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Bishop Dabney Smith lays hands on Aubrey Cort, who together with Sandra Johnson were ordained as deacons during the opening Eucharist of the 41st Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, on October 9 in Punta Gorda. It was the first time ordinations were a part of diocesan convention.

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Tarpon Springs, FL 34688
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Venice
St. Mark's Preschool
508 Riviera St.
Venice, FL 34285
Director: Ms. Barbara Levesque
Chaplain: The Rev. Christopher N. Gray
Phone: 941-484-8707
Fax: 941-488-4130
E-mail: preschool@stmarksvenice.com
Web site: www.stmarksprechoolvenice.com
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- Indian Rocks Beach, Calvary
- Largo, St. Dunstan
- New Port Richey, St. Stephen
- Palm Harbor, St. Alfred
- Safety Harbor, Holy Spirit
- Seminole, St. Anne of Grace
- Spring Hill, St. Andrew
- Tarpon Springs, All Saints

### ST. PETERSBURG
- Pinellas Park, St. Giles
- St. Pete Beach, St. Alban
- St. Petersburg, St. Augustine
- St. Petersburg, St. Bartholomew
- St. Petersburg, St. Bede
- St. Petersburg, St. Matthew
- St. Petersburg, St. Peter (Cathedral)
- St. Petersburg, St. Thomas
- St. Petersburg, St. Vincent

### Fort Myers
- Cape Coral, Epiphany
- Fort Myers, Iona-Hope
- Fort Myers, Lamb of God
- Fort Myers, St. Hilary
- Fort Myers, St. Luke
- Fort Myers Beach, St. Raphael
- LaBelle, Good Shepherd
- Lehigh Acres, St. Anselm
- North Fort Myers, All Souls
- Sanibel, St. Michael & All Angels
- St. James City, St. John

### TAMPA
- Brooksville, St. John
- Dade City, St. Mary
- Plant City, St. Peter
- Ruskin, St. John the Divine
- Tampa, Grace Church
- Tampa, St. Andrew
- Tampa, St. Cecilia
- Tampa, St. Chad
- Tampa, St. Clement
- Tampa, St. Francis
- Tampa, St. James House of Prayer
- Tampa, St. John
- Tampa, St. Mark
- Tampa, St. Mary
- Temple Terrace, St. Catherine
- Valrico, Holy Innocents
- Zephyrhills, St. Elizabeth

### MANASOTA
- Arcadia, St. Edmund, The Martyr
- Bradenton, Christ Church
- Bradenton, St. George
- Bradenton, St. Mary Magdalene
- Longboat Key, All Angels by the Sea
- Holmes Beach, Annunciation
- Osprey, Holy Spirit
- Palmetto, St. Mary
- Sarasota, Nativity
- Sarasota, Church of the Redeemer
- Sarasota, St. Boniface
- Sarasota, St. Margaret of Scotland
- Sarasota, St. Wilfred
- Bradenton, Christ Church

### VENICE
- Boca Grande, St. Andrew
- Englewood, St. David
- North Port, St. Nathaniel
- Port Charlotte, St. James
- Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd
- Venice, Good Shepherd
- Venice, St. Mark

### NAPLES
- Bonita Springs, St. Mary
- Marco Island, St. Mark
- Naples, St. John
- Naples, St. Monica
- Naples, St. Paul
- Naples, Trinity-by-the-Cove
### Diocesan Deaneries
*(Appointed annually by the bishop at convention)*

**Chancellor of the Diocese:** Mr. Theodore L. Tripp, Jr.

**Diocesan Vice Chancellors:**
- Mr. Robert P. Henderson (Fort Myers)
- Ms. Sally H. Foote (Clearwater)
- Mr. H. Hamilton Rice (Manasota)
- Mr. Michael A. Durant (Naples)
- Ms. Susan Churuti (St. Petersburg)
- Mr. Gregory Hearing (Tampa)
- Mr. James D. Park (Venice)

#### Deans
*(Three-year term)*

- **Clearwater:** The V. Rev. John D. Hiers, Jr. [2011] Unexpired
- **Fort Myers:** The V. Rev Alan H. Kelmereit [2010] Unexpired
- **Manasota:** The V. Rev. Harry I. Parsell [2010]
- **Naples:** The V. Rev. Michael G. Rowe [2010]
- **St. Petersburg:** The V. Rev. John L. Hartnett [2011]
- **Tampa:** The V. Rev. Randall K. Hehr [2011]
- **Venice:** The V. Rev. James H. Puryear [2010]

#### Clearwater:
- **Dean:** The Very Rev. John D. Hiers, Jr. 727-447-3469, E-mail: johnh@churchofascension.org
- **Vice Chancellor:** Ms. Sally H. Foote 727-449-1212
- **Diocesan Council Representatives:** The Rev. Shanda M.H. Mahurin 352-683-2010
- **ECW Deanery Director:** Ms. Annette Nelson 727-856-0177

#### Congregations:
- **Clearwater:** Ascension 727-447-3469
- **Good Samaritan:** 727-461-1717
- **Holy Trinity:** 727-796-5514
- **St. John:** 727-531-6020
- **Dunedin:** Good Shepherd 727-733-4125
- **Hudson:** St. Martin 727-863-8560
- **Indian Rocks Beach:** Calvary 727-595-2374
- **Largo:** St. Dunstan
- **New Port Richey:** St. Stephen 727-849-4330
- **Palm Harbor:** St. Alfred 727-785-1601
- **Safety Harbor:** Holy Spirit 727-725-4726
- **Seminole:** St. Anne of Grace 727-392-4483
- **Spring Hill:** St. Andrew 352-683-2010
- **Tarpon Springs:** All Saints 727-937-3881
Fort Myers:
The Very Rev. Alan H. Kelmereit
863-675-0385, E-mail: alanhk@embarqmail.com

Vice Chancellor: Mr. Robert P. Henderson

Diocesan Council Representatives:
The Rev. Dr. John S. Adler 239-454-4778
Mr. Birger Anderson 239-282-0263

ECW Deanery Director: The Rev. Jackie Means 239-390-0270

Congregations:
Cape Coral, Epiphany 239-574-3200
Fort Myers: Iona-Hope 239-454-4778
St. Hilary 239-936-1000
Lamb of God (St. Joseph) 239-267-3525
St. Luke 239-334-2479
Fort Myers Beach, St. Raphael 239-463-6057
LaBelle, Good Shepherd 863-675-0385
Lehigh Acres, St. Anselm 239-369-1916
North Fort Myers, All Souls 239-997-7685
Sanibel, St. Michael and All Angels 239-472-2173
St. James City, St. John 239-283-1820

Manasota:
The Very Rev. Harry I. Parsell
941-778-1639, E-mail: rector@tampabay.rr.com

Vice Chancellor: Mr. H. Hamilton (Chip) Rice 941-748-7076

Diocesan Council Representatives:
The Rev. Joel J. Morsch 941-747-3709
Mrs. Augusta “Gussie” Haeffner 941-378-2252

ECW Deanery Director: Ms. Eileen Alleman 941-753-7543

Congregations:
Arcadia, St. Edmund, The Martyr 863-494-0485
Bradenton: Christ Church 941-747-3709
St. George 941-755-3606
St. Mary Magdalene 941-751-5048
Holmes Beach, Annunciation 941-778-1638
Longboat Key, All Angels by the Sea 941-383-8161
Osprey, Holy Spirit 941-966-1924
Palmetto, St. Mary 941-722-5292
Sarasota:
Nativity 941-355-3262
Redeemer 941-955-4263
St. Boniface 941-349-5616
St. Margaret of Scotland 941-925-2525
St. Wilfred 941-924-7436
Naples:
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239-992-4343, E-mail: rectorstmarys@embarqmail.com

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Diocesan Council
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Ms. Betty Gamel 239-263-7425

ECW Deanery Director:
Ms. Lana Fitzgerald 239-394-4738

Congregations:
Bonita Springs, St. Mary 239-992-4343
Marco Island, St. Mark 239-394-7242
Naples:
St. John 239-261-2355
St. Monica 239-591-4550
St. Paul 239-643-0197
Trinity-by-the-Cove 239-262-6581

St. Petersburg:
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727-321-5086, E-mail: rectorstvin@verizon.net

Vice Chancellor:
Ms. Susan Churuti 727-824-5690

Diocesan Council
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Representatives:
Mrs. Judith A. Stark 727-893-8446

ECW Deanery Director:
Ms. Sandy Hoover 727-398-9639

Congregations:
Pinellas Park, St. Giles 727-544-6856
St. Pete Beach, St. Alban 727-360-8406
St. Petersburg:
St. Augustine 727-867-6774
St. Bartholomew 727-867-7015
St. Bede 727-823-7649
St. Matthew 727-866-2187
St. Peter (The Cathedral Church) 727-822-4173
St. Thomas 727-896-9641
St. Vincent 727-321-5086
Tampa:
Dean: The Very Rev. Randall K. Hehr
813-259-1570, E-mail: rhehr@stjohnstampa.org

Vice Chancellor: Mr. Gregory Hearing 813-273-0050

Diocesan Council Representatives: The Rev. Benjamin B. Twinamaani 813-971-8484
Mr. Steve Straski

ECW Deanery Director: Ms. Annette Nelson 727-856-0177

Congregations:
Brooksville, St. John 352-796-9112
Dade City, St. Mary 352-567-3888
Plant City, St. Peter 813-752-5061
Ruskin, St. John the Divine 813-645-1521

Tampa:
Grace Church 813-971-8484
St. Andrew 813-221-2035
St. Cecilia 813-626-5868
St. Chad 813-872-7545
St. Clement 813-932-6204
St. Francis 813-238-1098
St. James House of Prayer 813-223-6090
St. John 813-259-1570
St. Mark 813-962-3089
St. Mary 813-251-1660
Temple Terrace, St. Catherine 813-988-6483
Valrico, Holy Innocents’ 813-689-3130
Zephyrhills, St. Elizabeth 813-782-1202

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941-488-7714, E-mail: jhpuryear@verizon.net

Vice Chancellor: Mr. James D. Park 941-488-5060

Mr. Jim Park 941-488-7714

ECW Deanery Director: Ms. Irene Piggott 941-474-4399

Congregations:
Boca Grande, St. Andrew 941-964-2257
Englewood, St. David 941-474-3140
North Port, St. Nathaniel 941-426-2520
Port Charlotte, St. James 941-627-4000
Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd 941-639-2757
Venice:
Good Shepherd 941-497-7286
St. Mark 941-488-7714
Church Listing
(In church name alphabetical order)
All Angels By The Sea Episcopal Church
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

563 Bay Isles Rd., Longboat Key, FL 34228-3142
Phone: (941) 383-8161 Fax: (941) 383-5259
E-mail: office@allangelslbk.org
Web Site: www.allangelslbk.org

Sunday Services: (Jun. – Sept.) 9:00 a.m. (Oct. – May) 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The Rev. Dr. David L. Danner
Assisting: The Rev. Kenneth D. Higginbotham
Music Director: Dale Hooey
Admin. Assistant: Sue Blue

Leadership
Senior Warden: Bill Race, 4600 Gulf of Mexico Dr. 203, Longboat Key, FL 34228
(941) 383-0204
Junior Warden: Don Getz, 2203 Harbourside Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228
(941) 383-6577
Treasurer: Will Wardowski, 2205 Harbourside Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228
(941) 383-4680

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 211
Communicants in Good Standing 211
Average Sunday Attendance 112
Baptisms 0
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 107
Operating Revenues $309,126
Operating Expenses $308,068
All Saints Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)  

1700 Keystone Rd.,  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689-8928  
Phone: (727) 937-3881  
Fax: (727) 943-0972  
Email: admin@allsaintstarpon.com  
Web: www.allsaintstarpon.com

Sunday Services:  8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Staff  
Rector: The Rev. Frank C. Creamer  
Assisting: The Rev. Wayne A. Storey  
Minister Christian  
Education/ Youth: Leslie Rewald  
Secretary: Mary Lou Cohen

Leadership  
Senior Warden: Henry Power, 2035 LaRissa Court, Trinity, FL 34655  
(727) 376-0088  
Junior Warden: James Rissler, 1437 El Pardo Dr., Trinity, FL 34655  
(727) 372-4818  
Treasurer: Robert P. Kinney, 6325 Ridge Top Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34655  
(727) 375-2288

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All Souls Episcopal Church
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)

14640 N Cleveland Ave.
North Fort Myers, FL 33903-3806
Phone: (239) 997-7685  Fax: (239) 997-2024
E-mail: allsoulsfp@aol.com
Web: www.allsoulsftmyers.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Staff

Vicar:  The V. Rev. Alan H. Kelmereit  (Dean – Fort Myers, Deanery)
Deacon: The Rev. Sandra K. Johnson
Admin. Assistant: Janet Warren

Leadership

Senior Warden: Ronald (Ron) Swift, 404 N.E. 9th Street, Cape Coral, FL 33909
             (239) 772-1419
Junior Warden: E. Jim Johnson, 950 Moody Rd., Unit 119, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33903
              (239) 997-0824
Treasurer: Barbara Kelly, 5341 S.W. 9th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33914
           (239) 541-0881

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  100
Communicants in Good Standing  93
Average Sunday Attendance  93
Baptisms  3
Confirmations  0
Received  0
Number of Pledging Units  79
Operating Revenues  $234,183
Operating Expenses  $221,023
Calvary Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)  
1615 1st St.  
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785-2809  
Phone: (727) 595-2374  
Fax: (727) 593-5631  
Email: CalvaryIRB@tampabay.rr.com  
Web: www.calvaryirb.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff
Assisting: The Rev. E. Harvey Buxton, Jr.  
Assisting: The Rev. Michael H. Day  
Deacon: The Rev. Melissa M. Sands  
Director of Music: Ron Turner  
Parish Secretary: Faith Winston

Leadership
Senior Warden: Carol Beauchamp, 1560 Gulf Blvd. #1403, Clearwater, FL 33767  
(727) 420-3889  
Junior Warden: Dennis Hite, 2700 Gulf Blvd. #7-W, Belleair Beach, FL 33786  
(727) 517-0721  
Treasurer: Jim English, 427 Harbor Dr. South, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785  
(727) 595-2368

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 499  
Communicants in Good Standing 311  
Average Sunday Attendance 198  
Baptisms 3  
Confirmations 0  
Received 0  
Number of Pledging Units 107  
Operating Revenues $305,875  
Operating Expenses $343,110

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Christ Episcopal Church
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4030 Manatee Ave. West
Bradenton, FL 34205-1789
Phone: (941) 747-3709 Fax: (941) 746-8131
E-mail: cec@christchurchswfla.org
Web: www.christchurchswfla.org

Sunday Services: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Joel J. Morsch
Associate Rector: The Rev. Eric C. Mills
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Roy W. Tuff
Deacon: The Rev. Gretchen M. Platt
Children’s Ministry: Kim Stadlin
Youth Ministry: Lynda Botzenhart
Organist/Choir Master: Richard Benedum, William Holt
Office Manager: Evelyn Pratt
Parish Coordinator: Pamela Willey
Admin. Assistant: Maryam Whitaker

Leadership

Senior Warden: Linda Norris, 7808 San Juan Ave., Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 792-8065
Junior Warden: Barbara C. Holt, 3414 50th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 538-0027
Treasurer: Ted Wettstein, 1127 Palma Sola Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 798-2001

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 1469
Communicants in Good Standing 1329
Average Sunday Attendance 481
Baptisms 19
Confirmations 37
Received 6
Number of Pledging Units 285
Operating Revenues $1,115,089
Operating Expenses $1,148,084
Church of the Annunciation
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)
4408 Gulf Dr.
Holmes Beach, FL 34217-1829
Phone: (941) 778-1638 Fax: (941) 778-9523
E-mail: cota@tampabay.rr.com
Web: www.annunciationami.org

Sunday Services: (Oct. - May) 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (Jun. – Sept.) 9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The V. Rev. Harry I. Parsell (Dean, Manasota Deanery)
Deacons: Irv & Joyce Maranville
Choir Director: Carole Cornman
Organist: Thom Tenny
Parish Secretary: Lorraine Smith

Leadership
Senior Warden: Ed Upshaw, 225 85th St., Holmes Beach, FL 34217
(941)778-0448
Junior Warden: Dick Hussey, 6602 23rd Ave. W., Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 792-7183
Treasurer: Jack Lewis, 2365 Landings Circle NW, Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 761-0209

Parochial Statistics (2008)
Active Baptized Members 139
Communicants in Good Standing 135
Average Sunday Attendance 127
Baptisms 3
Confirmations 3
Received 1
Number of Pledging Units 94
Operating Revenues $220,820
Operating Expenses $313,753
Church of the Ascension
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

701 Orange Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33756-5232
Phone: (727) 447-3469 Fax: (727) 446-5170
Email: office@churchofascension.org
Web: www.churchofascension.org

Sunday Services: 8:00, 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Office Hours: (Sept.-May) Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon
(Jun.-Aug.) Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The V. Rev. John D. Hiers (Dean, Clearwater Deanery)
Assistant: The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Branscombe
Pastoral Assistant: The Rev Leo L. Crawford
Assisting: The Rev. Carol F. Schwenke
Deacon: The Rev. Linda S. Barley
Christian Formation: Alyce Goldsmith
Organist/Choirmaster: Lee Cobb
Assist. Youth Minister: Susan Katte
Parish Secretary: Nataline C. Szymanski/Maggie Talbot

Leadership

Senior Warden: Patricia Slaughter, 711 Bay Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 443-7276
Junior Warden: Jean Ann Hughes, 4 Belleview Blvd. #101, Belleair, FL 33756
(727)442-7890
Treasurer: Sean Maguire, 250 S. Garden Circle, Belleair, FL 33756
(727) 581-1006

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 1286
Communicants in Good Standing 1023
Average Sunday Attendance 364
Baptisms 14
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 249
Operating Revenues $1,103,834
Operating Expenses $1,082,725
Church of the Epiphany  
(Parish-Fort Myers Deanery)  
2507 Del Prado Blvd. South  
Cape Coral, FL 33904-5750  
Phone: (239) 574-3200  
Fax: (239) 574-2891  
E-mail: epiphany2507@aol.com  
Web: www.epiphanyepiscopalchurch.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Tues. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Ryan A. Wright  
Deacon: The Rev. Susan E. Henderson  
Deacon: The Rev. Dr. David Jackson  
Deacon: The Rev. Aubrey E. Cort  
Organist: John Geib  
Financial Administrator: Wanda Adler  
Parish Administrator: Marnie Ike

Leadership

Senior Warden: Virginia Cruz, 1722 SE 10th Place, Cape Coral, FL 33990  
(239) 772-1722  
Junior Warden: Doris Fritsche, 5505 John Alden Lane, N. Ft. Myers, FL 33917  
(239) 731-0951  
Treasurer: George Stout, 434 Tudor Drive, #2-1, Cape Coral, FL 33904  
(239) 542-8856

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 428  
Communicants in Good Standing 255  
Average Sunday Attendance 176  
Baptisms 4  
Confirmations 0  
Received 0  
Number of Pledging Units 117  
Operating Revenues $356,776  
Operating Expenses $349,290
Church of the Good Samaritan  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

