesan Council.

Section 3. Concerning Impartiality

In any proceeding under this Canon, if any member of a Conference Panel or Hearing Panel shall become aware of a personal conflict of interest, undue bias, or any grounds as set forth in Title IV.19.14 or IV.19.15, that member shall immediately notify the President of the Disciplinary Board and request a replacement member be appointed to the Panel. Respondent, Respondent's Counsel and the Church Attorney shall have the right to challenge any member of a Panel for conflict of interest or undue bias by motion to the Panel for disqualification of the challenged member. The members of the Panel, who are not the subjects of the challenge, shall promptly consider the motion and determine whether the challenged Panel member shall be disqualified from participating in that proceeding.

Section 4. President

Within sixty (60) days following the annual Convention, following at least seven (7) calendar days' written or electronic notice, the Board shall convene in person or by electronic communication to elect by majority vote of the entire Disciplinary Board a President from among its members to serve for the current year.

Section 5. Intake Officers

One or more Intake Officers shall be appointed from time to time by the Bishop, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Bishop. The Bishop shall appoint one or more Intake Officers according to the needs of the Diocese. The Bishop shall publish the name(s) and contact information of the Intake Officer(s) throughout the Diocese together with an explanation that any person knowing or reasonably believing an Offense may have been committed by a member of Clergy shall be encouraged to make such complaint known to an Intake Officer. An Intake Officer need not reside in the Diocese or be a Member of the Church.

Section 6. Investigator

When appropriate, the Bishop shall appoint an Investigator in consultation with the President of the Disciplinary Board. The Investigator may, but need not, reside in the Diocese or be a Member of the Church.

Section 7. Church Attorney

The Bishop shall annually appoint one or more attorneys to serve as Church Attorney, in consultation with the Standing committee, for the following year. The person(s) so selected must be a duly licensed attorney, but need not be a Member of the Church or reside within the Diocese. The Bishop,

acting in consultation with the Standing Committee, may remove a Church Attorney for cause. In the event of vacancy, the Bishop may appoint a successor Church Attorney, in consultation with the Standing Committee, and said successor shall serve until the next Diocesan Convention.

Section 8. Pastoral Response Coordinator

The Bishop shall provide for an appropriate pastoral response whenever any report is made to the Intake officer. The Bishop may appoint a pastoral response coordinator, to serve at the pleasure of the Bishop, to coordinate the delivery of appropriate pastoral care provided for in Title IV.8. Such person may be the Intake Officer, but shall not be a person serving in any other appointed or elected capacity under Title IV or this Canon.

Section 9. Advisors

The Bishop shall make available an Advisor for the Complainant and an Advisor for the Respondent. Persons serving as Advisors shall hold no other appointed or elected position provided for under this Canon, and shall not include the Chancellor or Assistant Chancellors of this Diocese or any person likely to be called as a witness in the proceeding.

Section 10. Clerk

The Board shall appoint a Clerk who shall be the custodian of all records and files of the Disciplinary Board and who shall assist the Board with records management and administrative support. The Clerk may be a member of the Board. All records maintained by the Clerk shall be deposited in the Diocesan Archives at the completion of the matter.

Section 11. Costs and Expense

(a) The reasonable costs and expenses of the Disciplinary Board, the Intake Officer, the Investigator, the Church Attorney, the Clerk and the pastoral response coordinator shall be the obligation of the Diocese and paid by the Treasurer, in consultation with the Trustees and/or Diocesan Council as deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

(b) The reasonable defense fees and costs incurred by a Respondent may be paid or reimbursed by the Diocese, in whole or in part, as follows:

- (1) In the event of a final Order dismissing the complaint, and a finding made by the Hearing Panel that the matter was without basis in fact, brought in bad faith, or was frivolous; or
- (2) In the event of dismissal by an Accord approved by the Bishop, if such Accord provides that the matter was without basis in fact, brought in bad faith, or was frivolous; or
- (3) In the event of a determination made by the Bishop or Standing Committee that in the interests of justice such payment or reimbursement is proper. The Respondent may make application to the Bishop and the Standing Committee for the payment or reimbursement of Respondent's reasonable defense fees and costs.

Section 12. Records of Proceedings

Records of active proceedings before the Board, including the period of any pending appeal, shall be preserved and maintained in the custody of the Clerk

Section 13. Permanent Records

The Bishop shall make provision for the permanent storage of records of all proceedings under this Canon at the Diocese and the Archives of the Episcopal Church, as prescribed in Title IV.

