

A Summary of Actions of the The 187th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky



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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE 187TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Diocesan Convention adopted the canon revisions in the same format as published. Resolutions that were adopted are summarized below.

Canon Revision 1

Amends Canon 39

The revision proposes several changes. The first is to authorize Trustees and Council, on recommendation of the Investment Committee, to have custody and management of the Marmion Revolving Loan Fund instead of those functions being solely the province of the Treasurer.

The second group of proposed changes shorten and clarify in the Canon the partial description of the Diocese's many funds and implements Article VI of the Charter of the Diocese (its articles of incorporation) which in turn describes the contents of the "Episcopal Church Foundation of the Diocese of Kentucky" and directs that the Foundation be managed in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese. Section 5 of the proposed revision restates the 5% formula for the purpose of the annual Endowment-spending distribution, which the Convention has previously set "in concrete", and defines the Endowment Fund as the amount against which Trustees & Council has applied the 5% formula multiplier. Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Trustees & Council has rewritten one of its Bylaws to name the 18 Funds which currently comprise the Endowment Fund.

Canon Revision 2

Amends Canons 23, Section 2

Canon 23 is entitled "Duties of Vestries". Section 2 of the Canon deals with the respective duties of the parish's vestry and the Bishop upon the death, resignation or removal of the parish's rector and the vestry's election of a new rector. Clause (2) of the current Canon provides that the vestry must give the Bishop up to 30 days to "communicate" with the vestry before the vestry proceeds to elect a new rector. This time period is shorter than the time which is provided on the same subject in the General Canons of the Church; specifically, General Canon III.9.3(a)(2) provides: "*No Parish may elect a Rector until the names of the proposed nominees have been forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Authority and a time, not exceeding sixty days, given to the Ecclesiastical Authority to communicate with the Vestry, nor until any such communication has been considered by the Vestry at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose.*" [Except during an absence of the Episcopacy, the Bishop is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese. Church Constitution Article IV and diocesan Canon 14.1.] The purpose of the current amendment is to harmonize the diocesan Canon with the Church Canon.

Resolution 1

The offerings collected at the Diocesan Convention will be proportionately designated to go to the new Deacon, the Rev. Courtney Dale's discretionary fund and All Saints Center, the camp and retreat center for the diocese.

Resolution 2

Calvary Episcopal Church, Louisville extended a gracious invitation to host the 188th Convention, which will be held on November 13-14, 2015.

Resolution 3

The Convention expressed its deepest appreciation to the Rev. Pat Connell, the staff, wardens, Laura Mulhenberg, Chair of Host Committee, convention committees, and volunteers of Trinity Church for their warm hospitality.

It offered thanks to Canon Dr. Robert Bozeman for leading the worship music and sharing his wonderful gift.

It also extended its sincere appreciation to all diocesan officers for their work in preparing for this convention and all diocesan staff for their many hours of work in preparation for this convention.

Resolution 4

The Convention also extended greetings and God's blessings to: Bishop Ted Gulick and family; Bishop David Reed and family; Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby; Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori; Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, the Right Rev. Douglas Hahn; Bishop of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop William O. Gafkjen; Grace Flint, Missionary serving in Hong Kong; and Andrew Joyce, Missionary serving in the Church in the Philippines.

Resolution 5

The Convention extended its greetings and God's blessings to the family of our departed friend and sister in Christ, Sharon Receveur. The many hours she devoted to her work as Archivist for the Diocese continue to be appreciated. It also expressed its thanks and sincere gratitude for the gift she left our Diocese.

OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE 187TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Ordination of a Deacon

The Rev. Cortney Dale was ordained as a deacon in the Diocese of Kentucky. As a deacon in the Church, she will serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. She is to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model her life upon them. She is to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom she lives, and works, and worships. She is to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. She is to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and she is to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, her life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

Installation of an Archdeacon

The Venerable Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten was installed as the Archdeacon for the Diocese of Kentucky. An archdeacon is a member of the community of deacons who is appointed by the bishop to work with other deacons on behalf of the bishop. This appointment is in response to the renewal of the diaconate in the Episcopal Church generally, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky specifically. There are now 13 deacons in the diocese and six individuals formally exploring a call to the diaconate. In order for these individuals to continue to grow as deacons and as members of a diaconal community, it is right at this time to appoint a deacon to assist in this process. Responsibilities of an archdeacon include: overseeing the canonical requirements of formation, deployment, and supervision, support and pastoral care of those ordained to the diaconate as well as those preparing for ordination to the diaconate. Additionally, the Archdeacon will provide information to those congregations that would like more information about the diaconate or feel called to raise up a deacon for the diocese.

MEMBERSHIP OF TRUSTEES & COUNCIL

Executive Committee

President: The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White – Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky
Vice-President: The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's, Madisonville
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Secretary: Kay Shields Wilkinson – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville
Chancellor: W. Robinson Beard – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville
Member-at-Large: The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Church of the Ascension, Bardstown

Other Officers

Vice-Chancellor: F. Hampton Moore – Christ Church, Bowling Green
Assistant Treasurer: James M. Barnes – Calvary, Louisville

Serve until Diocesan Convention 2015

Clergy: The Rev. Meghan Holland – St. Peter's of the Lakes, Gilbertsville & Grace, Paducah
The Rev. Michael Delk – St. Luke's, Anchorage
Lay: Bill Allbritten – St. John's, Murray
Charlie Hawkins – St. Luke's, Anchorage