2165 NE Coachman Rd.  
Clearwater, FL 33765-2616  
Phone: (727) 461-1717  
Fax: (727) 442-6845  
Email: gsc@ij.net  
Web: www.goodsamaritan-swfla.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. / Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Ronald C. Kowalski  
Deacon: The Rev. Sandy S.C. Jamieson  
Youth Minister: Barbara Plock  
Music Director & Adam Emery

Office Administrator:

Leadership

Senior Warden: Marilyn Bryant, 1491 Misty Plateau Trail, Clearwater, FL 33765  
(727) 791-1526  
Junior Warden: Donald Casey, 3235 San Mateo St., Clearwater FL 33759  
(727) 726-5279  
Treasurer: David Bryant, 1491 Misty Plateau Trail, Clearwater, FL 33765  
(727) 791-1526

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 375  
Communicants in Good Standing 310  
Average Sunday Attendance 171  
Baptisms 7  
Confirmations 5  
Received 1  
Number of Pledging Units 117  
Operating Revenues $297,426  
Operating Expenses $299,460
Church of the Good Shepherd
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

639 Edgewater Dr.
Dunedin, FL 34698-6916
Phone: (727) 733-4125   Fax: (727) 733-6384
Email: goodnews@churchgoodshepherd.org
Web: www.churchgoodshepherd.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Robert L. Williams (Bob)
Organist/Choir Director: Robert Shone
Christian Formation: Lynn Pierson
Admin. Assistant: Jan Cote

Leadership

Senior Warden: Cindy Greene, 1851 Dawn Dr., Clearwater, FL 33763
(727) 410-3436
Junior Warden: Jules Smith, 2481 Malcolm Dr., Palm Harbor, FL 34684
(727) 742-3133
Treasurer: Judith Warner, 680 Island Way #510, Clearwater, FL 33767
(727) 461-2525

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 207
Communicants in Good Standing 182
Average Sunday Attendance 97
Baptisms 6
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 122
Operating Revenues $388,676
Operating Expenses $390,612
Church of the Good Shepherd
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)
(Collingswood Parkway)
Mailing Address: PO Box 787, La Belle, FL 33975-0787
Phone: (863) 675-0385 Fax: (863) 675-3030
E-mail: goodshepherd@embarqmail.com
Web site: www.goodshepherdlabelle.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Wed.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff
Vicar: The V. Rev. Alan H. Kelmereit (Dean, Ft. Myers Deanery)
Deacon: The Rev. Sandra P. Johnson
Secretary: Rose Rose

Leadership
Senior Warden: John Goodlad, 5268 Ft. Denaud Rd., La Belle, FL 33935
(863) 675-1307
Junior Warden: Ed Perry, P.O. Box 94, La Belle, FL 33975
(863) 675-2326
Treasurer: Rose Rose, 4032 Rainbow Circle, La Belle, FL 33935
(863) 675-0122

Parochial Statistics (2008)
Active Baptized Members 127
Communicants in Good Standing 127
Average Sunday Attendance 57
Baptisms 4
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 46
Operating Revenues $126,554
Operating Expenses $121,777
Church of the Good Shepherd  
(Parish - Venice Deanery)

401 W. Henry St.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-5905  
Phone: (941) 639-2757  
Fax: (941) 639-0387  
E-mail: goodshepherd@daystar.net  
Web: www.goodshepherdpg.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Vincent F. Scotto  
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Judith S. Roberts  
Admin Assistant: Denise M. Cesino

Leadership

Senior Warden: Gerald W. “Jerry” Rose, 23392 Kim Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33954  
(941) 625-8499  
Junior Warden: Jack “John” Pappa, 208 Corumba St., Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
(941) 627-6595  
Treasurer: Jack Rose, 1672 Palace Ct., Port Charlotte, FL 33980  
(941) 875-9062

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 656  
Communicants in Good Standing 603  
Average Sunday Attendance 245  
Baptisms 4  
Confirmations 0  
Received 0  
Number of Pledging Units 204  
Operating Revenues $353,662  
Operating Expenses $438,979
Church of the Good Shepherd  
(Parish - Venice Deanery)  

1115 Center Rd.  
Venice, FL 34292-3812  
Phone: (941) 497-7286  
Fax: (941) 492-6668  
E-mail: goodshepherdvenice@verizon.net  
Web: www.goodshepherdvenicefl.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Charles Jon Roberts  
Assisting:  The Rev. Leonard G. Brusso  
Assisting:  The Rev. Calvin L. Davis  
Assisting:  The Rev. Robert W. Miller  
Music Director/Organist:  Charles “Chuck” Bradley  
Nursery Attendant:  Christine Gladden  
Admin. Assistant:  Diane Fay

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Larry Freeman, 206 Montelluna Dr., N. Venice, FL 34275  
                (941) 484-3917  
Junior Warden:  Al Webb, 172 McCabe St., Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
                (941) 629-7846  
Treasurer:  David Beall, 596 Mossy Creek Dr., Venice, FL 34292  
           (941) 488-7312

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  
Communicants in Good Standing  
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Church of the Holy Spirit  
(Parish - Manasota Deanery) 

129 S. Tamiami Trail  
Osprey, FL 34229-9211  
Phone: (941) 966-1924  
Fax: (941) 966-3410  
E-mail: chsosprey@verizon.net  
Web: www.chsosprey.com

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff  

Rector: The Rev. Sharon L. Lewis  
Assisting: The Rev. Walter J. Mycoff  
Deacon/Office Manager: The Rev. Rocks-Anne Paul  
Bookkeeper/Hospitality: Karen O’Brien

Leadership  

Senior Warden: Marilynn Koach, 4855 Kestral Park Way N., Sarasota, FL 34231  
(941) 924-8444  
Junior Warden: Gordon Beaubien, Jr., 534 Pine Ranch E. Rd., Osprey, FL 34229  
(941) 966-2754  
Treasurer: Karen O’Brien, 4933 Nutmeg Ave., Sarasota, FL 34231  
(941) 921-2775

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**Church of the Holy Spirit**  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

601 Philippe Parkway  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695-3148  
Phone: (727) 725-4726  
Fax: (727) 725-4727  
Email: holy spirit@tampabay.rr.com  
Web: www.holyspirit-florida.org

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**Sunday Services:** 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
**Office Hours:** Mon. & Wed. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Staff**

**Rector:** The Rev. Raynald S. Bonoan  
**Parish Administrator:** Beverly Knapik

**Leadership**

**Senior Warden:** Victor Skibicki, 2625 Burntfork Dr., Clearwater, FL 33761  
(727) 796-8446  
**Junior Warden:** Terry Hobbs, 104 Tanglewood Ct., Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
(727) 796-6507  
**Treasurer:** Donald Knapik, 3113 SR 580, Lot 80, Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
(727) 796-4220

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Church of the Nativity
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

5900 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34243-2523
Phone: (941) 355-3262 Fax: (941) 358-8930
E-mail: eafreyer@earthlink.net
Web: www.churchofthenativity.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Charles H. Mann
Music Director: Karla Porter
Youth Minister: Debbie Veldkamp
Parish Secretary: Elly Freyer

Leadership

Senior Warden: Ronald Hurley, 4751 Carrington Circle, Sarasota, FL 34243
              (941) 351-6730
Junior Warden: Bruce Simington, 9527 59th Avenue E., Bradenton, FL 34202
              (941) 753-2457
Treasurer: Bob Hines, P.O. Box 762, Osprey, FL 34229
           (941) 586-5421

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 373
Communicants in Good Standing 303
Average Sunday Attendance 160
Baptisms 0
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 93
Operating Revenues $305,956
Operating Expenses $330,342
Sunday Services: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Robinson
Associate Rector: The Rev. Richard C. Marsden
Assisting: The Rev. Richard B. Lampert
Hispanic Ministry: The Rev. Benjamin Santana
Deacon: The Rev. John T. “Jack” O’Reilly
Adjunct Clergy: The Rev. Reynaldo Ayerbe
The Rev. Jack D. Bowling
The Rev. George W. Busler
The Rev. A. Orley Swartzentruber

Business Manager: John Walsworth
Parish Secretary: Angela Ward
Administrative Assist.: Carolyn Peet

Leadership

Senior Warden: Vincent Riva, 5540 Shadow Lawn Dr., Sarasota, FL 34242
(941) 349-1960
Junior Warden: Russell Ryan, 5635 Summerside Lane, Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 926-1483
Treasurer: Jeffrey Kern, 2601 Hibiscus St., Sarasota, FL 34239
(941) 362-3886

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 1961
Communicants in Good Standing 1863
Average Sunday Attendance 735
Baptisms 26
Confirmations 23
Received 3
Number of Pledging Units 662
Operating Revenues $1,624,181
Operating Expenses $1,845,504

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Grace Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

15102 Amberly Dr.
Tampa, FL 33647-1618
Phone: (813) 971-8484   Fax: (813) 979-1946
Email: gracechurchoffice@verizon.net
Web: www.gracenewtampa.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Canon Benjamin B. Twinamaani
Assisting: The Rev. James B. de Fontaine-Stratton
Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Rick Leanillo
Music Minister: Scott Rudes
Parish Administrator: Lisa Ross-Johns

Leadership

Senior Warden: Ed Green, 6541 Stonington Dr., Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 975-0740
Junior Warden: Robert Anderson, 12328 Palm St., San Antonio, FL 33576
(352) 588-3221
Treasurer: Rodney Johnson, 15824 Fairchild Dr., Tampa, FL 33647
(813) 977-1109

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  447
Communicants in Good Standing  447
Average Sunday Attendance  200
Baptisms  1
Confirmations  3
Received  0
Number of Pledging Units  106
Operating Revenues  $332,672
Operating Expenses  $298,586
Holy Innocents’ Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)  
604 N. Valrico Rd.  
Valrico, FL 33594-6874  
Phone: (813) 689-3130  Fax: (813) 689-9483  
Email: echancey@hiepiscopal.org  
Web: www.hiepiscopal.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 &10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Thur. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Douglas F. Scharf  
Deacon: The Rev. Gary E. Cartwright  
Deacon: The Rev. Arthur L. Hollows  
Choirmaster: Matthew Woods  
Parish Musician: Pat Moore  
Bell Choir Director: Rona Matheny  
Parish Secretary: Ellen Chancey

Leadership

Senior Warden: Patricia Magnant, 4006 Water Park Ct., Riverview, FL 33578  
(813) 365-2300  
Junior Warden: Ron Kohl, 3932 Cedar Cay Cir., Valrico, FL 33596  
(813) 758-2061  
Treasurer: Rob Moore, 13027 St. Filagree Dr., Riverview, FL 33579  
(813) 677-7838

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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

3200 McMullen Booth Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33761-2009
Phone: (727) 796-5514   Fax: (727) 791-8781
Email: church@holytrinityclw.org
Web: www.holytrinityclw.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Joseph H. Diaz
Assisting: The Rev. Leon A. Jaster
Assisting: The Rev. Keith Johnson
Organist: Don Marzec
Youth Leader: Barbara Kunath
Administrator: Renee Liles
Office Assistant: Doris Ladd

Leadership

Senior Warden: Jay Wadsworth, 3159 Prides Crossing, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
(727) 937-8227
Junior Warden: Bob Holden, 2468 Florentine Way #44, Clearwater, FL 34763
(727)726-5414
Treasurer: Jay Wadsworth, 3159 Prides Crossing, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
(727) 937-8227

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 544
Communicants in Good Standing 342
Average Sunday Attendance 175
Baptisms 4
Confirmations 1
Received 2
Number of Pledging Units 142
Operating Revenues $494,280
Operating Expenses $552,082

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Iona-Hope Episcopal Church
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)

9650 Gladiolus Dr.
Fort Myers, FL 33908-7616
Phone: (239) 454-4778    Fax: (239) 454-4780
E-mail: office@ionahope.org
Web:  www.ionahope.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff
Vicar: The Rev. Dr. John S. Adler
Assisting: The Rev. Dr. William G. Hurst
Assisting: The Rev. Walter E. Neds
Music Director: Loren J. Strickland
Office Administrator: Martha Koysh/Kathy Roberts

Leadership
Senior Warden: Deborah Z. Prather, 8857 NewCastle Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33908
(239) 482-2190
Junior Warden: Raymond Farrara, 9040 Paseode Valencia, Fort Myers, FL 33908
(239) 466-5877
Treasurer: Morton McDonald, 9131 Southmont Cove 101, Ft. Myers, FL 33908
(239) 985-0325

Parochial Statistics (2008)
Active Baptized Members 371
Communicants in Good Standing 603
Average Sunday Attendance 221
Baptisms 9
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 118
Operating Revenues $519,838
Operating Expenses $651,774
Lamb of God Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Fort Myers Deanery)  
19691 Cypress View Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33912-6217  
Phone: (239) 267-3525  
Fax: (239) 267-3043  
E-mail: office@lambofgodchurch.net  
Web: www.lambofgodchurch.net

Sunday Services: 7:45, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Staff

Senior Pastor:  Pastor Walter Fohs  
Associate Pastor: The Rev. Sylvia B. Robbins-Penniman  
Pastoral Assistant: The Rev. Anne W. Robbins  
Music Director:  John Depauw  
Director of Operations:  R.C. Fleeman  
Administrators:  Wendy Smith

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Nancy Zont, 6970 St. Edmonds Loop, Fort Myers, FL 33966  
(239) 768-3589  
Junior Warden:  Rob Patterson, 20571 Candle Wood Hollow, Estero, FL 33928  
(239) 948-9162  
Treasurer:  Bill Monsees, 17571 Stepping Stone Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33967  
(239) 454-9365

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  232
Communicants in Good Standing  232
Average Sunday Attendance  153
Baptisms  2
Confirmations  0
Received  0
Number of Pledging Units  71
Operating Revenues  $314,716
Operating Expenses  $334,219
St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

330 85th Ave.  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706-1525  
Phone: (727) 360-8406  
Fax: (727) 367-2801  
E-mail: stalanseiscopal@earthlink.net  
Web: www.stalanstpetebeach.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Hayden G. Crawford  
Choir Director/Organist: Edward Crader  
Parish Coordinator: Beth Gordon

Leadership

Senior Warden: Joel Taliaferro, 521 Haven Point Dr., Treasure Island, FL 33706  
(727) 363-4331  
Junior Warden: Joe MacConnell, 1206 Robin Road S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707  
(727) 341-6454  
Treasurer: Robert (Bob) King, 5517 16th Ave. South, Gulfport, FL 33707  
(727) 344-3097

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St. Alfred's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)  
1601 Curlew Rd.  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683-6515  
Phone: (727) 785-1601  
Fax: (727) 785-8992  
Email: stalfred@stalfred.org  
Web: www.stalfred.org  

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Tues. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  

Staff  
Rector: The Rev. Richard C. Doscher, Sr.  
Youth/Christian Ed.: Randy Campbell  
Business Administrator: Marcia Nauman  
Admin. Assistant: K. Michele Niemier  

Leadership  
Senior Warden: Cynthia Cox, P.O. Box 491, Ozona, FL 34660  
(727) 784-6579  
Junior Warden: Christopher Spencer, P.O. Box 205, Oldsmar, FL 34677  
(813) 855-9370  
Treasurer: Debbie Smyth, 125 Laughing Gull Ln., Palm Harbor, FL 34683  
(727) 773-1542  

Parochial Statistics (2008)  
Active Baptized Members 488  
Communicants in Good Standing 482  
Average Sunday Attendance 362  
Baptisms 7  
Confirmations 6  
Received 6  
Number of Pledging Units 247  
Operating Revenues $652,798  
Operating Expenses $670,038
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Venice Deanery)

(380 Gilchrist Ave. /Cor. 4th St.)
Mailing Address: PO Box 272, Boca Grande, FL 33921-0272
Phone: (941) 964-2257 Fax: (941) 964-8130
E-mail: StAndrewse@embarqmail.com
Web: www.standrewsboca.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. C. Read Heydt
Assistant: The Rev. Katherine W. Warner
Music Director: Margaret H. Smith
Secretary: Sarah Fischer

Leadership

Senior Warden: Bruce D. Birgbauer, P.O. Box 463, Boca Grande, FL 33921
              (313) 590-0929
Junior Warden: W. Daniel Headington, P.O. Box 795, Boca Grande, FL 33921
              (941) 964-0082
Treasurer: Harold O. Johnson, P.O. Box 732, Boca Grande, FL 33921
           (941) 964-2752

Parochial Statistics (2008)

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

(2301 Deltona Blvd.)
Mailing Address: PO Box 5026, Spring Hill, FL 34611-5026
Phone: (352) 683-2010    Fax: (352) 686-0299
Email: schurch22@tampabay.rr.com
Web: www.standrewsfl.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Closed Friday)

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Shanda M.H. Mahurin
Assisting: The Rev. Magar “Mike” Bedrosian
Assisting: The Rev. Robert A. James
Assisting: The Rev. Donald R. Lillpopp
Deacon: The Rev. Ludwig J. Wallner
Music/Youth Minister: Jody Bowes
Parish Administrator: Mary Anne Harris

Leadership

Senior Warden: Cheryl Pederson, 9123 Mavis Road, Brooksville, FL 34613
              (352) 596-4109
Junior Warden: Betty Jo McCann, 7470 Madrid Rd., Brooksville, FL 34613
              (352) 200-5763
Treasurer: Gilbert Vazquez, 14117 Pristine Place, Spring Hill, FL 34609
           (352) 683-0071

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  613
Communicants in Good Standing  610
Average Sunday Attendance  261
Baptisms  7
Confirmations  11
Received  3
Number of Pledging Units  250
Operating Revenues $446,249
Operating Expenses $425,003
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)  

509 E. Twiggs St.  
Tampa, FL 33602-3916  
Phone: (813) 221-2035  
Fax: (813) 224-0945  
Email: administrator@saintandrewstampa.org  
Web: www.saintandrewstampa.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours:  Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. John Reese  
Assisting:  The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel  
Christian Ed./Youth:  Cynthia Malloy  
Organist/Choirmaster:  Michael Hunter/Wilma Hunter  
Parish Administrator:  Barbara A. Leonard

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Wesley Tibbals, 109 S. Glen Ave., Tampa, FL 33609  
(813) 873-7005  
Junior Warden:  Paul Bentschner, 5811 S. Gordon Ave., Tampa, FL 33611  
(813) 902-8799  
Treasurer:  David "Gregg" Smith, 1907 S. Oakmont St., Tampa, FL 33629  
(813) 300-6636

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St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church  
(Mission - Clearwater Deanery)

6650 113th St. North  
Seminole, FL 33772-6214  
Phone: (727) 392-4483  
Fax: (727) 391-7915 (call first)  
Email: stanneofgrace@tampabay.rr.com  
Web: www.stanneofgrace.com

Sunday Services:  8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours:  Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff

Vicar:  The Rev. Dr. Stephen Ankudowich  
Choir Director:  Victoria Sardo/Melody Bickley  
Director Youth Ministry:  Mandy Hall  
Parish Administrators:  Dolores Overton/Judy Johnson

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Bill Overton, 8202 132nd St. N., Seminole, FL 33776  
(727) 391-8005  
Junior Warden:  Marty Purvis, 7353 122nd Way N., Seminole, FL 33772  
(727) 319-2687  
Treasurer:  Roberta Rehm, 8577 Lantana Dr., Seminole, FL 33777  
(727) 398-7346

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St. Anselm's Episcopal Church  
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)  
2201 6th St. East  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33972-4376  
Phone: (239) 369-1916  
Fax: (239) 369-6144  
E-mail: malgernon@embarqmail.com  
Web: http://saintanselm.tripod.com/