Section 14. Meetings by Electronic Communication

Any meeting required under these disciplinary canons, other than a hearing at which evidence may be taken or examined, may be conducted either in person or through telephonic or other electronic communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time.

Section 15. Hearing Panel

In appointing members of a Hearing Panel the President of the Disciplinary Board shall endeavor to ensure an adequate level of legal expertise among its members and in the event that is not possible, the President may authorize the Disciplinary Board to engage the services of an attorney to advise the Hearing Panel on legal issues or of other qualified individuals to advise on technical or scientific matters.

Section 16.

The Bishop, with the consent of Standing Committee, is empowered to negotiate and enter into agreements with other dioceses within the Church for mutual cooperation with and assistance in effectuating the language and intent of this Canon. Such agreements may include creation of panels of advisors, advocates, and attorneys to serve as resources to the Diocese in the application of this Canon.

EXPLANATION:

By action of the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Title IV of the Canons of the Episcopal Church providing for Ecclesiastical Discipline within the Church was revised to become effective July 1, 2011. Adoption of a revised local Canon 21 is necessary to implement the requirements of Title IV, as revised by the General Convention.

The procedures set forth in existing Canon 21 address the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, which is replaced in new Title IV by a Disciplinary Board and significantly different procedures.

Currently, there are five (5) members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, whose positions will cease to exist with the adoption of the revised Canon 21. There will be seven (7) members on the Disciplinary Board. Four (4) of the five (5) Court members may be nominated for election as a member of the Disciplinary Board. Because an Assistant Chancellor is not eligible to be a member of the Disciplinary Board, the fifth Court Member who is also an Assistant Chancellor has not be so nominated.

Procedurally, in order for revised Canon 21 to become immediately effective, and not to require the approval by majority vote of two successive Diocesan Conventions, it must be adopted by a two-thirds vote in each Order at this Diocesan Convention. This procedure will be suggested.

A vote by orders was taken.

Resolution B Adopted

RESOLUTION C: Amendment of Canon 24.1(a)

CANON 24

Commission on Ministry

Section 1. Membership

- (a) The Commission on Ministry shall consist of not more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ nineteen (19) nor less than nine (9) persons, no more than a simple majority of which may be from either the clerical or lay order.

Explanation

Over the course of this past year the Commission has, at the request of our Bishop, reviewed the charge to the Commission as laid out in the National Canons, viz: “to advise and assist the Bishop:....(b) In the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons.” (III:2:2) To fully implement the spirit of this charge the Commission has created three committees, a Committee on Lay Ministry, a Committee on the Ministry of the Diaconate, and a Committee on the Ministry of the Priesthood. In order to populate these committees adequately it is felt that there should be six members on each committee and one independent chairperson of the whole Commission hence the need to expand the size of the existing Commission.

A vote by orders was taken.

Resolution C Adopted

Late Resolution

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney to seek approval for a late resolution, Resolution J: A Resolution Calling for the Full Restoration of Services for Youth Offenders at the Industry Secure and Limited Secure Facilities in Rush, NY proposed by the Prison Ministry Advisory Board of the Diocese of Rochester. He moved that the resolution be considered by Convention after Resolution H.

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Correspondence

The Bishop asked the Secretary to read the correspondence: a letter from Senator Kirsten Gillibrand in support of the resolution regarding immigration reform submitted by the Public Policy Committee and approved by the 79th Convention.

Ministry Reports

The Bishop asked for the acceptance of reports of the Commission on Ministry, the Trustees, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee and all other official reports included in the delegates' packets.

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Standing Committees for the 80th Convention

The Bishop announced the appointments to the Standing Committees for the 80th Convention and expressed thanks for their service.

On Arrangements: The Rev. David Hefling, Chair; the Rev. Jennifer Zogg, Dr. Karyn Robbins, Ms. Patti Cummings, the Rev. Deborah Brown, Ms. Joy Smith, Ms. Susan Woodhouse assisted by Ms. Kristy Estey, Ms. Eileen O'Connor Casey and the Bishop's staff.