Serve until Diocesan Convention 2016

Clergy: The Rev. Debbie Apoldo – St. Francis in the Fields, Harrods Creek
The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's Madisonville
Deacon: The Rev. Gary England – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville
Lay: Bob Nesmith – St. Matthew's, Louisville
Carter Ruml – St. Francis in the Fields, Harrods Creek
Jim Moyer – St. Matthew's, Louisville

Serve until Diocesan Convention 2017

Clergy: The Rev. Benjamin Hart – Grace, Paducah
The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Ascension, Bardstown
Lay: Jim Bartman – St. Peter's, Louisville
Christine Thorowgood – St. Mary's, Madisonville
F. Hampton Moore – Christ Church, Bowling Green
Warner Reynolds – St. Peter's in the Lakes, Gilbertsville

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS AT DIOCESAN CONVENTION

1-YEAR TERMS

Diocesan Convention

Chair of Nominations: The Ven. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten – St. John's, Murray

Chair of Resolutions: The Rev. Dr. Mary Abrams – St. Peter's, Louisville

Chair of Agenda and Arrangements: The Rev. Jonathan Erdman – Calvary, Louisville

Chair of Credentials & Admission of New Congregations: The Rev. Suzanne Barrow – St. Andrew's, Glasgow

Secretary of the Diocese

Kay Shields Wilkinson – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville

Trustees and Council

Clergy: The Rev. Michael Delk – St. Luke's, Anchorage

Commission on Ministry

Chair: The Rev. Dru Kemp – Church of the Advent, Louisville

Clergy: The Rev. Geoffrey Butcher – Trinity, Russellville

The Rev. Jon Erdman – Calvary, Louisville

The Rev. Whit Stodghill – Norton Healthcare, Louisville

The Ven. Dr. Rose Bogal-Allbritten – St. John's, Murray

Lay: Erendira Jimenez-Pike – Church of the Advent, Louisville

Debbie Rodahaffer – St. Matthew's, Louisville

John Bugby – Calvary, Louisville

Committee on Canons

Chair: W. Robinson Beard – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville

Clergy: The Rev. Georgine Buckwalter - Retired

The Rev. John Allen – Messiah-Trinity, Louisville

The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's, Madisonville

The Rev. Richard Martindale – St. Paul's, Henderson

The Rev. John Fritschner – St. Luke's, Anchorage

Lay: Hamp Moore – Christ Church, Bowling Green

Jim Moyer – St. Matthew's, Louisville

Jason Howell – St. John's, Murray

Leslie Newman – St. Paul's, Henderson

Committee on Church Architecture

Chair: Steve Cherry – St. Andrew's, Louisville

Clergy: The Rev. Geoffrey Butcher – Trinity, Russellville

The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Church of the Ascension, Bardstown

The Rev. Jim Wilson – Retired

Lay: Rick Coltharp – Grace, Paducah

Church Pension Fund Committee

Chair: The Rev. Matthew Bradley – St. John's, Murray

Clergy: The Rev. Kelly Kirby – St. Matthew's, Louisville

The Rev. Richard Galloway – St. James', Shelbyville

Lay: Mike DaRif – Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville
Colleen Wilson – St. Thomas, Louisville

2-YEAR TERMS

Trustees and Council

Lay: Jim Moyer – St. Matthew's, Louisville

3-YEAR TERMS

Trustees and Council

Clergy: The Rev. Benjamin Hart – Grace, Paducah
The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Ascension, Bardstown
Lay: Jim Bartman – St. Peter's, Louisville
Christine Thorowgood – St. Mary's, Madisonville

Standing Committee

Clergy: The Rev. Lisa Tolliver – St. Luke's Chapel, Louisville
Lay: Debbi Rodahaffer – St. Matthew's, Louisville

Trustees, the Bishop Dudley Memorial

Lay: Alex Campbell – St. Mark's, Louisville
Nancy Fritschner – Church of the Advent, Louisville
John Henderson – St. Paul's, Henderson

Trustee, University of the South

Lay: Leslie Newman – St. Paul's, Henderson

Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Michael Vollman – Trinity, Russellville & Trinity, Owensboro
Lay: Angela Koshewa – St. Matthew's, Louisville

Cathedral Chapter Representative

The Rev. John G. Allen – St. Luke's Chapel, Louisville

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1-YEAR TERMS

Trustees & Council

Vice-President: The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's, Madisonville

Member-at-Large: The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Church of the Ascension, Bardstown

Finance Committee

Chair: Llewellyn Spears – St. Francis in the Fields, Harrods Creek

Budget Committee

Co-Chairs: The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's, Madisonville

The Rev. Karl Lusk Jr. – Church of the Ascension, Bardstown

Mission Funding Committee

Co-Chairs: Betty Blodgett – St. John's, Murray

The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher – St. Mary's, Madisonville

Investment Committee

Chair: William Chandler – St. Andrew's, Louisville

Real Estate Committee

Chair: Hamp Moore - Christ Church, Bowling Green

Department of Mission and Evangelism

Chair: The Rev. Canon Jason Lewis – Canon for Congregational Vitality

Department of Christian Formation

Chair: The Rev. Katherine Doyle - Calvary, Louisville

Department of Justice and Jubilee

Chair: The Rev. Mary Abrams - St. Peter's, Louisville

Department of Stewardship and Finance

Chair: Llewellyn Spears – St. Francis in the Fields, Harrods Creek

All Saints Board

Chair: Bill Nichol – Grace, Hopkinsville

3-YEAR TERM

Trustees & Council

Hamp Moore – Christ Church, Bowling Green

Warner Reynolds – St. Peter's of the Lakes, Gilbertsville