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Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.  
Office Hours:  

Staff  

Vicar: The Rev. Marcel G. Algernon  

Leadership  

Senior Warden: Orville Hall, 4003 2nd St. S.W., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971  
(239) 369-9086  
Junior Warden: Sharon Douglas, 909 Broadway Ave., Lehigh Acres, FL 33972  
(239) 303-9589  
Treasurer: John Neff, 1017 Clark Ave, Lehigh Acres, FL 33972  
(239) 368-1074

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Parochial Statistics (2008)  

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St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

2920 26th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712-3328
Phone: (727) 867-6774  Fax: (727) 906-0378
Email: staugustine@tampabay.rr.com
Web: www.staugstpete.org

Sunday Services:  9:00 a.m.
Office Hours: By Appointment

Staff

Priest-In-Charge:  The Rev. Robert (Robin) A. Whitlock, III
Deacon:          The Rev. Mack M. Bauknight
Secretary:       Judy Krug

Leadership

Senior Warden:   James Corn, 13972 Lake Point Dr., Clearwater, FL 33762
                 (727) 540-0655
Junior Warden:  Koren Allen, 2931 MLK St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705
                (727) 331-5485
Treasurer:       Greg Duckett, 1500 Alhambra Way S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705
                 (727) 866-1508

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  69
Communicants in Good Standing  60
Average Sunday Attendance  63
Baptisms  1
Confirmations  0
Received  1
Number of Pledging Units  93
Operating Revenues  $69,005
Operating Expenses  $78,455
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

3747 34th St. South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711-3836  
Phone: (727) 867-7015  
Fax: (727) 864-2268  
Email: stbarts1887@verizon.net  
Web: www.stbartsatstpete.org

Sunday Services: (Oct. – May) 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (Jun. – Sept.) 9:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. William V. Burkett  
Assistant: The Rev. John Kivuva Mwiya  
Associate: The Rev. Alfred P. Montalto  
Deacon: The Rev. E. Wilkin Fisher  
Organist/Choirmaster: Mari Setzer-Reive  
Parish Administrator: Elizabeth (Liz) Curry

Leadership

Senior Warden: Betty Sturtz, 4475 44th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711  
(727) 866-6392  
Junior Warden: Jim Del Bene, 8223 118th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33773  
(727) 365-8890  
Treasurer: Ron Clayton, 1695 Pinellas Bayway S. #B4, Tierra Verde, FL 33715  
(727) 906-0641

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 292  
Communicants in Good Standing 292  
Average Sunday Attendance 88  
Baptisms 4  
Confirmations 0  
Received 0  
Number of Pledging Units 78  
Operating Revenues $246,159  
Operating Expenses $258,149
St. Bede's Episcopal Church
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

2500 16th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704-3132
Phone: (727) 823-7649    Fax: (727) 823-7660
Email: stbedes01@aol.com
Web: www.venerablebedes.org

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Closed on Wednesdays)

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Boyd R. Carson
Assist: The Rev. Dr. William A. Bosbyshell
Deacon: The Rev. Roy C. Lightfoot
Deacon: The Rev. Nancy B. Nichols
Secretary/Sexton: Ray Gavaghan

Leadership

Senior Warden: Dottie Depierre, 4500 17th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33713
              (727) 641-4014
Junior Warden: Tom Tucker, 5840 62nd St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709
               (727) 488-4343
Treasurer: Robert Bass, P.O. Box 22832, St. Petersburg, FL 33742
           (727) 415-3186

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members
Communicants in Good Standing
Average Sunday Attendance
Baptisms
Confirmations
Received
Number of Pledging Units
Operating Revenues
Operating Expenses

172
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St. Boniface Episcopal Church
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

5615 Midnight Pass Rd. (Siesta Key)
Sarasota, FL 34242-1720
Phone: (941) 349-5616 Fax: (941) 349-0519
E-mail: lwolf@bonifacechurch.org
Web: www.bonifacechurch.org

Sunday Services:  7:45, 9:00 & 11:150 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m. / Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff
Rector: The Rev. Canon Edward M. Copland
Assoc. Rector: The Rev. Andrea S. Taylor
Assoc. Rector: The Rev. Wesley R. Wasdyke
Deacon: The Rev. Allan D. Rogers
Adjunct Clergy: The Rev. Roger Alling
Music Minister: Seth Wertz
Business Manager: Cindy Hannon
Admin. Assistant: Lisa Wolf

Leadership
Senior Warden: Susan Rife, 5410 Matthew Ct., Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 926-9503
Junior Warden: Reginald Irvine, 1410 S. Lake Shore Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 927-2744
Treasurer: Michael Dougherty, 3358 Plantation Pl., Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 923-7584

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St. Catherine's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

502 Druid Hills Rd.
Temple Terrace, FL 33617-3853
Phone: (813) 988-6483    Fax: (813) 985-4961
Email: stcath1@verizon.net
Web: www.stcathtt.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Edward R. Rich
Assoc. Priest: The Rev. Henry (Jeff) Robinson
Assoc. Priest: The Rev. Edward A. Scully
Choir Director: John Carmichael
Organist: Alisa Carmichael
Christian Education: Anna Allen
Financial Secretary: Kim Quire
Secretary: Ms. Judy Girard

Leadership

Senior Warden: Terry Bechtel, 5608 Cannonade Dr., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
(813) 973-0479
Junior Warden: Ham Evans, 11506 Louvre Pl., Temple Terrace, FL 33617
(813) 980-2996
Treasurer: Paul Johnson, 401 Forest Park Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617
(813) 988-2308

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St. Cecilia's Episcopal Church
(Mission - Tampa Deanery)

1920 S Maydell Dr.
Tampa, FL 33619-5408
Phone: (813) 626-5868    Fax: (813) 621-8468
E-mail: eclector@aol.com

Sunday Service: 10:00 a.m.

Staff

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Barbara L. Müller
Deacon: The Rev. William J. De La Torre

Leadership

Senior Warden: Pat Tuley, 10912 Carnelian Ln., Riverview, FL 33578
(813) 654-2259
Junior Warden: Phyllis Poppe, 1959 Amberwood Dr, Riverview, FL 33578
(813) 685-8116
Treasurer: Pat Tuley, 10912 Carnelian Ln., Riverview, FL 33578
(813) 654-2259

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 15
Communicants in Good Standing 15
Average Sunday Attendance 7
Baptisms 0
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 0
Operating Revenues $13,727
Operating Expenses $19,873
St. Chad's Episcopal Church  
(Mission - Tampa Deanery)  
5609 N Albany Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33603-1005  
Phone: (813) 872-7545  
Fax: same as phone  
Email: office@stchadstampa.org  
Web: www.stchadstampa.org

Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff  
Vicar: The Rev. Christian G. Villagomeza  
Part-Time Secretary: Ms. Marilyn Drake

Leadership  
Senior Warden: Daniel Ross, 15139 Nighthawk Drive, Tampa, FL 33625  
(813) 963-1513  
Junior Warden: Adam Helling, 6805 Silver Branch Rd., Tampa, FL 33625  
(813) 968-2232  
Treasurer: Martha Humbert, 7918 Woodgrove Circle, Tampa, FL 33615  
(813) 886-2424

Parochial Statistics (2008)  
Active Baptized Members 151  
Communicants in Good Standing 88  
Average Sunday Attendance 80  
Baptisms 0  
Confirmations Received 11 9  
Number of Pledging Units 44  
Operating Revenues $64,789  
Operating Expenses $117,076
St. Clement Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

706 West 113th Ave.
Tampa, FL 33612-5605
Phone: (813) 932-6204    Fax: (813) 932-3202
Email: stclement@verizon.net
Web: www.stclement.net

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m./Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Andrew R. Heyes
Bookkeeper: Kim Quire
Parish Secretary: Janet C. Kern

Leadership

Senior Warden: Susan M. Vastine, 11334 N. Rome Ave., Tampa, FL 33612
   (813) 935-4329
Junior Warden: Dean A. Essex, 11309 Marjory Ave., Tampa, FL 33612
   (813) 935-5947
Treasurer: ____________________________

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St. David's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Venice Deanery)

401 S. Broadway  
Englewood, FL 34223-3802  
Phone: (941) 474-3140  
Fax: (941) 475-1526  
E-mail: sdec@stdavidsenglewood.org  
Web: www.stdavidsenglewood.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Arthur R. Lee III  
Assisting: The Rev. Ashmun N. Brown  
Assisting: The Rev. Jan V. Emerson  
Secretary: Charlotte Michaud/Carol Markus

Leadership

Senior Warden: Charles “CR” Campbell, 401 Devonshire Lane, Venice, FL 34293 (941) 914-1839  
Junior Warden: Wells “Red” French, 9428 Bandera Lane, Port Charlotte, FL 33981 (941) 697-1870  
Treasurer: Karen Maurer, 660 S. Broadway, Englewood, FL 34223 (941) 474-3089

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 254  
Communicants in Good Standing 239  
Average Sunday Attendance 180  
Baptisms 4  
Confirmations 4  
Received 3  
Number of Pledging Units 126  
Operating Revenues $364,619  
Operating Expenses $375,131
St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

10888 126th Ave.
Largo, FL 33778-2710

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Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m.

Staff

Priest in Charge: The Rev. Norman Howard

Leadership

Senior Warden:
Junior Warden:
Treasurer:

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Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 511
Communicants in Good Standing 415
Average Sunday Attendance 187
Baptisms 3
Confirmations 0
Received 5
Number of Pledging Units 0
Operating Revenues $235,384
Operating Expenses $229,111
St. Edmund, The Martyr Church
(Mission - Manasota Deanery)

327 W Hickory St.
Arcadia, FL 34266-3905
Phone: (863) 494-0485 Fax: (863) 494-9686
E-mail: stedmundsarcadia@yahoo.com
Web: www.episcopalarcadiafl.com

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Staff

Vicar: The Rev. Dr. James G. Williamson
Deacon: The Rev. Robert J. Vaughn
Secretary: Virginia E. Carter (Volunteer)

Leadership

Senior Warden: Michael A. Carter, 6096 SE Horton Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266
(863) 494-5685
Junior Warden: Clifford Pierce, 2306 NW Murphy St., Arcadia, FL 34266
Treasurer: Kathryn A. Standard, 2306 NW Murphy St., Arcadia, FL 34266
(941) 350-5605

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 59
Communicants in Good Standing 53
Average Sunday Attendance 47
Baptisms 0
Confirmations Received 3 2
Number of Pledging Units 26
Operating Revenues $114,079
Operating Expenses $110,389
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

5855 16th St.
Zephyrhills, FL 33542-3761
Phone: (813) 782-1202    Fax: (813) 779-1034
E-mail: zhillsiiz2@aol.com
Web: http://stelizabethzhills.org

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**Sunday Services:** 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
**Office Hours:** Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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**Staff**

**Rector:** The Rev. Martha E. Vaguener
**Assisting:** The Rev. Robert (Bob) M. Butler
**Deacon:** The Rev. Hugh Wilkes
**Organist:** Richard Morse
**Finance:** Karen Blackburn
**Administrator:** Michael Demeule

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**Leadership**

**Senior Warden:** John L. Calella, 6334 Weatherwood Dr., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
(813) 994-1888

**Junior Warden:**

**Treasurer:** Gail Backman, 37724 Alisa Dr., Zephyrhills, FL33542
(813) 788-3505

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**Parochial Statistics (2008)**

- **Active Baptized Members:** 253
- **Communicants in Good Standing:** 253
- **Average Sunday Attendance:** 120
- **Baptisms:** 2
- **Confirmations:** 0
- **Received:** 0
- **Number of Pledging Units:** 67
- **Operating Revenues:** $114,749
- **Operating Expenses:** $131,300
St. Francis' Episcopal Church  
(Mission - Tampa Deanery)  
(912 E. Sligh Ave.)  
PO Box 9332  
Tampa, FL 33674-9332  
Phone: (813) 238-1098  
Fax: (813) 238-8128  
E-mail: Stfrancise@aol.com

Sunday Services:  
Office Hours:  
Staff

Vicar:  
The Rev. Hector Lopez-Chaverra

Leadership

Senior Warden:  
Dario Jaramillo, 5537 Pentail Circle, Tampa, FL 33625  
(813) 265-1014

Junior Warden:  
Roger Ospina, 4901 Tampania Ave., Tampa, FL 33614  
(813) 870-6889

Treasurer:  
Maria Sanchez, 14524 Seaford Circle, Apt. 101, Tampa, FL 33613  
(813) 951-0819

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  
320

Communicants in Good Standing  
80

Average Sunday Attendance  
100

Baptisms  
6

Confirmations  
0

Received  
0

Number of Pledging Units  
60

Operating Revenues  
$90,463

Operating Expenses  
$85,199
St. George's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

912 63rd. Ave. West
Bradenton, FL 34207-4849
Phone: (941) 755-3606    Fax: (941) 758-5798
E-mail: stgeorgedragonslayer@gmail.com
Web: www.saint-georges-church.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Staff

Associate: The Rev. Margaret Gat
Deacon:    The Rev. Donald W. Griscom
Organist:  Barbara Jensen
Secretary: Rose Marie Greiner

Leadership

Senior Warden: Charles Henry, 2206 67th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209
                 (941) 792-6185
Junior Warden: Richard Fisher, 1802 Marilyn Ave., Bradenton, FL 34207
                 (941) 727-9155
Treasurer:    Julia Seger-Lattin, 2307 Holyoke Ave., Bradenton, FL 34207
                 (941) 727-9177

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members               104
Communicants in Good Standing          121
Average Sunday Attendance              81
Baptisms                               1
Confirmations                          0
Received                               1
Number of Pledging Units               49
Operating Revenues                     $119,954
Operating Expenses                     $132,373
St. Giles’ Episcopal Church  
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)  

8271 52nd St. North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781-1518  
Phone: (727) 544-6856  
Fax: (727) 545-1599  
E-mail: rectorstgiles@verizon.net  
Web: www.stgilesepiscopal.com

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours:  Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff

Priest-in-Charge:  The Rev. Ann R. McLemore  
Music Director:  Stewart A. Waller  
Parish Treasurer:  Carol Hines  
Parish Secretary:  Janet Duddy

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Bryan W. Trimble, 2083 59th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710  
(727) 347-7246  
Junior Warden:  Charles “Chuck” Walking, Jr., 8351 52nd Lane N., Pinellas Park  
FL 33781  
(727) 593-4029  
Treasurer:  Gene Lofgren, 5220 90th Terrace, Pinellas Park, FL 33782  
(727) 544-3492

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  450  
Communicants in Good Standing  426  
Average Sunday Attendance  108  
Baptisms  1  
Confirmations  3  
Received  0  
Number of Pledging Units  95  
Operating Revenues  $142,651  
Operating Expenses  $154,330
St. Hilary's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Fort Myers Deanery)  

5011 McGregor Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901-8840  
Phone: (239) 936-1000  
Fax: (239) 936-6047  
E-mail: office@sainthilarys.org  
Web: www.sainthilarys.org

Sunday Services:  
(May – Sept.) 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
(Sept. – May) 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours:  
Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Robert S. Hennagin (Bob)  
Deacon: The Rev. Diane L. Millott  
Administrator: Joanne Therrien  
Director Youth: Louis Powell  
Music Director: David Swedberg  
Secretary: Ceil Moriarty

Leadership

Senior Warden: Lori Uhrig, 5242 SW 24th Ave., Cape Coral, FL 33914  
(239) 433-7778

Junior Warden: Ben Lane, 16512 Wellington Lakes Cir., Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
(239) 433-7778

Treasurer: Rusty Whitley, 15783 Silverado Ct. SW, Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
(239) 691-9778

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members: 533
Communicants in Good Standing: 505
Average Sunday Attendance: 324
Baptisms: 11
Confirmations: 6
Received: 1
Number of Pledging Units: 395
Operating Revenues: $576,500
Operating Expenses: $619,868
St. James’ Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Venice Deanery)  

1365 Viscaya Dr.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952-2519  
Phone: (941) 627-4000  
Fax: (941) 625-4199  
E-mail: stjames9@earthlink.net  
Web: www.stjamespcfl.org  

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. / Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon  

Staff  

Rector:  The Rev. Cesar Olivero  
Assisting:  The Rev. Karen R. Binding  
Deacon:  The Rev. Benjamin L. Creelman  
Deacon:  The Rev. Jane Y. Kelly  
Accountant:  William A. Setchel, Jr.  
Secretary:  Pamela Schmidt  

Leadership  

Senior Warden: Myrt Willey, 1544 Kolenda Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
(941) 625-9537  
Junior Warden: Clarence Stephenson, 21231 Birwood Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33954  
(941) 627-4966  
Treasurer: Frances Harris, 25305 Cayce Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
(941) 766-9353  

Parochial Statistics (2008)  

Active Baptized Members  424  
Communicants in Good Standing  393  
Average Sunday Attendance  216  
Baptisms  6  
Confirmations  10  
Received  2  
Number of Pledging Units  144  
Operating Revenues  $293,633  
Operating Expenses  $295,967  

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St. James House of Prayer
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

2708 N. Central Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602-1602
Phone: (813) 223-6090  Fax: (813) 228-0442
E-mail: parish@stjameshoftp3a.org
Web: www.stjameshoftp3a.com

Sunday Services:  9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Office Hours: (Mon. & Tues.) 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m. (Wed.-Fri.) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Ernestine C. Flemister
Secretary:  Erin Jefferson

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Errol Kirk, 6112 Ashfield Place, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
                (813) 907-1591
Junior Warden:  Clarence E. Lee, 5007 Derry Way, Tampa, FL 33647
                (813) 622-8556
Treasurer:  Ellenor Moncrief, 2924 Spring Hammock Dr., Plant City, FL 33566
            (813) 719-3742

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  288
Communicants in Good Standing  122
Average Sunday Attendance  309
Baptisms  6
Confirmations  0
Received  0
Number of Pledging Units  64
Operating Revenues  $246,963
Operating Expenses  $226,744
St. John the Divine Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

705 9th St. SE  
Ruskin, FL 33570-0087  
Phone: (813) 645-1521 / Fax: (813) 645-8657

1015 Del Webb Blvd. East  
Sun City Center, FL 33573  
Phone: 813-633-3970

E-mail: stjohnrus@aol.com  
Web: www.stjohndivine.com

Sunday Services:  9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Ruskin)  
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sun City Center)
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Tracy H. Wilder, III  
Assistant:  The Rev. Harry W. Benter  
Secretary:  Sue L. Hicks

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Roger D. Mills, 105 12th St. SW, Ruskin, FL 33570  
(813) 641-3798
Junior Warden:  Walter J. Croll, 1605 Flamingo Lane, Sun City Center, FL 33573  
(813) 655-7588
Treasurer:  Helen Wagner, 1510 Allegheny Dr., Sun City Center, FL 33573  
(813) 633-2595

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  409
Communicants in Good Standing  409
Average Sunday Attendance  258
Baptisms  1
Confirmations  2
Received  2
Number of Pledging Units  212
Operating Revenues $334,348
Operating Expenses $331,163
St. John's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

200 S. Brooksville Ave.
Brooksville, FL 34601-3311
Phone: (352) 796-9112
Fax: (352) 796-3498
E-mail: stjohnseisco816@bellsouth.net
Web: www.saint-johns-brooksville.com

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Stuart A. Swann
Deacon: The Rev. R. Wayne Sistrunk
Soloist: Marlynn Shelley
Chior Director: Paul Bartlett
Administrator: Nancy Farnham

Leadership

Senior Warden: Joseph Piermatteo, 26033 Lake Lindsey Rd., Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 799-3474
Junior Warden: George Babor, 5178 Culbreath Rd., Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 848-0632
Treasurer: Joseph Monday, 13123 Cooper Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34609
(352) 688-4377

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 233
Communicants in Good Standing 128
Average Sunday Attendance 83
Baptisms 3
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 61
Operating Revenues $161,633
Operating Expenses $194,629

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St. John's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

1676 S. Belcher Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33764-6517
Phone: (727) 531-6020    Fax: (727) 535-6020
E-mail: churchoffice@stjohnsclearwater.org
Web: www.stjohnsclearwater.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours:    Mon. – Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m./Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Glad R. McCurtain
Assisting Priest:  The Rev. Hugh O. Bell
Youth Leaders:  Marjory & Terry Swartzell
Music Director:  John Wirth
Administrator:  Marlene Eichelberger

Leadership

Senior Warden:  Kathleen Cates, 194 21st Terrace SE, Largo, FL 33771  (727) 518-1958
Junior Warden:  John Vogt, 7100 Ulmerton Rd., #2171, Largo, FL 33771  (727) 729-7747
Treasurer:  Clyde Smith, 1919 Winding Way S., Clearwater, FL 33764  (727) 531-0150

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  503
Communicants in Good Standing  380
Average Sunday Attendance  200
Baptisms  4
Confirmations  2
Received  0
Number of Pledging Units  148
Operating Revenues  $327,409
Operating Expenses  $365,870
St. John's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Naples Deanery)  
500 Park Shore Dr.  
Naples, FL 34103-3537  
Phone: (239) 261-2355  
Fax: (239) 261-2591  
E-mail: parishsecretary@stjohnsnaples.com  
Web: www.stjohnsnaples.com

**Sunday Services:** 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
**Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Staff**

**Rector:** The Rev. Joseph (Joe) F. Maiocco, III  
**Music Director:** Glenn Saffran  
**Secretary:** Julia DuRoss

**Leadership**

**Senior Warden:** Christopher Davies, 5290 Cherry Wood Dr., Naples, FL 34119  
(239) 352-4595  
**Junior Warden:** Michael Johnson, 385 Robin Hood Dr. #102, Naples, FL 34108  
(239) 354-1587  
**Treasurer:** Johan Domenie, 749 Bentwater Cir. #201, Naples, FL 34108  
(239) 566-3179

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St. John’s Episcopal Church
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)

7771 Stringfellow Rd.
St. James City, FL 33956-2805
Phone: (239) 283-1820  Fax: (239) 283-5439
E-mail: stjohnspi@embarqmail.com
Web: www.stjohnspineisland.com

Sunday Services: 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m. / Wed. 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.