On Constitution and Canons: Philip Fileri, Esq., Chair, Dyson Gay, Esq., the Rev. Peter Harter, Esq., Leslie Kernan, Esq., Thomas Wright, Esq., Susan Scanlon, Esq., the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, Esq., the Rev. Christopher Luedde, the Rev. Michael Hopkins, the Rev. Michael Hartney

On Nominations: Mr. Tom Bennett, Chair; Ms. Sarah Stoll, Mr. Shane Craig, Mr. Ray DeTine, the Rev. David Smith, the Rev. Susan Kohlmeier

On Resolutions: The Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair; the Very Rev. Michael Hopkins, the Rev. Canon Peter Peters

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

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Mr. Tom Bennett, Chair of the Committee on Nominations, reported on the election of lay representatives from the districts to Diocesan Council:

Monroe District: Ms. Sarah Stoll

The Rev. Deven Hubert was elected as Clergy District representative to finish the term left vacant by The Rev. Rosemary Lillis who has taken a call outside of the Diocese.

Northeast District: Ms. Joanne Jacobs

Rochester District: Mr. Dick Laidlaw

Southeast District: Will be elected at the Dec. 6th District Meeting

Southwest District: Ms. Nadene Hunter

The Chair of the Committee on Nominations moved the nomination of elective offices by title. As the slate for each office was presented, the Bishop called for additional nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed at the end of each slate. For those slates where there was no contest, the Bishop asked for a motion to elect the candidates on the slate by acclamation.

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Commission on Ministry, Clerical: The Rev. Peter F. Bryant, the Rev. David Hefling -
Elected by acclamation

Commission on Ministry, Lay: Ms. Claire Crump, Mr. Morton “Mort” Nace, Jr. (a third candidate, Mrs. Judy Shepherd withdrew due to illness) - **Elected by acclamation**

Diocesan Council, Clergy-at-Large: The Rev. David Hefling, the Rev. Andrew Johnson, the Rev. Stephen Meister - **Elected by acclamation**

Standing Committee, Clerical: The Very Rev. J. Brad Benson
Nominated from the floor: The Rev. Vicki Prescott

Standing Committee, Lay: Mr. Jay Benesh
Nominated from the floor: Ms. Janet Farnsworth

Trustees, (3 clerical or lay): Mr. Thomas Bennett, Mr. Gilbert Ferris, Mr. Richard Frey, Ms. Lyn Omphroy

Deputies to General Convention, Clerical: The Revs. Peter W. Peters, Kit Tobin, Michael Hartney

Deputies to General Convention, Lay: Mrs. Joan Mistretta, Ms. Sarah Stoll
Nominated from the floor: Ms. Sylvia Perez-Hardy, Mr. Shane Craig

Taking of the First Ballot

The Bishop declared the nominations closed and asked the Chief Teller, the Rev. Cole Gruberth, to instruct the voters regarding the voting procedures, the location of the ballot boxes and the number of votes to be cast.

Resolution D

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, to move Resolution D. The Bishop recognized the Rev. Dahn Gandell who presented the Resolution.

RESOLUTION D

Establish the First Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Proposers: The Reverend Dahn Gandell, Episcopal Relief & Development Coordinator, Diocese of Rochester; General Convention Deputy 2012

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester encourage congregations to celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday on the first Sunday of Lent, or another convenient Sunday during the Lenten season; and be it further

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester encourage congregations and individuals to remember and support the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief and Development during Lent through prayer and a special offering that will help heal a hurting world

Resolution D Adopted

RESOLUTION F

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, for the purpose of proposing Resolution F. Michael called upon the Rev. Fred Reynolds to present the resolution. The Resolution was moved. During discussion, an amendment to change line 9 from petition to memorialize was defeated. A second amendment to change the word memorial to petition in the title of the amendments was passed.

Resolution F

Amended MSP

RESOLUTION F – As Amended

Petition to the General Convention from the Diocese of Rochester

Re: Pursuing a Just Peace in the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

Proposed by: The Rev'd Michael Hartney & The Rev'd Frederic Reynolds

Resolved, that the 80th Convention of the Diocese of Rochester hereby petitions the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to adopt the attached Resolution on support for Palestinian Christians.

Explanation

The Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship is trying to encourage a unified and consistent approach to our support for the struggling Christian church in the Holy Land. To that end they are asking multiple Dioceses to submit a single resolution to General Convention in 2012. It is important that the support be for the same resolution, even though that Resolution may well be altered by a legislative committee of General Convention.