Staff
Vicar: The Rev. Ryan A. Wright
TLC Ministry: The Rev. John M. McGinnis, Jr. (Assisting Priest)
The Rev. Susan E. Henderson (Deacon)
The Rev. Dr. David Jackson (Deacon)
The Rev. Aubrey E. Cort (Deacon)
Organist: Dr. Robert Velzy
Nurse: Caryle Regan, PN, RN
Office Manager: Jane Bennington

Leadership
Senior Warden: Birger Anderson, 11910 Tawas Court, Bokeelia, FL 33922
(239) 282-0263
Junior Warden: Michael Nabors, 4549 Courtney Rd., St. James City, FL 33956
(239) 282-9244
Treasurer: Emily Lindsey, 5807 Tarpon Rd., Bokeelia, FL 33922
(239) 283-7079

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 149
Communicants in Good Standing 79
Average Sunday Attendance 73
Baptisms 2
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 48
Operating Revenues $133,401
Operating Expenses $146,472
St. John's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

906 S. Orleans Ave.
Tampa, FL 33606-2941
Phone: (813) 259-1570    Fax: (813) 254-6732
E-mail: parish@stjohnstampa.org
Web: www.stjohnstampa.org

Sunday Services:  7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:      The Rev. Douglas E. Remer
Vicar/Dean:  The V. Rev. Randall K. Hehr
Chaplain/Curate: The Rev. Charles E. Connelly
Organist:    Simon Morley
Youth Director: Leland Baldwin
Christian Ed.: Billy Daniel
Secretary:    Debbi Huelsman
Admin. Assist.: Janis Elliott

Leadership

Senior Warden: Reid Haney, 3014 Harborview Ave. Tampa, FL 33611
               (813) 835-0289
Junior Warden: Richard Hadlow, 5125 S. Nichol St., Tampa, FL 33611
               (813) 831-5678
Treasurer:    Frank Hancock, 1907 S. Ardsley St., Tampa, FL 33629
              (813) 254-6665

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Fort Myers Deanery)

2635 Cleveland Ave.
Fort Myers, FL 33901-5898
Phone: (239) 334-2479   Fax: (239) 334-7629
E-mail: slfm.office@gmail.com
Web: www.saintlukes-fortmyers.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The Rev. Philip D. Read, II, SSC
Associate: The Rev. Richard C. Grady
Assisting: The Rev. Dr. Allen W. Brown, Jr.
The Rev. James J. English
The Rev. James D. Hubbs
The Rev. Edward Winsor
Evangelist: The Rev. E. William Lester
Deacon: The Rev. Robert T. Millott
Choir Director: Dr. James E. Lorenz
Finance: Connie Bull
Secretary: Claire McMasters

Leadership
Senior Warden: W.R. Smith, 2031 Valparaiso Blvd., North Fort Myers, FL 33917
(239) 543-4166
Junior Warden: Michael Carroll, 2312 Woodland Terrace, Fort Myers, FL 33907
(239) 834-3940
Treasurer: Richard Helms, 5865 Tallowood Circle, Ft. Myers, FL 33919
(239) 482-4054

Parochial Statistics (2008)
Active Baptized Members 857
Communicants in Good Standing 0
Average Sunday Attendance 219
Baptisms 2
Confirmations 3
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 149
Operating Revenues $411,968
Operating Expenses $465,197

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Sarasota, FL 34241-9578
Phone: (941) 925-2525    Fax: (941) 923-6174
E-mail: stmargaret8700@aol.com
Web: www.stmargaretsarasota.org

Sunday Services: 8:00, 9:15 & 9:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Everett P. Walk
Assisting: The Rev. Dr. Richard S. Kemmler
Deacon: The Rev. Kathlyn C. Gilpin
Minister of Music: Melinda Crane
Youth Dir.: Jacqueline Hartley
Programs Dir.: Penny Durham
Secretary: Pamela S. Roberts

Leadership

Senior Warden: R. Gary Walsh, 1033 Meadow Breeze Ln., Sarasota, FL 34240
              (941) 377-6103
Junior Warden: Christopher Bretz, 2607 124th Ave. E., Parrish, FL 34219
               (941) 921-2225
Treasurer: Joanne Hastings, 8477 Turnberry Cr., Sarasota, FL 34241
           (941) 925-7212

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 378
Communicants in Good Standing 378
Average Sunday Attendance 133
Baptisms 2
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 93
Operating Revenues $465,044
Operating Expenses $428,480
**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
(Parish - Naples Deanery)  

1101 N. Collier Blvd.  
Marco Island, FL 34145-2507  
Phone: (239) 394-7242  
Fax: (239) 394-6570  
E-mail: office@stmarksmarco.org  
Web: www.stmarksmarco.org

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**Sunday Services:** (Nov. – Apr.) 8:00 & 10:30 a.m./ (May – Oct.) 9:15 a.m.  
**Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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### Staff

- **Rector:** The Rev. Kyle V. Bennett  
- **Assisting:** The Rev. John H. Ineson  
- **Christian Formation:** Kathy Campbell  
- **Music Director:** Dr. Ronald Doiron  
- **Administrator:** Nanette Moll

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### Leadership

- **Senior Warden:** Donna Blankman, 650 Yellowbird Street, Marco Island, FL 34145  
  (239) 394-5540  
- **Junior Warden:** Susan Darrow, 1225 Bluebird Ave., Marco Island, FL 34145  
  (239) 394-1255  
- **Treasurer:** Liz Bryan, 4000 Royal Marco Way #729, Marco Island, FL 34145  
  (239) 394-1938

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Phone: (813) 962-3089 / Fax: (813) 963-5082  
E-mail: office@stmarkstampa.org  
Web: www.stmarkstampa.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The Rev. Edward J. Henley, Jr.
Assisting: The Rev. Dr. W. Thomas Williams
Deacon: The Rev. Mary Alice Lopez
Choir Master: Richard Dale
Administrator: Jillian Ricardo

Leadership
Senior Warden: Jeff Jenkins, 2615 Merida Lane, Tampa, FL 33618  
(813) 968-8811
Junior Warden: Bob Jakob, 26125 Gypsy Rose Lane, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544  
(813) 973-0383
Treasurer: Jim Desmond, 11905 Mandevilla Court, Tampa, FL 33626  
(813) 920-0015

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 638
Communicants in Good Standing 486
Average Sunday Attendance 309
Baptisms 12
Confirmations 12
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 140
Operating Revenues $442,807
Operating Expenses $468,426
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Venice Deanery)

513 Nassau St. South  
Venice, FL 34285-2816  
Phone: (941) 488-7714  
Fax: (941) 484-0596  
E-mail: info@stmarksvenice.com  
Web: www.stmarksvenice.org

**Sunday Services:**  
(Nov. – May) 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
(Jun. – Oct.) 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri.  8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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**Staff**

**Rector:**  
The Rev. Christopher N. Gray

**Associate Rector:**  
The V. Rev. James H. Puryear *(Dean Venice Deanery)*

**Deacon:**  
The Rev. Lynne T. Greene, M.D.

**Deacon:**  
The Rev. Frances McKinney

**Director of Music:**  
Virginia Koepkey

**Financial Secretary:**  
Linda Brockmeier

**Secretary:**  
Sandy Albanese

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**Leadership**

**Senior Warden:**  
Joseph Bentley, 1202 Triano Circle, Venice, FL 34292-6417  
(941) 484-5755

**Junior Warden:**  
Carolyn Wolf, 443 Appian Way, Venice, FL 34292-3902  
(941) 492-2372

**Treasurer:**  
Bob Miles, P.O. Box 215, Laurel, FL 34272-0215  
(941) 485-5712

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**Parochial Statistics (2008)**

Active Baptized Members  
726

Communicants in Good Standing  
726

Average Sunday Attendance  
493

Baptisms  
10

Confirmations  
0

Received  
0

Number of Pledging Units  
333

Operating Revenues  
$822,164

Operating Expenses  
$836,945

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St. Martin's Episcopal Church
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15801 US Highway 19
Hudson, FL 34667-3602
Phone: (727) 863-8560    Fax: (727) 862-6284
E-mail: stmartins123@aol.com
Web: www.stmartinshudsonfl.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff
Interim:       The Rev. Donald R. Lillpopp
Assisting:    The Rev. Frederick E. Scharf, Jr.
Deacon:       The Rev. Elaine A. Cole
Minister of Music: James Wanker
Bookkeeper:  Laurel A. Palumbo
Office Manager: Mary L. Sullivan

Leadership
Senior Warden: Christopher Al Wright, 7232 Staghorn Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34607
(352) 597-7598
Junior Warden: Alex Quintard, 4311 Bellaire Dr., Hernando Beach, FL 34609
(352) 592-5343
Treasurer:    Chet Pelc, 11647 Wheatfield Loop, Bayonet Point, FL 34667
(727)869-5113

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  332
Communicants in Good Standing  332
Average Sunday Attendance  179
Baptisms  4
Confirmations  4
Received  4
Number of Pledging Units  80
Operating Revenues  $251,174
Operating Expenses  $283,978
St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church
(Mission - Manasota Deanery)

11315 Palmbrush Trail
Bradenton, FL 34202-2938
Phone: (941) 751-5048    Fax: (941) 751-4174
E-mail: officesaintmarymagdalene@verizon.net
Web: www.stmarymagdalene.info

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff
Vicar: The Rev. James E. Hedman
Deacon: The Rev. Marcia A. Tremmel
Secretary: Angela Smith

Leadership
Senior Warden: Robert Douglas, 11820 Winding Woods Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
(941) 739-3734
Junior Warden: Charles Binkley, 4302 14th Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208
(941) 742-6518
Treasurer: Vincent Contino, 11343 Rivers Bluff Cir., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
(941) 739-6231

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 298
Communicants in Good Standing 298
Average Sunday Attendance 185
Baptisms 9
Confirmations 2
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 93
Operating Revenues $237,449
Operating Expenses $289,251
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Naples Deanery)

Physical Address: 9801 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
Mailing Address: PO Box 1923, Bonita Springs, FL 34133-1923
Phone: (239) 992-4343    Fax: (239) 498-4551
E-mail: stmarysbonita@embarqmail.com
Web: www.stmarysbonita.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The V. Rev. Michael G. Rowe  (Dean Naples Deanery)
Associate Rector: The Rev. George Curt
Associate Rector: The Rev. Gary A. Wilde
Honorary Associate: The Rev. Canon Alfred L. Salt
Director of Music: Brian Aranowski
Administrator: Denise Witkop

Leadership
Senior Warden: Hildreth Bailey, 1116 Bentley Dr., Naples, FL 34110
(239) 254-1458
Junior Warden: Roger Stiefel, 336 Oak Ave., Naples, FL 34108
(239) 254-0559
Treasurer: Robert Pierpont, 25150 Goldcrest Dr. #723, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 495-7719

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  337
Communicants in Good Standing  337
Average Sunday Attendance  322
Baptisms  5
Confirmations  9
Received  7
Number of Pledging Units  244
Operating Revenues  $742,561
Operating Expenses  $763,615
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)

37637 Magnolia Ave.
Dade City, FL 33523-3744
Phone: (352) 567-3888    Fax: (352) 518-8188
E-mail: office@stmdc.com
Web: www.stmdc.com

Sunday Services:  7:45 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Staff
Assisting: The Rev. James B. de Fontaine-Stratton
Choir Dir./Organist: Barbara Jones
Christian Education: Heather Cook
Youth: Nancy Finnerty
Administrator: Sandra Sartain

Leadership
Senior Warden: Jack Morgan, 32550 Timber Hill Dr., Dade City, FL 34523
(352) 588-4279
Junior Warden: Bob Owens, 37411 Hickory Hill Lane, Dade City, FL 33525
(352) 567-1180
Treasurer: Kim Bulmanski, 36737 Jefferson Ave., Dade City, FL 33523
(352) 518-9400

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 296
Communicants in Good Standing 296
Average Sunday Attendance 206
Baptisms 2
Confirmations 14
Received 4
Number of Pledging Units 37
Operating Revenues $273,060
Operating Expenses $309,593
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

1010 24th Ave. West
Palmetto, FL 34221-3540
Phone: (941) 722-5292    Fax: (941) 722-5292
E-mail: stmaryspalmetto@verizon.net
Web: www.stmaysflorida.com

Sunday Services: 7:40 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours:  Tues. & Wed.  8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Staff
Interim: The Rev. James F. Kelly
Admin. Assistant: Diana L. Barriss

Leadership
Senior Warden: Donna Banasek, 23 Meadowlark Cir., Ellenton, FL 34222
              (941) 722-8442
Junior Warden: James MacDonald, 3610 Adelia Dr., Parrish, FL 34219
               (941) 776-8845
Treasurer: Perrin Matheis, 4336 Pompano Ln., Palmetto, FL 34221
           (941) 721-0944

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(Parish - Tampa Deanery)  
4311 W. San Miguel St.  
Tampa, FL 33629-5691  
Phone: (813) 251-1660  Fax: (813) 254-3780  
E-mail: churchoffice@stmarystampa.com  
Web: www.stmarystampa.com

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. / Fri. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Staff

Rector:  The Rev. Dennis D. Kezar  
Curate:  The Rev. Richard G. Fellows  
Assisting:  The Rev. George H. Cave  
Assisting:  The Rev. Dr. Robin G. Murray  
Deacon:  The Rev. John M. Wolfe  
Children’s Ministry:  Laura Leyland  
Music Director:  Matt Swickey  
Youth/Acolytes/Web:  Ronnie Leyland  
Administrator:  Judith K. Messier

Leadership

Senior Warden:  John Genter, 559 Ladrone Ave., Tampa, FL 33606  
(813) 251-0909  
Junior Warden:  Farrell Buzbee, 4015 W. Obispo St., Tampa, FL 33629  
(813) 839-3905  
Treasurer:  Position Vacant

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  608  
Communicants in Good Standing  560  
Average Sunday Attendance  216  
Baptisms  27  
Confirmations  2  
Received  0  
Number of Pledging Units  137  
Operating Revenues  $510,184  
Operating Expenses  $607,975
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church  
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

738 Pinellas Point Dr. South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705-6255  
Phone: (727) 866-2187   
Fax: (727) 864-9712  
E-mail: stmatthews@tampabay.rr.com  
Web: www.stmatthewsonthebay.org

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Carolyn Kirk Biggs  
Assisting: The Rev. Donald W. Jaikes  
Administrator: Patricia A. Moritz

Leadership

Senior Warden: Ron Joyner, 2536 70th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33710  
(727) 866-8416  
Junior Warden: William Michaels, 6215 Bahama Shores Dr. S., St. Petersburg, FL  
33705-5435  
(727) 867-7249  
Treasurer: Tallulah Taylor, 6203 3rd St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705  
(727) 864-3860

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St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
(Parish - Fort Myers Deanery)

2304 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel, FL 33957-3209
Phone: (239) 472-2173   Fax: (239) 395-1670
E-mail: parishsecretary@saintmichaels-sanibel.org
Web: www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff
Rector:  The Rev. Dr. Ellen M. Sloan
Adjunct Clergy:
  The Rev. Douglass T. Lind
  The Rev. Paul D. Goddard
  The Rev. Anne B. Kimball
  Pastor Walter H. Schuman
  The Rev. Martha “Mardi” Ponader (Deacon)
  The Rev. Elizabeth Farrow
  The Rev. Canon Bruce Duncan, MBE
Bookkeeper: Wanda Adler
Minister of Music: George Farrow
Parish Nurse: Roberta Heller, R.N.
Parish Secretary: Susan Gonzalez

Leadership
Senior Warden: John H. Pryor, 438 Surf Sound Court, Sanibel, FL 33957-3024
              (239) 395-0314
Junior Warden: Elizabeth (Betty) Carr, 625 Sea Oats Dr., Sanibel, FL 33957-5417
              (239) 395-3410
Treasurer: Ellen Trevor, 1987 My Tern Court, Sanibel, FL 33957-9596
           (239) 472-0260

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St. Monica's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Naples Deanery)

7070 Immokalee Rd.
Naples, FL 34119-8845
Phone: (239) 591-4550 Fax: (239) 591-4572
E-mail: info@stmonicas.org
Web: www.stmonicas.org

Sunday Services: 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Staff
Rector: The Rev. Kathryn M. Schillreff
Associate: The Rev. Dr. Kathleen L. Kircher
Deacon: The Rev. William R. Moyers
Assisting: The Rev. John S. Hedger
The Rev. Charles O. Moore
The Rev. John W. Patterson
The Rev. Kerry J. Stewman