Attachment to Resolution F (Background only)

Pursuing a Just Peace in the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention, mindful of the impasse in reaching a just resolution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, calls on the Executive Council (using appropriate staff) to develop and implement a strategy of advocacy and education in the Church during the next triennium to further a just resolution of the conflict utilizing existing policies and resources, including but not limited to the following:

A robust use of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in promoting Church policies in our nation's capital

Participating in corporate social responsibility by more vigorous and public corporate engagement with companies in the Church's investment portfolio that do business in illegal Israeli settlements or contribute to the infrastructure of the Occupation

Identifying a project of economic engagement through a loan of at least \$200,000 from the Church's economic justice loan fund that strengthens the economic infrastructure of the Territories

Assist individual Episcopalians by providing information on products made and distributed from illegal Israeli settlements so that they can make informed consumer choices

An examination of actions the U.S. might take to support international law and human rights

and be it further

Resolved that Council include in its planning a study in the next triennium in every Diocese of "*KAIROS PALESTINE 2009*" released in December 2009 by Palestinian Christian leaders to address the plight of Palestinian Christians living under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza as well as those Christians living within the state of Israel who do not enjoy the full rights and privileges of Jewish-Israeli citizens, and be it further

Resolved that the Council further consider using as a resource for this study plan an Episcopal version of *Steadfast Hope* (adapted from the Presbyterian original) as developed by the Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and be it further

Resolved that the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns give high priority to peace with justice in the Holy Land and report to the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church with recommendations on how best to support our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, and be it further

Resolved that all bishops, clergy and lay people of the Episcopal Church in the United States be encouraged to travel to the region as pilgrims and witnesses, and to provide various forms of support for the Church in the Holy Land, including the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, its parishes, and its Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani, including through the sterling work of the Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Good Friday Offering, and be it further

Resolved that Convention provide a budget of \$5,000 to Council and staff in assisting with this work.

Resolution F Adopted as Amended

Greetings in Honor of the 80th Diocesan Convention

The Bishop recognized the Rev. David Hefling, Chair of the Arrangement Committee, who introduced video greetings from a number of Bishops in honor of the 80th Diocesan Convention. Following the videos, he reminded delegates to cast their ballots and announced a 30 minute break. The first business session closed at 10:06 a.m.

Second Business Session

The second business session was called to order at 10:36 a.m. The polls were closed and additional video greetings were presented. The Bishop called upon the Rev. Jennifer Zogg to offer prayer.

RESOLUTION G

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, for the purpose of proposing Resolution G. He called upon Dr. Marilyn Wienk, Chair of the Public Policy Committee, to speak to the resolution. Following discussion, a voice vote and a vote by show of hands, **the resolution failed.**

Resolution G as presented

A Resolution Calling for an End to the War in Afghanistan

Proposer: Public Policy Committee of the Diocese of Rochester

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester call upon Congress and the President to withdraw all remaining troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2012; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States engage in diplomacy with Afghanistan's neighbors to promote regional security by brokering political reconciliation among all Afghan groups, including the Taliban; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States provide resources for reconstruction through appropriate multinational and Afghan agencies; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States adequately care for the health and well-being of all troops returning from its wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention instruct the Secretary of Diocesan Convention to notify President Barack Obama, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, and Representatives of Congressional Districts within this Diocese of our resolution. **Resolution Failed**

RESOLUTION H

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolution Committee, to move Resolution H: Prevention, Intervention and Eradication of Bullying and Harassment Actions Among Youth proposed by the Vestry of St. Luke's Branchport. The Bishop then recognized Ms. Janet Hallahan from St. Luke's Branchport who spoke to the resolution. Following discussion, the resolution was amended to be referred to Diocesan Council for clarification of language. **Resolution H**

Amended MSP

~~PROPOSED~~ RESOLUTION H – As Amended

Prevention, Intervention, and Eradication of Bullying and Harassment Actions Among Youth

Proposer: The Vestry of Saint Luke's Church, Branchport, New York

With passage of the Dignity for All Students Act, New York State has demonstrated its commitment to prevent and eradicate all forms of bullying and harassment. Implementation of the Dignity for All Students Act deserves the unqualified support of all organizations that work with, and for the betterment of, young people.

Resolved, that the 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, in recognition of the dangers of bullying and harassment which isare increasing among young people, urges Boards of Education, administrators, staff, and teachers of our schools to implement fully anti-bullying and anti-harassment programs in recognition and support of the Dignity for All Students Act which was signed into law September 8, 2010. The implementation should include attendance at anti-bullying seminars as part of regular continuing education. Schools are encouraged to invite experienced and knowledgeable speakers to speak with faculty, staff, and students regarding the dangers of bullying.