Music Director: Sherri Rampton
Finance Manager: Betsy Smith
Member Ministry: Cheri Moyers
Parish Nurse: Betty Gamel
Administrator: Peg DeMorett

Leadership
Senior Warden: Barbara Metcalfe, 3755 Whidbey Way, Naples, FL 34119
(239) 566-9313
Junior Warden: Michael Anderson, 15425 Cortona Way, Naples, FL 34120
(239) 825-6225
Treasurer: Bonnie Bodinski, 3225 5th Ave. NW, Naples, FL 34120
(239) 352-8522

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 540
Communicants in Good Standing 515
Average Sunday Attendance 228
Baptisms 16
Confirmations 23
Received 10
Number of Pledging Units 174
Operating Revenues $436,843
Operating Expenses $483,620
St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Venice Deanery)

(4200 S. Biscayne Dr.)
Mailing Address: PO Box 7127, North Port, FL 34287-0127
Phone: (941) 426-2520    Fax: (941) 426-8471
E-mail: stnathaniel@verizon.net
Web: www.stnathaniel.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector: The Rev. Patricia A. Powers
Deacon: The Rev. Margaret P. Koor
Parish Secretary: Ellen Even

Leadership

Senior Warden: Mary E. Smith, 15 Nautical Dr., North Port, FL 34287
(941) 423-9261
Junior Warden: William P. Haugh, 2631 Tomaso Rd., North Port, FL 34287
(941) 426-5818
Treasurer: Ella Richard, 7849 Franzino Ave., North Port, FL 34291
(941) 429-8958

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Naples Deanery)  

3901 Davis Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34104-5010  
Phone: (239) 643-019  
Fax: (239) 643-2207  
E-mail: stpaulsfl@stpaulsnaples.org  
Web: www.stpaulsnaples.org

Sunday Services:  8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff

Rector:       The Rev. Tara L. McGraw  
Curate:       The Rev. Dwayne A. Varas  
Assisting: The Rev. Bruce D. Blois  
Assisting: The Rev. Frank H. King  
Deacon:      The Rev. Barbara J. Martin  
Parish Comptroller: Karen Wenstrup  
Parish Administrator: Joanne Sweeney

Leadership

Senior Warden:  William Kling, 432 Lely Palms Ext., Naples, FL 34113  
                (239) 352-1207  
Junior Warden:  Cathy McLean, 7882 Naples Heritage Dr., Naples, FL 34112  
                (239) 775-6865  
Treasurer:  Linda Connelly, 4024 Lupine Lane, Naples, FL 34112  
            (239) 877-2707

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  272  
Communicants in Good Standing  259  
Average Sunday Attendance  181  
Baptisms  3  
Confirmations  0  
Received  0  
Number of Pledging Units  109  
Operating Revenues  $350,856  
Operating Expenses  $361,126
St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral
(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

140 4th Street
St. Petersburg, FL 33701-3807
Phone: (727) 822-4173  Fax: (727) 823-2205
E-mail: mgoodwill@spcathedral.com
Web: www.spcathedral.net

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Staff

Vicar/Dean: The Very Rev. Stephen B. Morris
Deacon: The Rev. Richard T. Earle, III
Director of Music: Dwight Thomas
Publication Associate: Judy Evans
Administrator: Martha Goodwill

Leadership

Senior Warden: A. Sheree Graves, 629 6th Ave. No., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 824-2821
Junior Warden: James C. Stewart, 5568 Williamsdale Ct., Seminole, FL 33772
(727) 320-8080
Treasurer: Blanton Garnett, 930 Bayview Pl. NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33704
(727) 894-4956

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Tampa Deanery)  

302 Carey St.  
Plant City, FL 33563-4316  
Phone: (813) 752-5061  Fax: (813) 752-2421  
E-mail: st.peterspc@verizon.net  
Web: www.stpeterspc.org

Sunday Services:  8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Office Hours:  (Mon. – Thurs.) 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Staff

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<td>Junior Warden</td>
<td>Mark Conner, 902 W. Mahoney St., Plant City, FL 33563</td>
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St. Raphael's Episcopal Church
(Mission - Fort Myers Deanery)

5601 Williams Dr.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931-4097
Phone: (239) 463-6057  Fax: (239) 463-1733
E-mail: info@saint-raphaels.org
Web: www.saint-raphaels.org

Sunday Services:  9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Staff

Vicar: The Rev. J. Alice Marcrum
Choir Director: Betty Goodacre
Organist: Jean Matthew
church Secretary: Leeanna Parsons

Leadership

Senior Warden: Agnes Jane Bassett, 118 Mandalay Rd., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931
             (239) 463-9701
Junior Warden: Robert Bunting, 21681 Indian Bahou Dr., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931
              (239) 463-6253
Treasurer: Roxie Smith, 21521 Madera, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
          (239) 463-2191

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
(Parish - Clearwater Deanery)

5326 Charles St.  
New Port Richey, FL 34652-3906  
Phone: (727) 849-4330  
Fax: (727) 845-8414  
E-mail: ssec1@verizon.net  
Web: www.ststephen-episcopal.com

Sunday Services: 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Staff

Priest in Charge: Position Vacant  
Deacon: The Rev. Hilbert L. Telman  
Organist/Choir Dir: Dan O’Hara  
Administrator: Kim Miller

Leadership

Senior Warden: Kathy Aylward, 4900 Marlin Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34652  
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Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 355  
Communicants in Good Standing 232  
Average Sunday Attendance 167  
Baptisms 6  
Confirmations 1  
Received 0  
Number of Pledging Units 96  
Operating Revenues $275,356  
Operating Expenses $293,121
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Staff

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Assistant Rector: The Rev. John C. Suhar
Deacon: The Rev. Lucien A. Watkins
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Director of Music: Louise Yardumian
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Parish Secretary: Pam Holley

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Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 1068
Communicants in Good Standing 885
Average Sunday Attendance 290
Baptisms 14
Confirmations 25
Received 11
Number of Pledging Units 214
Operating Revenues $735,059
Operating Expenses $719,148
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(Parish - St. Petersburg Deanery)

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Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  237
Communicants in Good Standing  240
Average Sunday Attendance  116
Baptisms  1
Confirmations  1
Received  1
Number of Pledging Units  58
Operating Revenues  $192,134
Operating Expenses  $163,340
St. Wilfred's Episcopal Church
(Parish - Manasota Deanery)

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Assistant: The Rev. Jesse F. Anderson
Assistant: The Rev. W. Roy Shepherd
Deacon: The Rev. S.L. Morlock
Deacon: The Rev. Mildred C. Terry
Organist/Choir Dir: Michael Trezise
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Treasurer: Vinson Bailey, 3749 Countryside Rd., Sarasota, FL 34233 (941) 923-9215

Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members 548
Communicants in Good Standing 315
Average Sunday Attendance 163
Baptisms 10
Confirmations 0
Received 0
Number of Pledging Units 116
Operating Revenues $278,330
Operating Expenses $290,134

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Sunday Services:  7:30, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
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Parochial Statistics (2008)

Active Baptized Members  1412
Communicants in Good Standing  1288
Average Sunday Attendance  424
Baptisms  5
Confirmations  19
Received  2
Number of Pledging Units  457
Operating Revenues  $1,663,028
Operating Expenses  $1,886,849
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The Reverend Clifford Alexander Comfort, Retired .................................. 11/26/55
The Reverend Richard Tippin Lambert, Retired ........................................ 9/18/59
* The Reverend Canon William Allen Bosbyshell, Retired .......................... 10/1/59
The Reverend James Dorsey Bashford Hubbs, Retired ............................... 11/24/59
The Reverend George Harold Cave, Jr., Retired ....................................... 1/11/60
The Reverend Walter Wallace Cawthorne, Retired .................................. 12/7/63
The Reverend Arlo LeRoy Leinback, Retired .......................................... 3/1/64
The Reverend Paul Charles Johansen, Retired .......................................... 6/24/64
* The Reverend Clayton Winn Graves, Retired ......................................... 11/23/64
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The Reverend Hoyt B. Massey, Retired ................................................... 6/24/65
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The Reverend John Field Riggle, Jr., Retired .......................................... 6/21/67
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* The Reverend Michael Henry Day, Retired ........................................... 8/28/70
* The Reverend Jerold Russell Stadel, Retired .......................................... 1/5/71
* The Reverend Dennis Dean Kezar, ......................................................... 6/29/71
The Reverend John Edward McKay Birtch, Retired .................................. 8/1/71
* The Reverend Larry Gene Smellie, Retired ............................................ 10/1/71
The Reverend Harry Taylor Burke, Retired .............................................. 7/1/72
* The Reverend John Milton McGinnis, Jr., Retired .................................. 8/1/73
The Reverend John Eugene Kulp, Jr., Retired .......................................... 4/8/74
The Reverend John Howard Lacey, Retired .............................................. 6/11/75
The Reverend Tom Turney Edwards, Retired ............................................ 10/10/75
The Reverend Bennett Herbert Barnes, Jr., Retired .................................. 7/1/76
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The Reverend George Curt, Retired ......................................................... 4/1/77
The Reverend David Rike Mosher, Retired .............................................. 6/7/77
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* The Reverend John Douglas Hiers, Jr ................................................... 6/14/78
* The Reverend Boyd Rodney Carson ....................................................... 3/15/79
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The Reverend John Raymond Peterson, Jr., Retired .................................. 11/1/79
The Reverend Frederick Henry Diefenbacher, Retired ................................ 3/13/81
* The Reverend Harry Irvan Parsell, Jr .................................................... 5/1/81
The Reverend James Jones English, Jr., Retired ....................................... 12/14/81
The Reverend Raymond Paul Kress, Retired ............................................ 12/31/81
The Reverend Robert Burns Doing, Jr., Retired ....................................... 9/16/82
The Reverend Roy Oliver Ostenson, Retired ............................................ 2/21/83
The Reverend Eugene James Loughran, Jr., Retired .................................. 5/1/83
The Reverend Charles Dudley Barksdale II, Retired .................................. 6/27/83

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The Reverend Michael Hoover Wilson, Retired ................... 8/1/83
* The Reverend Raymond Ellison Dage, Jr. ......................... 10/14/83
The Reverend Joseph Guydon Drawdy, Retired ................... 12/12/83
The Reverend Timothy Churchill Trively, Retired ................ 1/23/84
* The Reverend Arthur Randall Lee, Ill, Retired ............... 5/24/84
The Reverend Joseph Herbert Diaz ................................. 6/22/85
The Reverend Lewis Oliver Tanno, Retired ....................... 1/28/86
* The Reverend Vincent Francis Scotto .................................. 3/1/86
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* The Reverend William Donald McLean III, Retired ............ 5/1/86
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The Reverend George Robert Cain, Retired ....................... 12/8/87
The Reverend Robert Earl Cathers, Retired ....................... 2/29/88
* The Reverend James Francis Kelly, Retired ..................... 4/24/88
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The Reverend Frederick Edward Scharf, Jr., Retired .......... 6/11/88
The Reverend Millard Fillmore Neal, Retired .................. 6/11/88
The Reverend Luis Alfonso Currea, Retired ..................... 7/13/88
The Reverend Jerome McCarthy, Retired .......................... 10/7/88
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* The Reverend Randall Keith Hehr ..................................... 2/14/89
The Reverend Richard Greer Fellows, Retired ................... 2/14/89
The Reverend Richard Daniel Straughn, Retired .............. 5/22/89
* The Reverend Stephen Ankudowich .................................. 3/5/90
* The Reverend John Stuart Adler ...................................... 3/15/90
* The Reverend Gerald Lloyd Bennett, Retired .................. 3/28/90
* The Reverend John Leo Hartnett .................................. 7/9/90
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The Reverend Edwin Montague Walker, Retired ................ 3/28/91
The Reverend Richard Conlon Marsden ......................... 4/26/91
* The Reverend Edward Mark Copland .............................. 7/1/91
* The Reverend Christopher Neil Gray ............................. 8/20/91
* The Reverend Everett Prichard Walk .............................. 8/23/91
The Reverend David Douglas Bowers .............................. 9/12/91
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* The Reverend Sharon Lynn Gottfried Lewis .................... 6/26/93
* The Reverend James Gray Williamson, Jr. ...................... 9/15/93
* The Reverend Frank Charles Creamer ............................ 9/22/93
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The Reverend Fredrick Arthur Robinson ......................... 5/11/94
The Reverend William Dexter Bender ............................ 6/25/94
* The Reverend James Lynn McDowell, Retired ................. 9/19/94
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* The Reverend Glad Robinson McCurtain ......................... 6/24/95
* The Reverend Robert Arthur Wagenseil, Jr. .................. 9/26/95
The Reverend John Vincent Monsour .............................. 10/4/95
The Reverend Floyd William Brewer, Retired ................... 6/15/96
* The Reverend Leewin Glen Miller ................................. 9/23/96
The Reverend Hayden Green Crawford .......................... 12/1/96
The Reverend Joseph Agius Vella, Jr. .............................. 1/1/98
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* The Reverend Albert Edward Sellers, Jr. ........................................... 2/1/98
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* The Reverend Patricia Ann Powers .................................................... 2/20/98
* The Reverend Alton James Chapman, Retired ....................................... 4/1/98
* The Reverend Charles Henry Mann ..................................................... 7/1/98
* The Reverend Vernon Creighton Evans, Jr., Retired ............................ 5/25/99
* The Reverend Michael Paul Basden ..................................................... 8/3/99
* The Reverend Canon Georgene Conner ............................................... 11/05/99
* The Reverend Kathryn Myrick Schillreff ........................................... 1/1/00
* The Reverend Harry Alfred Hughes, Retired ....................................... 1/1/00
* The Reverend Leo Alison Crawford, Retired .......................................... 2/20/00
* The Reverend Harry William Benter, Jr., Retired ................................. 5/5/00
* The Reverend Jack Ernest Authur Hyde, Retired ................................... 6/20/00
* The Reverend Todd Scott McDowell, Retired ....................................... 9/12/00
* The Reverend Douglas Lee Zimmerman ............................................. 12/05/00
* The Reverend Kathleen Lauretta Kircher, Retired ................................. 2/22/01
* The Reverend Richard Brigham Lampert, Retired .................................. 3/29/01
* The Reverend Michael William Henry Harris, Retired ........................... 6/21/01
* The Reverend Alice Irene Sadler ......................................................... 6/21/01
* The Reverend Christian Guerzo Villagomeza ....................................... 10/12/01
* The Reverend Carol Flenniken Schwenke, Retired ................................ 11/6/01
* The Reverend Douglas Robert Carter ................................................... 1/04/02
* The Reverend Tracy Hartwell Wilder, III ............................................ 1/15/02
* The Reverend Richard Charles Grady .................................................. 1/18/02
* The Reverend James Hart Puryear ....................................................... 1/29/02
* The Reverend Reynaldo Ayerbe, Retired ............................................. 2/9/02
* The Reverend William Vernard Burkett .............................................. 4/6/02
* The Reverend Sylvia Beckman Robbins-Penniman ................................ 6/3/02
* The Reverend Suzanne Marie Post ....................................................... 10/1/02
* The Reverend Philip Daugherty Read II .............................................. 11/18/02
* The Reverend Douglas Errick Remer .................................................. 2/3/03
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* The Reverend Thomas Andrew Thoeni ................................................ 6/6/03
* The Reverend Michael Peter Branscombe .......................................... 6/14/03
* The Reverend Cesar Olivero ............................................................... 6/14/03
* The Reverend Roy Wynn Tuff ............................................................. 6/14/03
* The Reverend Robert Lewis Williams, Jr., ......................................... 1/15/04
* The Reverend Barbara LeFort Müller .................................................. 1/16/04
* The Reverend Rossington McLemore ................................................... 1/20/04
* The Reverend Martha Edith Vaguener ............................................... 1/26/04
* The Reverend Marcia Ellen McCormick Davenport, Retired .................... 5/24/04
* The Reverend Douglas Frederick Scharf, ............................................ 6/12/04
* The Reverend Russell Lavern Johnson, Retired ..................................... 7/1/04
* The Reverend Denise Gray Guinta ....................................................... 9/4/04
* The Reverend Margaret B. Twinamaani ............................................... 11/9/04
* The Reverend James Edward Hedman .................................................. 12/21/04
* The Reverend Gail Robbins Tomei ...................................................... 1/8/05
* The Reverend David Lawrence Danner ................................................ 6/3/05
* The Reverend Marcel Glenford Algeiron .......................................... 6/6/05
* The Reverend Richard Carl Doscher, Sr. ............................................ 6/6/05
* The Reverend William Floyd Dopp, Retired ........................................ 6/30/05
* The Reverend Michael Gordon Rowe ................................................... 6/30/05
* The Reverend Kyle Vernon Bennett .................................................... 8/1/05
* The Reverend Shanda Mulford Mahurin .............................................. 8/1/05