Resolved, 1) that the District Youth Missioners, include an educational component on anti-bullying and suicide prevention as it applies to all young people, especially, *but not limited to*, a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, economic situation, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, or gender; further,

2) that clergy and laity involved in youth ministry, education, and other related activities be encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Dignity for All Students Act, and other anti-bullying, anti-harassment, and suicide prevention resources; and be prepared and available to work with local school systems in support of students who are, or may become, targets for any form of discrimination, torment, -humiliation, and ostracism whether physical, verbal or electronic; further

3) that each congregation, with the assistance of Diocesan Staff and appropriate Diocesan committees, is encouraged to present anti-bullying awareness programs for its congregation and its community at large.

Resolved, that it is further directed that the above resolution be submitted to Diocesan Council for clarification of the language set forth above. **Resolution H Adopted as Amended and**

Referred to Diocesan Council

Prayer

The Bishop called upon the Chaplain, the Rev. Jennifer Zogg, for prayer.

The Bishop's Address

The Bishop used the theme of Convention, "taking it to the streets" as a framework for his address. He reminded delegates that "our primary purpose is to worship God, practice and invite others to live into passionate spirituality, thoughtful engagement, and radical hospitality", cited examples of such work already underway within the diocese and encouraged the opening of our doors, sharing of our joy and taking "it to the streets where Christ already is!" (The address is printed in a separate section of the Journal.)

Following the address, the Rev. David Hefling invited delegates to take five minutes to reflect on what they would take away from the Bishop's message.

Welcome

The Bishop welcomed the Rev. Kelly Ayer, Chaplain to Zion House in Avon.

Results of the First Ballot

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Cole Gruberth, Chief Teller, who announced the results of the first ballot as follows:

Standing Committee – clerical: the Rev. J. Brad Benson

Standing Committee – lay: Ms. Jan Farnsworth

Trustees – clergy or lay: Mr. Gil Ferris, Ms. Lyn Omphry (second ballot needed to elect third electee)

Alternate Delegates to General Convention – clerical:

1 – The Rev. Kit Tobin, 2 – the Rev. Michael Hartney, 3 – the Rev. Canon Peter W.

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Alternate Delegates to General convention – lay:

1 – Mr. William “Shane” Craig, 2 – Mrs. Susan Hartney, 3 – Mrs. Joan Mistretta,

4 – Ms. Sarah Stoll

Noonday Prayers

Ms. Georgia Carney led the Convention in Noonday Prayers which included the UTO In-gathering.

Recess

The Bishop opened the polls for the second election and declared the Convention in recess for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

The Bishop called the third business session to order at 1:05 p.m. The session began with additional video greetings.

Results of the Second Ballot

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Cole Gruberth, Chief Teller, who announced the results of the second ballot as follows:

Trustee – Mr. Tom Bennett

Presentation of the 2010 Audit Report

The Bishop called upon Mr. Robert Van Niel, Treasurer of the Diocese, to present and move the audit report. Bob thanked the audit committee of the Trustees and Ms. Courtney Spitz of the audit firm, Bonadio & Co., LLC, for their oversight of the process and noted that the audit provided a positive opinion of diocesan finances for 2010. Total assets increased by \$1,068,000 to \$32,636,000. The overall return on managed investments was 14.9% (net of fees). The total operating income exceeded operating expense by ~ 2%. He noted that the diocese remains in a strong financial position; changes are being made to depreciation and fund accounting to comply with GAAP and financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial condition of the Diocese as of 12/31/11.

Resolved: That the 80th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester accepts the 2010 audit as prepared by Bonadio & Co., LLC and presented by the Diocesan Treasurer.

Resolution Adopted

Roll of the CFM and CIO:

Bob Van Niel clarified the roles of the CFM (Chief Financial Missioner) and the CIO (Chief Investment Officer) as follows:

CFM	CIO
Position reports to the Bishop and is focused primarily on operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diocesan Operating Budget - Management of D House Resources and Operations - Resource to congregations on strategic/financial planning 	Position is funded by the Trustees to work with the Bishop’s office on Asset/Risk Management Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Endowments and Investments - Researching related Trusts - Diocesan loans - Real Estate, property and liability insurance/compliance

Work of Diocesan Council and Task Forces:

Diocesan Council

Mr. Chris Cleveland, Vice-chair of Council, provided an overview of the work of Diocesan Council over the last year noting that Council continues to be a working group with two sub-committees: A – Congregational Redevelopment and B – Mission Grants. Ms. Sarah Stoll spoke about the work of A which is focused on understanding and promoting congregational vitality. The Rev. Dennie Bennett spoke about the work of B which is focused on the Mission Grant process. CFO, Todd Rubiano, discussed the work of Council, the budget process and objectives for 2012 related to improvement of that process.

Presentation of the Diocesan Budget for 2012

CFM Todd Rubiano presented the budget as follows:

Funds for Ministry 2011: Proposed Budget

From Endowment	\$1,269,955
From Other Sources	207,000
From Parishes	<u>1,018,832</u>
Total Resources	\$2,495,787

The proposed income from parishes reflects a 5% reduction in parish apportionments in 2011 as recommended by Diocesan Council in 2009 due to the economy of the past couple of years.

Proposed Diocesan Ministry: Expenses for 2011

Goal I: Strengthening Resources – Individuals	\$ 126,000
Goal II: Strengthening Ministry – Congregations	558,725
Goal III: Strengthening Mission and Structure of Diocese	292,300
Goal IV: Work and Renewal in the World	285,609

Goal V: Support of Diocesan Objectives, Benefit and Support 1,233,153
Costs, Administration of Facilities, Insurance
Total Expenses \$2,495,787

Task Force Updates

Retiree Health Care Benefits Task Force

Following the budget presentation, Todd called upon the Revs. John Karl and Deven Hubert to present an update on the work of the Retiree Health Care Task Force. They provided a history of benefits to retirees in the diocese and outlined the purpose of the task force which is to review health care plan needs to propose a reasonable, just and compassionate recommendation for the treatment of health care benefits moving forward. The task force has set a timeline of April 2013 for the recommendations.

Apportionment Task Force

Todd introduced the Very Rev. Jim Adams, Chair of the Apportionment Task Force, to provide an update on the work of that committee. Jim reviewed the work of the committee so far and gave an overview of its intent and timeline noting that it will be important to take ample time to look at past information, gather additional information from other dioceses and district listening sessions. The data will be studied and the intent will be to propose recommendations that will align the understanding of the purpose of apportionment as being more closely aligned with goals of mission. The task force will report to the 81st Convention in 2012 and complete its work prior to the 2014 Diocesan budget preparation.

Approval of the Diocesan Budget

The Bishop called upon Mr. Chris Cleveland, Vice-chair of Diocesan Council, to propose the budget resolution. Following discussion concerning budget items related to youth ministry, the following resolution was approved.

Be it Resolved: That this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester approves the 2012 Budget as presented and recommended by Council, with thanks to the Committees and Task Forces for their work and to all the Parishes through whom ministry and mission are undertaken. **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution I

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, for the purpose of proposing Resolution I. The Bishop then recognized members of St. Mathias to tell their story. They spoke about the discernment process that led the vestry and wardens to the decision to dissolve, the distribution of their assets and their support of other Diocesan ministries. Following their presentation, the Resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION I

Dissolution of Saint Matthias, East Rochester, as a Church

Proposer: Diocesan Council (Rule of Order 21(a))

Resolved, that this 80th convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, meeting in Rochester, New York, November 11-12, 2011, upon the receipt of the recommendation of a majority of the members of the Diocesan Council, meeting in regular session on October 18, 2011, and in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese of Rochester, declare that the parish known as Saint Matthias, East Rochester, New York, is dissolved and its vestry dissolved and that its assets be dedicated to the furtherance of ministry as deemed appropriate.

Resolution I Adopted

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Jennifer Zogg, Chaplain to Convention, for prayer.

Resolution J – as accepted earlier

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, for the purpose of proposing Resolution J. He called upon Mr. Richard Frey, a member of the Prison Ministry Board, to speak to the resolution. Following discussion, the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION J

Full Restoration of Services for Youth Offenders at the Industry Secure and Limited Secure Facilities in Rush, NY.