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The Reverend Jacqueline Alline Means ........................................... 9/13/05
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* The Reverend Tara Lee McGraw ...................................................... 12/21/05
* The Reverend Alice Jane Marcrum .................................................. 1/24/06
* The Reverend Carolyn Kirk Biggs .................................................. 6/5/06
* The Reverend Ryan Randolph Whitley ........................................... 6/10/06
* The Reverend Joel James Morsch ................................................... 7/28/06
* The Reverend Eric Christopher Mills ............................................. 4/3/07
* The Reverend Andrew Robin Heyes ............................................... 5/16/07
* The Reverend Charles Evans Connelly ........................................... 6/2/07
* The Reverend Charles Jon Roberts .................................................. 6/2/07
* The Reverend Christopher David Schuller ...................................... 6/15/07
* The Reverend Andrea Seuss Taylor ................................................. 8/26/07
* The Reverend Dennis Ray McManus ............................................... 1/1/08
* The Reverend Ryan Allyn Wright .................................................... 1/3/08
* The Reverend Theodore Whitfield, Edwards, Jr. ................................ 6/11/08
* The Reverend Stuart Alan Swann .................................................... 6/17/08
* The Reverend Joseph Frances Maiocco, III .................................... 10/7/08
* The Reverend Stephen Burnum Morris .......................................... 12/17/08
* The Reverend Benjamin Santana ..................................................... 12/17/08
* The Reverend Robert A. Whitlock, III .......................................... 2/3/09
* The Reverend Hector Lopez-Chaverra ......................................... 2/23/09
The Reverend Oscar Peter Seara .................................................... 4/7/09
* The Reverend Ronald Chester Kowalski ....................................... 6/6/09
* The Reverend Dwayne Anthony Varas ............................................ 6/6/09
* The Reverend Katherine Wakefield Warner .................................. 6/18/09
* The Reverend Gary Allen Wilde .................................................. 8/1/09
* The Reverend Ellen Margaret Sloan ............................................. 9/2/09
* The Reverend Edward Campbell Gleason ..................................... 9/2/09
* The Reverend Ernststein Cassell Flemister .................................. 9/24/09
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The Reverend Karen Marie Nugent Dakan, Retired .......................................... 11/30/86
The Reverend William Bruce Arnold, Retired ................................................... 8/24/88
The Reverend Ernest Wilkin Fisher, Retired .................................................... 10/22/88
The Reverend Patricia Parsons McLain ............................................................ 10/22/88
The Reverend John Edward Santosuosso, Retired ........................................... 3/1/89
The Reverend James Lee Carter, Retired ......................................................... 5/22/89
The Reverend Elma Joy Rosenberg, Retired ..................................................... 6/24/89
The Reverend Frank Cobb Rainey, Retired ...................................................... 11/21/89
The Reverend Lynne Tuthill Greene, M.D., Retired ......................................... 1/18/90
The Reverend John Costello Brust, Retired ..................................................... 6/30/90
The Reverend Nancy Brewster Nichols ............................................................ 6/30/90
The Reverend Mildred Carlson Terry, Retired ................................................. 6/10/91
The Reverend Margaret Ashmead Green-Witt, Retired .................................... 6/29/91
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The Reverend Raymond Edward Persson, Retired .......................................... 6/29/91
The Reverend Elizabeth Alice Rubright .......................................................... 6/29/91
The Reverend Marion Mackey Brown, Retired ................................................. 6/13/92
* The Reverend Margaret Platt Koor ............................................................... 6/13/92
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The Reverend Linda Susan Lockley Morlock ................................................... 6/26/93
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The Reverend Rachel Pryor Jones, Retired ...................................................... 6/24/95
The Reverend Claire Benedict Linzel, Retired .................................................. 6/24/95
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The Reverend Philip Arthur Davis, Retired ..................................................... 6/14/97
The Reverend Anne Helen Carlton-Jones, Retired ........................................... 6/13/98
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* The Reverend Robert Thomas Millott ............................................................ 6/14/03
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* The Reverend Diane Lynn Millott ................................................. 6/18/05
The Reverend Nancy Metze Smith .................................................. 6/18/05
* The Reverend Ben Lambert Creelman ............................................. 6/10/06
* The Reverend Melissa Marie Sands ................................................. 6/10/06
* The Reverend Wayne Robert Sistrunk ............................................ 6/10/06
* The Reverend William John de La Torre ....................................... 10/4/07
The Reverend Mary Katherine Tate ................................................. 5/29/08
The Reverend Mary Wade Echols, Retired ..................................... 3/10/08
The Reverend Gretchen Mary Platt ............................................... 9/2/08
The Reverend Elaine A. Cole ...................................................... 5/13/09
* The Reverend David Jackson ....................................................... 6/6/09
* The Reverend Jane Young Kelly ................................................... 6/6/09
* The Reverend Sarah Elizabeth Kerr (Transitional) .......................... 6/6/09
* The Reverend Aubrey Ebenezer Cort ............................................. 10/09/09
The Reverend Sandra Parnell Johnson ............................................. 10/09/09
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Clearwater, Ascension
Karen Crown  Bill Cummings  Nancy Raymond

Clearwater, Good Samaritain
Marilyn Bryant  Babs Michael  Deborah Tickett

Clearwater, Holy Trinity (Countryside)
Ernie Colquette  Diane Stewart  -

Clearwater, St. John
Mary Anders  Kathleen Cates  Janice Davis

Dunedin, Good Shepherd
Joanne Forsythe  Cindy Greene  Shauna Morris

Hudson, St. Martin
Betty Duke  Annette Nelson  Christopher “Al” Wright

Indian Rocks Beach, Calvary
Dennis Hite  Ellen Ludlow  Judy Marx

Largo, St. Dunstan
-  -  -

New Port Richey, St. Stephen
Kathleen Aylward  Doris Jenkins  Brenda Kuntz

Palm Harbor, St. Alfred
Dianne Bernard  Cynthia Cox  Ronald Morahan

Safety Harbor, Holy Spirit
Beverly Knapik  Gale Moore  Donald Knapik

Spring Hill, St. Andrew
Gail Niedurny  Paul Popalis  Grant Tolbert

Tarpon Springs, All Saints
Henry Power  Michael Loehner  -

FORT MYERS DEANERY

Cape Coral, Epiphany
Virginia Cruz  George Stout  Marty Whitton

Fort Myers, Iona-Hope
Virginia Harper  -  -

Fort Myers, Lamb of God
Lori Van Wagner  David Washburn  Donnalee Washburn
Fort Myers, St. Hilary
Nick Ranson  Steven “Rusty” Whitley  Lori Uhrig

Fort Myers, St. Luke
Michael Basista  Beverly Bromby Paskeit  Howard Craven

Fort Myers Beach, St. Raphael
Agnes Bassett  Betty Goodacre  -

LaBelle, Good Shepherd
Jane Bruce  John Chandley  -

Lehigh Acres, St. Anselm
Althea Clement  Sharon Douglas  -

North Fort Myers, All Souls
E. Jim Johnson  Carol Walker  -

Pine Island, St. John
Emily Lindsey  Caryle Regan  -

Sanibel, St. Michael and All Angels
Elizabeth Carr  Charlie Emerson  Christine Steege

MANASOTA DEANERY

Bradenton, Christ Church
Barbara Holt  Linda Norris  Barbara Schuler

Bradenton, St. George
Charles Henry  Neva Jordan  Patricia Sircy

Bradenton, St. Mary Magdalene
Lorette Hartzog  Laura Lawson  -

Holmes Beach, Annunciation
Richard Hussey  Terry Hussey  Joan Oster

Longboat Key, All Angels by the Sea
Wafa Danner  Alison Jones  John Redgrave

Osprey, Holy Spirit
Lorrie Hansen  Marilynn Koach  Allen Register

Palmetto, St. Mary
Donna Banasek  Sandy Borrowman  Geri MacDonald

Sarasota, Nativity
Marilyn Davis  Rosalind Hall  Richard Uttich

Sarasota, Redeemer
Edwin Caldwell  Ernest Cave  Thomas Fitzgerald

Sarasota, St. Boniface (Siesta Key)
Peg Davant  Susan Rife  Michael Walker

Sarasota, St. Margaret of Scotland
Dick Slaughter  Susan Thomas  Penny Walsh

Sarasota, St. Wilfred
Kae Canton  Chloteal Lewis  Carl Meskimen
**NAPLES DEANERY**

**Bonita Springs, St. Mary**  
Hildreth Bailey  
Nancy Foley  
Roger Stiefel  

**Marco Island, St. Mark**  
Donna Blankman  
Kevin Fitzgerald  
Lana Fitzgerald  

**Naples, St. John**  
James Buehner  
Phil Schlichting  
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**Naples, St. Monica**  
Bob Mitchell  
Doug Rickenbach  
Elizabeth Smith  

**Naples, St. Paul**  
Carol Conant  
Roger Conant  
Jean Nelson  

**Naples, Trinity-by-the-Cove**  
Diane Moore  
Russell Tuff  
Casey Weidenmiller  

**ST. PETERSBURG DEANERY**

**Pinellas Park, St. Giles**  
Virginia Clarihew  
Sue Slavin  
Mary Speck  

**St. Pete Beach, St. Alban**  
Beth Gordon  
Shelby Shad  
Joel Taliaferro  

**St. Petersburg, St. Augustine**  
Hazel Allen  
James Corn  
LeAnn Elliott  

**St. Petersburg, St. Bartholomew**  
John Hamm  
Joyce Rosner  
Betty Sturtz  

**St. Petersburg, St. Bede**  
Beth Delos Reyes  
Dottie DePierre  
Jean Baylies  

**St. Petersburg, St. Matthew**  
David Biggs  
Barbara Counts  
Kevin Mort  

**St. Petersburg, St. Peter (Cathedral)**  
Karen Amundrud  
Marian McGrath  
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**St. Petersburg, St. Thomas**  
John Ball  
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**St. Petersburg, St. Vincent**  
Shirley Bonney  
Robert Derry  
Neil Rucksdashel  

**Seminole, St. Anne of Grace**  
Ruth Guth  
Gale Moore  
Roy Pressler
Tampa, St. John
George Babor  Joyce Cornish  Joseph Piermatteo

Dade City, St. Mary
Jack Morgan  Tom Parks  Janice Tabb

Plant City, St. Peter
Mike Booher  Cindy Gutowski  Gregg Gutowski

Ruskin, St. John the Divine
Connie Barfield  Barbara Gingrich  -

Tampa, Grace Church (Tampa Palms)
David Knecht  Stephen Kriter  Maryanne Pothier

Tampa, St. Andrew
Lori Taplow  Christopher Watson  -

Tampa, St. Cecilia
Pat Tuley  -  -

Tampa, St. Chad
Mike Rivera  Daniel Ross  -

Tampa, St. Clement
Susan Vastine  Crystal Wood  -

Tampa, St. Francis
Mario Castro  Martin Medrano  -

Tampa, St. James House of Prayer
Shaun Glicksberg  Navita Cummings- James  Yvonne Lipke

Tampa, St. John
Abby Chillndon  Miriam Faircloth  Stephen Fluharty

Tampa, St. Mark
Janet Jordan  Victor Lopez  David Schutte

Tampa, St. Mary
Devon Carter  John Genter  Roger Kurz

Temple Terrace, St. Catherine
Terry Bechtel  Norris Johnson  Jesse Wiggins

Valrico, Holy Innocents
Barbara Glaser  Ron Kohl  Patricia Magnant

Zephyrhills, St. Elizabeth
Virginia Hale  -  -
**VENICE DEANERY**

**Arcadia, St. Edmund**  
Adrienne Daly  
Bert Daly

**Boca Grande, St. Andrew**  
Bruce Birgbauer  
Carol Forrester  
Valerie Walch

**Englewood, St. David**  
Charles “CR” Campbell  
Carol Markus  
Karen Maurer

**North Port, St. Nathaniel**  
Brian Cox  
William Haugh  
Mary Smith

**Port Charlotte, St. James**  
Charles Meyers  
Pamela Schmidt  
Linda Zaleski

**Punta Gorda, Good Shepherd**  
Loretta Dunn  
Carol Eisenbaugh  
Judith Quinn

**Venice, Good Shepherd**  
Roy Clark  
Shirley Gooding  
Thomas Gooding

**Venice, St. Mark**  
Keith Backhaus  
Joe Bentley  
Connie Dowrey
Address to the 41st Annual Convention

The Right Reverend Dabney T. Smith

Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

There are three elements in my life that I hold in the highest regard. The first is being married to Mary Ellen. The second is being a grandfather to the best grandchildren ever. The third is being bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The first two are self-explanatory. I will offer some comment on the third.

I count myself as blessed to serve among you as bishop. I have experienced multiple occasions to have my memories awakened here of priests who remember serving with my priest father, and of both childhood and collegiate remembrances of life in the church in this diocese. Being bishop here is, in a sense, being home.

I believe we have exciting and demanding days ahead in this diocesan home of ours. We have much in which to rejoice.

This year, including last night, we have ordained seven people to the priesthood and diaconate. We have six people currently enrolled in seminary.

The School for Ministry Development is in its second year, and some students will undoubtedly be engaged in the ordination process for the diaconate. This diocese is currently hosting three Cursillo weekends annually. We have 15 Episcopal schools in this diocese, of which two — Berkley Preparatory School in Tampa and St. Stephen’s at Christ Church in Bradenton — are undergoing extensive renovation and new construction. Those two schools, along with St. Mary’s and St. John’s in Tampa, and St. Paul’s School in Clearwater, all assisted in hosting the biennial National Association of Episcopal Schools in Tampa since our last convention.

Ten congregations have new rectors or priests-in-charge, and seven congregations have new assisting priests or deacons. Nine of our congregations — St. John the Divine in Ruskin, St. Monica’s in Naples, St. Andrew’s in Tampa, St. Paul’s in Naples, St. James in Port Charlotte, the Cathedral of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, St. Nathaniel’s in North Port, St. Mary’s in Bonita Springs, and St. Andrew’s, in Boca Grande — have recently completed or are in the midst of renovation or new construction projects. And St. Andrew’s, Boca Grande, will be received as a parish today.

On Oct. 13, 1892, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church established the Missionary Diocese of South Florida, and the House of Bishops elected William Crane Gray as its first bishop. In his episcopal travels he landed on Boca Grande and purchased land for a church in 1908. Bishop Gray held the first service on Boca Grande in March of 1911 in the railroad depot. He recorded in his journal, “All who could crowd in were there, and many on the outside. I raised the tunes, and the singing was hearty. It was an inspiring service. Great improvements are going on, and I believe Boca Grande has a future before it.”

Well, I believe it does too. Some transitions just take longer than others.

We have much to celebrate. Like in any home though, it is, of course true that all is not celebratory. There are times of weeping as well. Some of our congregations have suffered internal conflict. Some congregations are suffering intense financial constraints and uncertain futures. As St. Paul informs us, “We rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.” We experience wonderful vitality and times of significant pain just like in most homes. And we are all in this together in our diocesan home.

After last year’s diocesan convention of 2008 I began to solidify some of my own thinking regarding some operational and mission issues in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. I decided that I did not want to wait until this 41st diocesan convention to inform the diocese of my thinking, so I presented these thoughts to the spring deanery convocations after discussions with the Diocesan Council, deans and Standing Committee. The presentations were not intended to be detailed plans, as much as directions I thought we needed to go in for the long-term life of the diocese.
At the conclusion of the spring convocations, I formed a temporary task force to begin addressing the questions to transform these directions into plans for the future. Its purpose was to think out loud and identify issues and concerns for putting into action these vision and mission directions. Out of these conversations emerged a vision statement around which to organize my and our thinking and energy. It is “Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission.”

The congregational and diocesan topics do not just neatly divide into these three areas. There is much obvious overlap. But for the sake of presentation I will present issues in three distinct segments.

**Honor our Tradition**

We have a particular history in this diocese and particular ways of institutional and canonical practice in the Episcopal Church. One institutional model is in how congregations exist. Our diocese has many healthy examples of the traditional congregational model, which includes facilities, ordained and lay staff members, ongoing program, and self-sustaining operating budgets. We need to be about the business of planting more congregations like these.

However, our diocese also has the need to try different and creative approaches for congregational life, which may include congregational clusters or team ministry models so as to make available the shared resources of people, funds and materials.

One approach we are currently involved in is a partnership with the congregations of St. John’s, Pine Island; Epiphany, Cape Coral; and the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The intention of this collaborative effort is to share resources and maintain two healthy congregational systems. This is not a new idea. The diocese, St. Boniface and St. Margaret of Scotland have been involved with St. Edmund’s in a shared mission approach for some years now.

In these times we will continue to explore additional regional shared mission approaches. It is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of working together, sharing our resources and mission opportunities in this diocesan home. We need also pay heed to the emergent church desires expressed in a new generation, and pay heed to specific demographic shifts primarily in the Hispanic/Latino populations in multiple areas of our diocese.

We have extraordinary assets in buildings, finances and human resources to manage in this diocese. We do so within the context of particular institutional practices in which we can honor our tradition in creative, coherent and responsible ways. I call upon the Commission on Ministry, the Congregational Development Committee, the Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee, the deans, the clergy events planning committee, the clergy, the vestries, the ECW and all of the delegates to this convention to think and plan creatively and strategically to honor our tradition for the growth and health of our congregations and diocese.

**Build for the Future**

**DaySpring:** The process of planning has begun for the return of the major operational aspects of the diocesan office to DaySpring. The diocese already owns DaySpring, and having the official diocesan presence at DaySpring will positively influence the ongoing operation.

DaySpring is important in the life of the diocese as a gathering space that is beautiful and central. It is a place where multitudes meet Jesus and each other. Preliminary conversations have started with the Manatee County Planning Department. It is essential that we proceed with an approach that is thoughtful and responsible. I have no need or desire to rush things. I want the decisions to make sense for us and for generations to come.

DaySpring should also have a larger and beautiful worship space for the needs of our multiple diocesan activities held there. The most important thing we do when we gather as Christian community is worship God through Jesus Christ. Again, it is essential that we
proceed with an approach that is thoughtful and responsible. Let me stress that the conversations for planning purposes are in the preliminary stage. I do not want to make decisions that will simply be reactive or that we will regret.

I am furthermore convinced that DaySpring needs an endowment fund to deal with its ongoing capital depreciation and improvement issues. A very modest amount has been contributed for this purpose but, again, we need to pay continued attention to this need for the long term.

If the Diocese of Southwest Florida ever sold DaySpring we would never recover it. I believe we should use this gift to our greatest advantage. We need to be intentional about program development, asset improvement and diocesan operational presence at DaySpring. The development of a DaySpring endowment fund will only enhance these purposes.

The diocesan office move will include creating and maintaining an official presence at our cathedral in St. Petersburg. This aspect is more readily available due to the construction already underway at the cathedral. Conversations are currently in progress regarding some designated diocesan office space, shared meeting space and School for Ministry Development functions. We will keep addressing these issues more specifically as the particulars become more available.

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**Mercy in Mission**

**Episcopal Charities:** I presented this concept and need at the October 2008 diocesan convention. I noted that an Episcopal Charities Fund is an immense resource in many dioceses. I asked for 2009 Episcopalians to each contribute $1,000 to establish this fund for outreach.

I hoped that we would generate approximately $2 million by this invitation. It has not yet succeeded in a mature fashion. However, the current activity is in simply raising funds to build an Episcopal Charities Fund endowment so as to have monies available for outreach within and beyond the diocese.

The fund has been established and is now in the building stage. It is not yet significant, but by paying continued attention to it, the fund will develop into an important instrument for community services and outreach.

Last week, about 20 congregations participated in the “Baseball with the Bishop” night at Tropicana Field. About 700 Episcopalians gathered, and the Tampa Bay Rays will now contribute $4 per ticket to the Episcopal Charities Fund. I would like to thank everyone who participated to help build up the fund. I thank all congregations and individuals who have specifically contributed to the Episcopal Charities Fund thus far and thank those who will in the future.

One particular present reality for mission is the need and opportunity in many of our congregational communities across the diocese for Hispanic/Latino mission. Today you will find a church bus and commercial-type van that have been contributed to the diocese for these efforts. These efforts will include medical team collaborations, delivery of food, clothing, and other resources, and making worship available to our Hispanic and Latino brothers and sisters in Christ in targeted areas across the diocese.

This represents an Episcopal Community Services shared effort between Church of the Redeemer, St. George’s and the diocese. It is our hope to continue to identify existing Episcopal churches in Hispanic communities and to establish a network of locations in which to develop a ministry circuit. The vehicles will be blessed at lunch.

Many of our congregations are dealing with issues of domestic poverty, food kitchens, refugee resettlement, homeless ministry and more. The Episcopal Charities Fund will aid in mission initiatives and collaborative efforts for cultural issues and circumstances that are chronic, critical or catastrophic. The financial resources are modest in the fund at this point. I now recognize that the development of the Episcopal Charities Fund will probably take years to become a mature asset for mission in the diocese. But I will continue to address the need. One day it will help us have mercy in mission and then will continue to do so. I ask again this day. I will continue asking.
I am pleased and grateful to be in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. God willing, I hope to be your bishop for a long time. We are in our 40th-year anniversary. I would be gratified to celebrate our 50th anniversary together. The directions I offer are ones I believe we need to more actively engage in the next decade and beyond.

It is a personal joy being bishop here, although it is not always fun. There is an intensity attached to the office that is revealed in the fact that I do not have the power to make everyone happy, or to make believing Christians agree with each other on cultural and theological issues.

No, it is not always fun but the joy gives the gift of encouragement.