Proposer: Prison Ministry Advisory Board

Resolved, that the 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester call upon the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to restore its widely praised regional approach to the placement of youthful offenders, and not return to the failed and costly strategy of placing youth far from home and often in inappropriate adult facilities; and be it further

Resolved, that our Convention call upon the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to restore the Industry Facilities in Rush, NY, for male youthful offenders back to its recent full operational capacity and to return the local area youthful offenders now being housed in facilities many hours commute from their homes* back to this facility; and be it further

Resolved, that our Convention recommend the New York State Office of Children and Family Services utilize the Industry Facility in Rush, NY, to consolidate services to youthful offenders in our region thus helping to address the State's budget concerns, rather than housing many of them in adult jails as is now the practice.

Adopted

Resolution J

Resolution G

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Eric Thompson who moved to reconsider and amended Resolution G: A Resolution Calling for an End to the War in Afghanistan which was defeated earlier in the agenda. He presented the proposed amendment to the resolution which was accepted. – **Resolution G Amended - MSP**

Following discussion, the resolution was passed as amended.

RESOLUTION G – As Amended

A Resolution Calling for an End to the War in Afghanistan
Proposer: Public Policy Committee of the Diocese of Rochester

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester *take all just, necessary and proper steps to safely and responsibly withdraw all military forces from Afghanistan as soon as possible.*

Resolved, that the United States engage in diplomacy with Afghanistan's neighbors to promote regional security by brokering political reconciliation among all Afghan groups, including the Taliban; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States provide resources for reconstruction through appropriate multinational and Afghan agencies; and be it further

Resolved, that the United States adequately care for the health and well-being of all troops returning from its wars in both Afghanistan and Iraq; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention instruct the Secretary of Diocesan Convention to notify President Barack Obama, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, and Representatives of Congressional Districts within this Diocese of our resolution.

Resolution G Adopted as Amended

Acknowledgment of Elected Persons Whose Terms Expire

The Bishop thanked the members of elective offices whose terms expire at this Convention.

Diocesan Council: Ms. Barbara Fowler, the Rev. Michael Hartney, Ms. Dee Sweeney, Ms. Barbara Warner, Ms. Joanne Jacobs, Ms. Sarah Stoll, the Rev. Andy Johnson, the Rev. Stephen Meister

Commission on Ministry: The Rev. Mary Ann Brody, Ms. Nancy Curtis, Ms. Barbara Fowler, the Rev. Charlie Tyo

Standing Committee: Mr. Jamie Bishop, the Very Rev. J. Brad Benson

Trustees: Mr. Gilbert Ferris, Mr. Richard Frey, Ms. Lyn Omphroy

Acknowledgement of Sign Language Interpreters

The Bishop thanked the sign language interpreters who served during convention: Ms. Catherine Hardesty and Mr. David Gratzner.

Appointment of Committees for the 81st Convention

The Bishop appointed the committees for the 2012 Convention.

On Arrangements: The Rev. David Hefling, the Rev. Debs Durguid-May, the Rev. Craig Uffman, the Rev. Karen Lewis, Ms. Joanne Wisor, Ms. Susan Woodhouse, assisted by the Bishop's staff.

On Constitution and Canons: Philip Fileri, Esq., Chair, Dyson Gay, Esq., the Rev. Peter Harter, Esq., Leslie Kernan, Esq., Thomas Wright, Esq., Susan Scanlon, Esq., the Rev. Canon

Dr. C. Denise Yarbrough, Esq., the Rev. Christopher Luedde, the Rev. Michael Hopkins, the Rev. Michael Hartney

On Nominations: Jamie Bishop, Chair, Wardens and Deans of the District

On Resolutions: The Rev. Michael Hopkins, the Rev. Canon Peter Peters, Bruce Blaine

Resolutions of Courtesy

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Michael Hartney, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, who moved the Resolutions of Courtesy as follows:

Resolutions of Courtesy The 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

Worship at Convention and Music during the Celebration

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks Bishop Prince Singh; Dr. Karyn Robbins and Dr. Anne K. Laver, music directors; and choir for the moving experience of worship we have shared today. Our special thanks to the Rev. Karen Lewis for planning all of the liturgies for this convention.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks Bishop Barbara Harris for her presence among us and for her inspiring sermon.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks the Very Rev. Michael Hopkins and the saints of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene for hosting the Convention Liturgy.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks the District musical offerings for the 80th Celebration including: Cana Steel Drum Band, Mr. Changhee Lee, Harmonically Yours, The Rev. Linda Leibhart and Mr. Brett Scrafford Big Band Sounds, and the Athenrye Irish Band.