When I was a young man I went through a desperate time of spiritual self-assessment flavored by deep fear. I came out of it upon reaching the conclusion that Christianity is true, that Jesus Christ is alive, and that I was now free. It is true! I’ve never looked back. This is the life to which I have been called and where I will faithfully remain. Our faith in Jesus Christ is true.

I invite you to join me in committing for the long term in this diocese. We need to strengthen our resources because we have been called to serve here. I believe we are called to Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future and have Mercy in Mission.
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Agenda

Registration and Coffee............................................................... 8:00 – 8:50 a.m.
Quiet Time before Morning Prayer ............................................. 8:50 – 9:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer, Rite II .................................................................. 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Bishop’s Address ........................................................................... 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Break (No Refreshments) ............................................................... 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.
First Business Session .................................................................. 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
1. Appointments for Convention ............................................. The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith
2. Credentials Report ................................................................. The Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning
3. Report of Committee on Congregational Development ........ The Rev. Dr. John Adler
4. Introduction of New Canonically-Resident Clergy ............... The Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning
5. Introduction of Visiting Guests ............................................... The Rev. Canon Michael P. Durning
9. First Ballot ........................................................................... The Rev. Vincent Scotto
10. Break.................................................................................. 11:30 – 11:45 a.m.
11. Reconvene Business Session ............................................... 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.
14. Bishop’s Appointees ............................................................. The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman
17. Lunch ................................................................................ 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.
18. Reconvene Business Session ............................................... 1:15 – 3:00 p.m.
23. Third Ballot ........................................................................ The Rev. Vincent Scotto
25. Other Resolutions ............................................................... The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman
27. Report of Vote (if necessary) ............................................... The Rev. Vincent Scotto
MINUTES
Forty First Annual Convention
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The 41st Convention of the Diocese was called to order at 10:24 a.m. by Bishop Dabney T. Smith.

As the first order of business, Bishop Smith made the following:

Appointments for this Convention:

a. Secretary of Convention: Mrs. Anne Stadel
b. Committee on Dispatch of Business: The Rev. Canon Michael Durning
   The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman
c. Parliamentarian: Mr. James (Jim) Park
d. Elections Committee: The Rev. Vincent Scotto

Credentials Report:

The Rev. Canon Michael Durning presented the credentials report:

Article 9 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Southwest Florida stipulates that:
“One half of the clergy entitled to vote in the Convention and lay delegates from one half of the congregations entitled to representation, when duly assembled shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.” The total number of clergy accredited to vote is 98, 84 of this number are present. The total number of congregations accredited to vote is 77, with a total vote of 219. 76 congregations with 188 lay delegates are present and, therefore, a quorum is established.

Report of the Committee on Dispatch of Business:

The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman addressed the Bishop, stating, “Bishop the Committee on the Dispatch of Business moves item #7 of our agenda to this point, to follow #2, which follows the Diocesan Council moving the Rules of Convention, found on page 6 of your Convention booklet. To move the inclusion of the printed resolutions 2009; I move the proposed agenda as follows, everything following it.”

Bishop Smith spoke to the Rules of Convention only, saying, “Please note and be reminded that at last year’s Convention we adopted new Diocesan Canons and those Canons stipulate the Convention accepting or adopting Rules of Order. Due to the fact that those Canons came into existence at the conclusion of 2008’s Convention we do not have Rules of Order adopted, and so Diocesan Council also following the Rules of Canons, did adopt these rules this week for Convention; and, if Convention then adopts these Rules of Convention we don’t have to do this next year. So the Rules of Convention found on page 6 of the Convention Journal are before you.

The Rules of Convention were moved and accepted by acclamation; with no discussion.

The Convention Agenda was moved. No discussion, all in favor.

Report of Committee on Congregational Development

Father John Adler, first Chair of the Committee on Congregational Development, explained that under the new canons he cannot serve on both the CDC and Diocesan Council. He was elected to Council and chose to serve in that capacity. As of yesterday (October 9, 2009) Mr.
Kevin Fitzgerald of St. Mark’s, Marco Island, was elected the new Chair; however, he asked Father Adler to address Convention.

Since its inception CDC has spent the majority of its time working out its relationships with the Diocesan Council, with the Finance Committee and with the staff of this Diocese, and working on the congregations found to be in arrearages, for which they believe they have reached a resolution. They all agree we would be better served if the Congregational Development Committee could concentrate on congregational development, including the planting of new congregations.

One of the bright and shining moments of the past year has been to work with the people of St. Andrew’s, Boca Grande, to explore their application for parish status. Now a year round ministry, St. Andrew’s continues to grow, and is currently in the midst of a building program that’s fully paid for.

CDC, unanimously, moved admission of St. Andrew’s, Boca Grande as a parish in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

Convention, all in favor, applauded.

In 1908 the Missionary Bishop William Crane Gray arrived on a sand island, went to the Boca Grande Realty Company and bought the property for a dollar. It is now apparent this congregation has become more visionary in being part of a goodly fellowship, being part of a diocese. It is vital that each of our congregations become part of a greater vision.

**Introduction of new canonically-resident clergy:**

The Rev. Michael Durning, Canon to the Ordinary, after reminding Convention that speakers need to introduce themselves by name and congregation when they stand, proceeded to introduce new clergy and special guests.

**a. By Letters Dimmissory**

i. The Rev. Dewey Brown (from the Diocese of Newark), Rector-Elect, St. Mary’s, Dade City

ii. The Rev. Elaine Cole (from the Diocese of Rhode Island), Deacon, St. Martin’s, Hudson

iii. The Rev. Hector Lopez-Chevarra (from the Diocese of Columbia), Vicar, St. Francis, Tampa

iv. The Rev. Ernest Flemister (from the Diocese of Southern Ohio), Rector-elect, St. James House of Prayer, Tampa

v. The Rev. Edward Gleason (from the Diocese of Louisiana), Assistant, Trinity by the Cove, Naples

vi. The Very Rev. Stephen Morris (from the Diocese of Central Florida), Dean, St. Peter’s Cathedral

vii. The Rev. Benjamin Santana (from the Diocese of the Virgin Islands) Assistant, Redeemer, Sarasota

viii. The Rev. Ellen Sloan (from the Diocese of Newark), Rector-Elect, St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel

ix. The Rev. Katherine Warner (from the Diocese of Kentucky), Assistant, St. Andrew’s, Boca Grande

x. The Rev. Robin Whitlock, (from the the Diocese of Louisiana), Priest in charge, St. Augustine’s, St. Petersburg,

xi. The Rev. Gary Wilde (from Diocese of Georgia), Assistant, St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs.
b. **By Ordination:**

i. The Rev. Aubrey Cort, Deacon, Team Ministry, Lee County
ii. The Rev. Dr. David Jackson, Deacon, Team Ministry, Lee County
iii. The Rev. Sandra Johnson, Deacon, St. Hilary’s, Fort Myers
iv. The Rev. Jane Kelly, Deacon, St. James, Port Charlotte
   The Rev. Sarah Kerr, Transitional Deacon, Assistant, St. Thomas, St. Petersburg
v. The Rev. Ronald Kowalski, Priest in charge, Good Samaritan, Clearwater
vi. The Rev. Dwayne Varas, Priest, Assistant, St. Paul’s, Naples

Those present stood for recognition and welcome. (All were welcomed, and were requested to stand to be recognized.)

c. **Introduction of Candidate Eric Cooter**, Senior, School of Theology, Sewanee, TN

   Eric is President of the student body at Sewanee

**Introduction of Visiting Guests**

a. Dr. Richard M. Schori, spouse of the Presiding Bishop, keynote speaker for Clergy Spouse luncheon
b. Constance and Dain Perry. Anti Racism Facilitators and members of Trinity Church, Copley Square, Boston
b. The Rev. Dr. Charles Foley, Assisting at St. George Bradenton, (United Church of Christ)

**Final Credentials Report**

The Reverend Canon Michael Durning reported in the final credentials report: The total number of clergy accredited to vote is 98, 86 of this number are present. The total number of congregations accredited to vote is 77, with a total vote of 219. 77 congregations with 190 lay delegates are present. We still have a quorum.

**Report on Nominations, Elections, and Explanation of the process**

Father Vincent Scotto welcomed us all back to Punta Gorda.

He told delegates not to fold ballot, so it will work in the machine.
Use #2 pencil, pen will not work.
Voting procedures outlined on page 12.
Each candidate has a unique #, fill in bracket on ballot with candidates #
Need candidates list, ballot, pencil

Moving on to the Elections: Article 9 in the Convention booklet outlines the quorum and method of voting in Convention. All delegates should have ballots, included in registration sack. Two pencils were included, *use them for scan*. Ballots are numbered: 1, 2, and 3. We will go through the process of nominations in order. Those from floor must be listed on correct line to be scanned properly.
Nominations made prior to the Convention were listed in alphabetical order.

A. **Standing Committee – Lay** - vote for: one for three-year term, one for one-year term

   Joseph “Jay” Fleece, III
   Sheree Graves
   Charles H. Scruggs III

No nominations from the floor.
Father Scotto moved nominations be closed; all were in favor.
B. Standing Committee – Presbyter – vote for two for three-year terms
   The Rev. Doug Scharf
   The Rev. Kathy Schillreff
   The Rev. Doug Zimmerman
No nominations from the floor.
Father Scotto moved nominations be closed; all were in favor.

C. Diocesan Council – Lay – vote for two for two-year terms
   William L. Moore
   David N. Pfaff
   Steven R. “Rusty” Whitley
No nominations from the floor.
Father Scotto moved nominations be closed; all were in favor.

D. Diocesan Review Committee – Presbyter - vote for one, for three-year term
   The Rev. Barbara L. Muller
   The Rev. Alice Marcrum, Rector, St. Raphael’s – by The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Rector, Holy Spirit, Osprey,
The nominee accepted. Father Scotto instructed her name be entered on line 25 of the ballot. Seconded. No additional nominations from the floor. Nominations were moved to be closed. Seconded. All were in favor.

E. Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Lay – vote for one person, for a three-year term
   James A. Marcrum
   Jonathan D. Smith
No nominations from the floor. Father Scotto moved nominations be closed; all were in favor.

F. Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clergy – vote for two, for a three-year term
   The Rev. Benjamin L. Creelman, deacon
   The Rev. Margaret Koor, deacon
There were no nominations from the floor. Father Scotto moved that nominations be closed, and seconded. All were in favor.

G. Trustee–University of the South-Lay vote for one person for a three-year term
   David McCallister
   David Dunn-Rankin
   Roger S. Schwenke
There were no nominations from the floor. Father Scotto moved the nominations be closed; approved by all.

Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clergy, having two openings/two candidates, it was moved, and seconded they both be elected, voted in by acclamation.

Canon Durning explained the voting process, noting the nine assigned tellers standing by the Deanery signs with bags for transporting ballots.

First Ballot

As the first ballots were cast, Father Scotto responded to questions on procedure.

The Rev. Doug Zimmerman – Dispatch of Business explained, in keeping with Rules of Convention and with rules of debate, the 2 minute rule: at 1 minute – yellow sign; at 2 minutes - red sign. That signals the end of your turn. Sit down.
Voice Vote Confirmation/Deanery Reps to Diocesan Council

a. Clearwater: The Rev. Shanda Mahurin
b. Fort Myers: The Rev. John Adler
c. Manasota: Mrs. Augusta Haeffner
d. Naples: The Rev. Alice Sadler
e. St. Petersburg: The Rev. John Suhar
f. Tampa: Mr. Steve Straski
g. Venice: Mr. Jim Park

These are people elected at Deanery Convocations, and require Convention voice vote confirmation. The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith called for voice vote confirmations of these elected representatives; all were in favor.

Bishop appoints and Convention affirms

a. Commission on Ministry
   i. Priest: The Rev. Michael Branscombe
   ii. Priest: The Rev. William Burkett
   iii. Priest: The Rev. Ann McLemore

These also require Convention confirmation. All in favor.

First ballot closed.

b. Committee on Constitutions and Canons (placeholder/none necessary)

c. Deacons’ Council
   i. Deacon: The Rev. John Wolfe
   ii. Priest: The Rev. Richard Marsden
   iii. Lay: Mr. Patrick Whelan

Bishop’s Appointees (for Convention information, no action required)

a. Chancellor: Mr. Theodore L. Tripp, Jr.

b. Vice Chancellors by Deanery
   Ms. Susan Churuti, St. Petersburg
   Mr. Michael A. Durant, Naples
   Ms. Sally H. Foote, Clearwater
   Mr. Gregory Hearing, Tampa
   Mr. Robert Henderson, Fort Myers
   Mr. James D. Park, Venice
   Mr. Hamilton “Chip” Rice, Manasota
c. **Canonical Deans**
   The Very Rev. D. John Hiers, Clearwater
   The Very Rev. John L. Hartnett, St. Petersburg
   The Very Rev. Randall K. Hehr, Tampa
   The Very Rev. Alan H. Kelmereit, Fort Myers
   The Very Rev. Harry I. Parsell, Manasota
   The Very Rev. James H. Puryear, Venice
   The Very Rev. Michael G. Rowe, Naples

d. **Clergy Events Planning Committee**
   i. **For one year**
      1. The Very Rev. Stephen Morris, Convener
      2. The Rev. Canon Ted Copland
      3. The Rev. Fredrick Robinson
      4. The Rev. Kathryn Schillreff
   
   ii. **For two years**
      1. The Rev. Ellen Sloan
      2. The Rev. Sarah Kerr

e. **School for Ministry Development Board**
   i. Mr. David Goodrich
   ii. The Rev. C. Read Heydt
   iii. The Rev. William R. Moyers
   iv. The Rev. Ryan A. Wright

Bishop Smith then presented gifts to those who have served the diocese. One, The Rev. Canon Gigi Connor, has moved to Woodstock. She would receive her reward for service on the Standing Committee and as first alternate to General Convention. Rotating off Diocesan Council: Alan Getz, The Rev. Ray Dage, The Rev. Alice Marcrum, Dr. William Moore, George McLaughlin, and Debbie Tripp were called forward. Each received a gift of thanks for their services. Also, those rotating off the Standing Committee: Charles Scruggs and Father Douglas Zimmerman received thank you gifts.

**Report of the Treasurer and Budget Presentation**

In the absence of Alan Getz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mike Kline introduced Mrs. Anne Vickers, CFA, Interim CFO. She explained the procedures, and interworking of the CFO, Finance Committee, and Council in the Diocesan Office. The first two are responsible for defining, facilitating, exploring, inquiring, crunching numbers, scrutinizing, organizing all of the thoughts into a cohesive recommendation which they give to Council to consider and act. That is the process they have followed. In the Convocations they presented a group of numbers now revised into a new budget presentation.

On Thursday, October 8, 2009 the Council approved and is recommending the revised budget to be voted on by this Convention. There are four changes:

1. A change in the Apportionment percentage from 10% to 9%. This is a one year change.
2. A correction: eight churches had turned their parochial reports in late. These were previously overlooked, resulting in a positive $493,000 correction.
3. An increase in the allowance for the uncollectable apportionments.
4. A decision to defer the stream of fund money in the 20/20 grant, still retaining commitment to the first two grants.
This produced, roughly, a break even budget, in the operating account; and untouched investment income in the designated and restricted accounts. In Summary, the Diocese spent its reserves in 2009 by cutting the apportionment to 8% (by $693,000), and cut Diocesan expense, in both personnel and plans.

Mike Kline exercised a motion for acceptance of this budget.

Discussion: Father John Hiers, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater, directed attention to account 21585010. He made a motion to reduce the Episcopal Church asking from 20% to 10%, giving the difference between the two funds to Diocesan Council to decide how to spend.

Father Michael Basden, Trinity by the Cove, Naples, expressed the opinion that this needs more long term study. It is too major a decision not to put more thought into it.

The Rev. Andrea Taylor, St. Boniface, questioned the numbers, asking if there was a precedent for cutting our contribution to the National Church.

Father Bob Hennigan, St. Hilary's, Fort Myers, had the pleasure of being a Deputy at General Convention, where he learned about the Presiding Bishop’s Office’s budget being cut, in particular, those desks on issues of Racism and Women’s Ministry. If we cut further, these cuts will be of those providing service, not the decision makers. He spoke strongly against this motion.

Navita Cummings-James, St. James House of Prayer, echoed the sentiments of her fellow Deputy. "It was heartbreaking to see the kind of budget cuts the National Church had to do. We zeroed out major areas that we hold dear in this Diocese. The National Church continued its commitment to the Millenium Development goals, and has targeted money to Hispanic ministries. I strongly urge us to defeat this amendment."

Father Arthur Lee, St. David's, Englewood, said, to speak against this motion seemed inappropriate. It is an action that should be addressed in a General Convention, not by one diocese, unilaterally.

Father Michael Rowe, St. Mary’s, Bonita Springs, stated, “It is an asking from the National Church, rather than an assessment. A large number of dioceses give a range; it is a Diocesan action throughout the church. We may choose to vote for or against the amendment based on its merits.”

The Rev. Tara McGraw, Rector, St. Paul's also rose against this amendment for the reasons stated by the Delegates to General Convention. She said, “We are discussing this in financial terms; however others, across the Church, may hear it differently. I fear they would hear a political statement, perhaps a theologically political statement, against the National Church. I, for one, would not want that.”

Candy Stott, Christ Church, Bradenton, spoke in favor of the amendment. She felt that the rest of us live on ten percent, the National Church can do it too.

Father Doug Remer, St. John’s, Tampa, would encourage Convention to consider the amount of money involved, and not the theology behind the amendment. To tie the tithe to what we give the National Church is off base. The Biblical tithe was always, and only, an obligation of the individual. It has nothing to do with the Institution.

The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, also a Deputy of the General Convention, spoke to aligning ourselves to the same percentage at all levels.
Bishop Smith then asked the Secretary of the Convention to read the motion made by Father John Hiers, which reads: “The motion to amend account #585010 from $633,254 to $281,000.” The Bishop stated that a vote of “yes” meant acceptance of the motion, a vote of “no”, would defeat the motion. The voice vote appeared to defeat the motion; however, verification was made with the raising of hands. The hand count vote was 101 for, 3 abstentions, 172 against; the amendment did not carry. This put the 2010 budget before Convention.

Father Ted Copland spoke to vote this budget down.

Father Joel Morsch, Christ Church, Bradenton both spoke and voted against this budget in Council. This budget includes more spending by $100,000 than last year.

Father Michael Basden, Trinity by the Cove, Naples, stated, “Our budget can support the Diocesan Budget with the 1% increase in apportionment. If we wait another year to increase the 1%, parishes will fall into complacency.”

The Rev. Andrea Taylor, St. Boniface, Sarasota, wants to delay so we consider 2009 dollars, not 2008.

The Bishop reminded Convention the Budget is reviewed monthly by Finance Committee, and turned over to Diocesan Council which was elected by this body to oversee affairs of the Diocese between Conventions.

Pat Tulee, St. Cecilia’s, says an assessment based on 2008 dollars is 25 percent of their current budget.

Father Tom Thoeni, St. Peter’s, Plant City, asked the Bishop to clarify, “If Convention chose not to vote for this budget, would it mean that Diocesan Council would make the decision for us?” The Bishop replied that, in fact, it would; as the Council is elected to oversee the affairs of the Diocese between Conventions.

Kevin Fitzgerald, St. Mark’s, Marco Island, basing his response on two years on the Congregational Development Committee, and twelve months as Chair of the apportionment subcommittee, stated that: “From 2004 – 2008, twenty-two parishes have failed to pay their apportionment. Whether 8%, 9% or 22%, parishes will find a way not to pay. We have the lowest apportionment in the United States.”