Volunteers and Those Involved in Convention

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks all who participated in the arrangements for this convention:

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks the Rev. Jennifer Zogg for serving as Chaplain.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks Ms. Catherine Hardesty and Mr. David Gratzler for serving as signers to the deaf community.

Gift of Wine for the Convention

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks Ms. Elizabeth Prejean of Prejean Winery for her generous gift of wine.

Greetings

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings and love to Mrs. Bettina Barrett and ask God to continue to bless her with health and happiness.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings and love to Mrs. Charlotte Spears and ask God to bless her with peace, love and joy.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, good wishes and prayers for continued strength, peace and love to the Rt. Rev. William Burrill.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, love and good wishes to the Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey and Mrs. Linda B. McKelvey.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings, prayers and good wishes to the clergy and their families from our diocese who have been ordained and consecrated as bishops in The Episcopal Church: the Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, the Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, and the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend its appreciation and thanks to the Presiding Bishop and all of the Bishops who sent video greetings to this Convention.

Officials of Convention

Secretary of Convention

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester give thanks for the commitment and skill of Ms. Susan Woodhouse, Secretary to Convention, for her volunteer ministry.

Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the Diocese

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester give thanks for the commitment and skill of Mr. Robert Van Niel, Treasurer of the Diocese and to Ms. Bliss Owen, Assistant Treasurer, for their volunteer service.

Chancellor of the Diocese

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester give thanks for the commitment and skill of Mr. Phil Fileri, Chancellor of the Diocese, for his volunteer service.

Senior Clergy and Other Leaders

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send greetings to the three most senior clergy in this Diocese, the Rev. George Exley-Steigler (Anne), the Rev. Richard Henshaw and the Rev. George Anderson (Twila) with the love and affection from the entire Diocese for their many years of service to us all.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester give thanks for all of the work being done by the Task Forces of the Diocese including the Apportionment Task Force,

the Task Force on Marriage Equality, the Communication Task Force, and the Green Building Initiative Task Force.

District Deans

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend appreciation and gratitude for the leadership of our District Deans, the Very Rev. James Adams (NE), the Very Rev. J. Brad Benson (SE), the Very Rev. Michael Hopkins (Roc), the Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Peters (Interim SW), and the Very Rev. Lance Robbins (Mon). May God bless you and be with you as you lead our districts into the future ministry of the church.

Diocesan Staff, Canons and Bishop

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend appreciation and thanks for the dedication and work of the staff at the Diocesan House; Mrs. Twila Anderson, Ms. Eileen O'Connor Casey, the Rev. Canon Julie Cicora, Ms. Kristy Estey, Ms. Marie Fessler, Canon Karen Noble Hanson, Ms. Carolyn McConnell, the Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Peters, Mr. Todd Rubiano, and Ms. Cathy Shoemaker.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send special thanks to Mr. David Sisson for his meticulous and loving care of the Diocesan Records and for his many years of service.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester send special thanks to Ms. Jane Reynolds for continuing to make available to the Convention and to the Diocese a myriad of resources to help us further our mission.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester give thanks to the Rev. Dahn Gandell for her continuing ministry on the Millennium Development Goals and Episcopal Relief and Development; the Rev. Deven Hubert for her ministry as Chaplain to the retired clergy; and the Rev. Cynthia Rasmussen for her work as Catalyst for Urban Ministry.

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester express our appreciation and thanks to the Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh as he continues in his fourth year as Bishop of this Diocese and sends greetings and love to his family, Dr. Roja Singh, Ned Singh and Eklan Singh.

Neighboring Dioceses

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester extend greetings to the dioceses on our borders: Central New York Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Western New York. We pray for these dioceses and resolve to seek greater collaboration in mission and ministry with these neighbors on our borders.

Hyatt Hotel Employees and All Who Served Us

Resolved, that this 80th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester thanks all employees of the Hyatt Regency Rochester and CMI who provided the Diocese with service of food, arrangements, communications, room service and care.

Courtesy Adopted

Resolutions of

Announcements

The Bishop thanked those who ran for office and those who helped with hospitality. He announced Saturday, November 10, 2012 as the date for the 81st Convention. Those elected were reminded to sign the Election Acceptance Forms at the close of Convention.

Convention Closing Worship and Adjournment

Convention engaged in a Closing Worship service led by seminarian, Sarah D'Angio White. Convention closed at 3:26 p.m. sine die.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodhouse,
Secretary of Diocesan Convention