Father Chris Schuller, St. Thomas, St. Petersburg, thanked Kevin Fitzgerald for his wise comments. In light of them, and the Bishop’s comments, he asked to Call the Question for a vote.

Seconded. Convention voted to close debate, voted in favor of 2010 budget.

Report of Vote

There were 294 valid ballots cast. Elected persons highlighted, the results are:

A. Standing Committee – Lay - vote for: one for three-year term, one for one-year term
   Joseph “Jay” Fleece, III - three years
   Sheree Graves - one year
   Charles H. Scruggs III

B. Standing Committee – Presbyter – vote for two for three-year terms
   The Rev. Doug Scharf
   The Rev. Kathy Schillreff
   The Rev. Doug Zimmerman
C. Diocesan Council – Lay – vote for two for two-year terms
   - William L. Moore, M.D.
   - David N. Pfaff
   - Steven R. “Rusty” Whitley

D. Diocesan Review Committee – Presbyter - vote for one, for three-year term
   - The Rev. Barbara L. Muller
   Nominations from the floor:
   - The Rev. Alice Marcrum, Rector, St. Raphael’s – by The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Rector, Holy Spirit, Osprey,

E. Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Lay – vote for one person, for a three-year term
   - James A. Marcrum
   - Jonathan D. Smith

F. Ecclesiastical Trial Court – Clergy – vote for two, for a three-year term
   - The Rev. Benjamin L. Creelman, deacon
   - The Rev. Margaret Koor, deacon

G. Trustee – University of the South - Lay – vote for one person for a three-year term
   - David McCallister
   - David Dunn-Rankin
   - Roger S. Schwenke

Second Ballot

There will need to be a second ballot, just for the Trustee – University of the South. Line 39, 40 or 41.

The Bishop asked The Rev. Kathryn Schillreff and the participants in the noonday service to please come forward.

The green committee presented ecologically sound water containers to the Bishop and Canon Durning. Kyle Bennett, St. Mark’s, Marco Island, also brought the Bishop some jambayala.

Father Zimmermann, Dispatch of Business, read a letter of commendation sent to Bishop Smith from the Center for Evangelism and Congregational Life at the Episcopal Center regarding participation in the establishment of Latino/Hispanic Ministries in this Diocese, thus fulfilling the Great Commission.

After lunch the Bishop will bless the Hispanic Ministries busses. Father Zimmerman gave directions for lunch. Convention is to reconvene at 1:20.

Necrology and Noonday Prayer

The Rev. Kathryn Schillreff took charge of prayers acting out the Convention theme, “Honor our Tradition, Build for the future: Mercy in Mission”. Examples given in acting out this theme were provision of food for foodbanks, used cell phones for the Coalition against Human Trafficking, money for water projects in the developing world, and money for mosquito nets.
Included in the Prayers for the Departed were:
The Rev. William J. Bozeman, Ill
The Rev. Alan R. Davidson
The Rev. Marshall Ellis
The Rev. Herbert E. Rowe
The Rev. R. Bruce Ryan
The Rev. Charles “Chip” R. Sanford
The Rev. Raymond F. Turner
The Rev. Bill B. Wilson
The Rev. Donald O. Wiseman
Mrs. Mary Leinbeck
Mrs. Norma J. Walker

Lunch

Reconvene Business Session

Business Session Reconvened at 1:37 PM. Father Zimmerman, Dispatch of Business, pointed out appointment of The Rev. Richard Doscher as the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, for a three year term. This, as a point of information, needs no confirmation.

The Rev. Barbara Muller, St. Cecilia’s, and The Rev. William de la Torre, deacon and head of Hispanic Ministry at St. Cecilia’s, made a bilingual announcement, inviting all, the next Sunday at St. Cecilia’s, to the Feast of Senor de la Milagros, beginning at 12N, Eucharist at 1PM. Clergy wishing to participate were invited to vest, purple stoles.

The Rev. Doug Zimmerman, invited everyone to St. Wilfred’s 50th Anniversary celebration, Saturday and Sunday of next week. On Saturday October 17, from 10 AM – 2 PM there will be pony rides, presentations, a prayer tent, and a dunk tank.

The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, announced the Diocesan ECW had elected Joan Kline, Ascension, Clearwater, as Woman of the Year, for all her contributions in this diocese, especially as Diocesan ECW President. Bishop Smith and The Rev. Sharon Lewis presented this award at Triennial, at this past General Convention.

Bob Stephens presented Jackie Robe with an award for distinguished service from the Dominican Development Group. Jackie has been on the Board of Directors of this group from its founding ten years ago. Many of those years she served as their Secretary. Jackie represents our Diocese in cooperation with other Companion Dioceses in this missionary endeavor of the Episcopal Church, focusing effort in the development and self-sufficiency of the Dominican Church.


Report of Vote

We have an election. There were 289 valid ballots cast. Election result is highlighted:

G. Trustee – University of the South - Lay – vote for one person for a three-year term

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Report of the Resolutions Committee
The Chair called on Father Michael Basden, who noted there are seven resolutions for consideration. Dispatch of Business has requested they be considered in the following order: #4, #5, #2, #3, #6, #7, #1. Two of the resolutions a member of Constitutions will speak to when the time comes.

“Point of Order, Bishop,” said Father Adler of Iona-Hope, Fort Myers. His understanding was that two of the resolutions were filed beyond the deadline and that would, therefore, require a two-thirds vote to get them on the floor. The Bishop asked Becky Robbins-Penniman to address this. The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman stated the two resolutions to which Father Adler referred were, at this point, “only on the agenda”, nothing more. The Bishop asked Father Adler if it would be okay to wait until they “hit the floor”, to which Father Adler responded, “No, but that’s okay with me.”

#4 Resolution to Exempt Capital Funds from Assessment

Offered by the Reverend Joel J. Morsch, Rector, Christ Church, Bradenton, Florida.

Resolved, the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009:

Whereas the property and buildings of the various parishes of the Diocese of Southwest Florida is held in trust for the Diocese,

And whereas the maintenance of the property and buildings is a benefit to the Diocese of Southwest Florida as this preserves the value of said property and buildings belonging to the Diocese,

And whereas there is currently an assessment on all dedicated capital campaigns, funds and projects of the various parishes of this Diocese,

And whereas this assessment on dedicated capital campaigns causes additional hardship on all parishes to maintain the upkeep of these property and buildings,

Be it hereby resolved that the assessment on capital projects will cease on January 1, 2010.

Explanation:

The intent of this resolution is to remove the diocesan assessment as it applies to capital projects in parish since this is money spent on property belonging to the diocese. The current assessment places a burden on the local congregations and often deters needed improvements by making them too costly.

Action:

Once Resolution #4 was before the Convention Bishop Smith informed the body, on behalf of Diocesan Council, of Council’s recommendation to Convention to refer both Resolutions 4 and 5, which is not yet before Convention, to the Finance Committee and the Congregational Development Committee for further study of the financial impact and definition of terms, to be reported back to Diocesan Council.

We were informed that is only the recommendation of Diocesan Council. However, when a resolution comes before Convention, the mover loses ownership of the resolution to the Convention; so Convention can accept the recommendation and refer, or adopt, or amend, or discharge.

Navita Cummings-James, St. James House of Prayer, moved “to refer this resolution to the Finance Committee and Congregational Development Committee, for further study of the
financial impact and definition of terms, to be reported back to Diocesan Council.” The motion was seconded.

Father John Hiers asked if Council would report to Convention. While the Bishop could not say when this report would be issued, he again reminded us that Convention elects Diocesan Council to serve as agent on Convention’s behalf; therefore the report would be public knowledge for the diocese.

There being no more discussion, Convention voted to refer Resolution #4, as moved.

#5 Resolution to Add Apportionment Policy to Canons

Offered by The Rev. John S. Adler, Pastor, Iona-Hope Episcopal Church in Fort Myers.

Resolved, the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009:

That the following language be added to the canons of the diocese in an appropriate location as determined by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons:

The apportionment of support that each congregation pays to the Diocese of Southwest Florida for the support of the diocese and related activities of the diocese shall be a percentage of that congregation’s normal operating income as reported on the Parochial Report (currently reported on line A of page 3). The Parochial Report used for this figure shall be the report filed two years preceding the year in which the apportionment is due. (For example: the 2010 apportionment is calculated using the data filed with the 2008 Parochial Report).

The current percentage of the apportionment is based upon the tithe and is, therefore, 10% (although a one-year reduction is currently in effect). This percentage amount may be reduced by a majority vote of the members of the Diocesan Council at any time. However, the percentage may not be increased without the consent of a majority vote of the convention taken at the meeting immediately prior to the calendar year in which the increased rate is scheduled to go into effect.

The apportionment also applies to amounts collected for capital purposes under most circumstances. The same percentage rate shall apply to capital funds as apply to operating funds. The exceptions to the applicability of the apportionment on Capital Funds shall be those congregations who are in the following circumstances:

1. A congregation in mission status;
2. A congregation that has been officially designated as a “Supervised Congregation” as defined by the canons of this diocese;
3. A congregation attempting to reduce its overall indebtedness of at least $500,000 incurred from a construction program (see item 4 below); and,
4. A congregation that is raising funds or has raised funds to build a building, whether it be for principal use as a worship space, office space, or what is commonly referred to as a fellowship hall provided the amount of funds is in excess of $500,000.

It is anticipated that the apportionment shall be paid on a regular monthly basis throughout the year unless other arrangements are made in advance. The effect of this canon shall be prospective only and not retroactive.
Explanation:
This proposed addition to the canons would bring the current method of apportionment into the canon law of this diocese. The method currently being used was adopted by resolution at the convention in 1999, and has never been made canonical.

While preserving the tithe on both operating income and capital funds this canonical addition also provides incentive for constructing primary and necessary buildings without penalizing a congregation for growth. It also allows a congregation to have the opportunity to reduce sizeable debt loads without assessing an apportionment on funds raised to reduce the amount of debt a congregation is supporting.

This proposed canon also safeguards any increases beyond the tithe amount of 10% by providing that such an increase would have to be approved by convention.

Action:

The Rev. Sharon Lewis, Rector, Church of the Holy Spirit, moved “to refer this resolution to the Finance Committee and Congregational Development Committee, for further study of the financial impact and definition of terms, to be reported back to Diocesan Council.” The motion was seconded.

There being no discussion, Convention voted to refer Resolution #5, as moved.

#2 Resolution Regarding Name Change

The forty-first convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the convention shall adopt as a new canon in this diocese the following:

The committee currently known as the Committee for Congregational Development shall hereafter be known as the Congregational Development Committee.

All references to said committee shall be changed to reflect the new name as soon as practicable but in no event later than January 1, 2010.

Action:

The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman, Lamb of God Church, Fort Myers, proposed an amendment to this resolution, to amend Canon XX to provide for this language, rather than create a new Canon. There being no discussion, the motion was made to amend the resolution, seconded, and voted for by Convention. There being no discussion, the amended resolution, to change existing Canon XX, to provide for this name change, rather than create a new canon, was made, seconded, and approved by Convention.

#3 Resolution Regarding Convention Status

Resolution to amend Canon II concerning the right to voice and vote at Convention by inserting this language as Section 1.a.


RESOLVED, the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009, that the following amendment to Canon II shall be adopted:
Any congregation in arrears in any amount for the immediately preceding calendar year, or any other preceding year shall be automatically denied the right to voice and vote at the Annual Convention. If the members of the congregation think there are any extenuating circumstances giving rise to their arrearage(s) they may request, in writing, to have their extenuating circumstances considered by the Congregational Development Committee. The request shall be made on or before the 15th day of April in the year of the convention. Any request not submitted in writing by the deadline shall not be heard by the Congregational Development Committee, the Diocesan Council nor the members of the Convention.

The Congregational Development Committee shall hear the request of the congregation and make their recommendation to the Diocesan Council on or before their August meeting. The Diocesan Council shall consider the request and the recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee and make their recommendation regarding voice and vote to the members of the convention prior to the first business of the convention requiring a vote. The decision of the convention shall be final.

**Explanation:**

The proposed amendment would emphasize the importance of paying the apportionment and also make provisions for congregations in difficulty. The provision to deny vote was in previous canons but not included in the canonical rewrite undertaken at last year's convention. This change also places the responsibility on the congregation to take action on their own behalf.

This canonical change is submitted by the following:
- The Rev. Joel Morsch
- The Rev. Michael Basden
- The Rev. Stuart Swann
- The Rev. Dr. John S. Adler

**Action:**

As one of the drafters and proponents of this resolution, Father John Adler, of Iona-Hope, Fort Myers, stated that we need this resolution to put the onus on congregations who do not pay their assessments. They will have to come forward, explain their extenuating circumstances, and why they want to be a voting member of this diocese. There being no discussion, this motion was seconded, and approved by the Convention.

**#6 Resolution Regarding Technical Corrections to the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida**

Offered by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, meeting on August 20, 2009:

RESOLVED, by the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009:
That the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida be amended as follows:

**Canon V, Section 8, paragraph b. 2.:**
The Convention Committees as provided in Diocesan Canon I 11

**Canon X, Section 5, paragraph b.**
Remain in that status on a year-to-year basis, become an aided SUPERVISED congregation, or should have …
Canon XI, Section:
Matters coming before a meeting of the Convention. TO ELECT PERSONS TO SERVE ON
DIOCESAN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANON V, SECTION 3.D. TO ELECT
PERSONS TO SERVE ON AN EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CANON XXI, SECTION 2., and to carry out the work of the

Canon XIV, Section 6:
Charge and the Senior Warden. If there is no member of the clergy in charge, the Junior
Warden BOTH WARDENS and the...

Explanation:
The language to be removed is struck out. The language to be added is in upper case letters:
Underlined letters indicate that the letter will be in upper case when printed in normal text.
The reasons for the proposed changes are:

Canon V: The reference to Canon I is in error; Convention Committees are provided for in
Canon II, not in Canon I.

Canon X: During the drafting of the proposed canons, the term “aided” was replaced with
“supervised” in all Canons but this one; changing it would make it consistent with the rest of
the Canons.

Canon XI. Adding this language ensures that deaneries are granted the authority to
undertake the duties assigned to them in other canons.

Canon XIV. This canon concerns who should sign certain legal documents on behalf of a
congregation. If there is a member of the clergy in charge of a congregation, both the
clergyperson and the Senior Warden must sign the document. The original intent was that if
there were no clergy in charge, the Junior Warden and the secretary of the congregational
Council would sign in addition to the Senior Warden. However, the current language of the
canon does not make that clear. The amendment corrects this error.

Action:
The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman, Lamb of God, Fort Myers, Chair of Constitutions and
Canons, addressed the need for both Resolutions #6 and #7. These are both required to
make technical corrections in the Canons. Since they were submitted late, they require a 2/3
vote by Orders to be put on the floor. A majority of both orders voted to put this before
Convention.

The Rev. Ted Edwards, St. George’s, Bradenton, pointed out a typo in Canon V., Section 8,
paragraph b.2, which appeared to be an 11, but should have been a II. This was then
modified into the resolution, seconded, and adopted by Convention.

#7 Resolution Regarding Membership Requirements for the Ecclesiastical Trial Court
and the Standing Committee

Offered by the Committee on Constitutions and Canons, meeting on August 20, 2009:

RESOLVED, by the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting in
Punta Gorda, Florida, on the 10th day of October, 2009:
That the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida be amended as follows:

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Canon IV, Section 2:
shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.
NEITHER A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT NOR A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE DIOCESAN REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE. Members’ terms of office shall be staggered

Canon XII, Section 2:
h. NEITHER A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE NOR A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE DIOCESAN REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT.

Explanation:
The language to be added is in upper-case letters:
The reasons for the proposed changes are:

Canon IV: During the drafting of the 2008 redraft of Canons, a change was made to the provisions in Canon XXII, to make it clear that no one could serve simultaneously as a member of the Diocesan Review Committee and of either the Standing Committee or the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. Inadvertently, although it was intended that there be the same type of restriction for the Standing Committee, the comparable language was not included.

Canon XII: During the drafting of the 2008 redraft of Canons, a change was made to the provisions in Canon XXII, to make it clear that no one could serve simultaneously as a member of the Diocesan Review Committee and of either the Standing Committee or the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. Inadvertently, although it was intended that there be the same type of restriction for the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, the comparable language was not included.

Currently Diocesan Canons do prohibit simultaneous service on the Diocesan Review Committee and the Standing Committee, as well as simultaneous service on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court and the Diocesan Review Committee. The policy reasons for these proscriptions reflect recognition that each of these bodies plays an important, and quite different, role in the disciplinary process.

It is the Committee on Constitutions and Canons’ opinion that, for the same reason, simultaneous service on the Standing Committee and the Ecclesiastical Trial Court could be problematic. Any member of the Court who might have information gained during, or played a role in, the early stages of a specific disciplinary matter might well face a challenge to the member’s ability to thereafter act as a member of the Court in that same matter. Moreover at the time the Diocesan Canons were revised to create the Diocesan Review Committee, the Diocese acknowledged the desire to keep the members of the Standing Committee out of that phase of the disciplinary process. For similar reasons the Committee on Constitutions and Canons believes that they should be kept out of the trial phase of that process.

Moreover, although it might be inferred from the language in Canon XXII that a member of the Diocesan Review Committee could not be eligible for membership in the Standing Committee at the same time, the Committee on Constitution and Canons believes that it would be better if this were made explicit in the provision of the Standing Committee canon dealing with the membership requirements for that body.
A majority of each Order of delegates also voted to put Resolution #7 before Convention. The Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman explained the purpose of the resolution being to bring our Canons in compliance with National Canons. She made the motion; it was seconded, and approved by Convention.

**#1 Resolution Regarding Voting by Deacons**

Offered by the Clearwater and St. Petersburg Deaneries, in joint convocation on March 31, 2009, and the Venice Deanery, meeting in convocation on April 2, 2009:

RESOLVED, by the 41st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida meeting at Punta Gorda on the 10th day of October, 2009:

That Canon I of the Canons of the Diocese of Southwest Florida be amended as follows:

Insert new Section I, paragraph g:

f. Clergy Members of Convention who are deacons who have an assignment from the Bishop to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who have entered into a written agreement, approved by the Bishop, with that Congregation, and who are not retired from active service, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

Re-letter existing paragraphs g and h to h and i, respectively.

**Explanation:**

The members of the Clearwater and St. Petersburg Deaneries, meeting in joint convocation, and the Venice Deanery, meeting in convocation, voted to affirm that deacons should be given the same right to vote at Diocesan Convention as is granted to presbyters, provided that, similar to presbyters, the deacons meet criteria as to active service, canonical residency, and a written agreement to serve a Congregation. Active service is defined in the Canons of the Episcopal Church, Title III Section 7, as service by those under seventy-two years of age. The understanding is that a deacon who is seventy-two or older is no longer in active service, even if thereafter assigned to serve in a ministry setting.

This resolution is offered by the Clearwater, St. Petersburg and Venice Deaneries in furtherance of that affirmation.

**Action:**

Father Fred Robinson spoke against this resolution, based on his interpretation of the Prayer Book Ordination service. Father Bob Wagenseil said we should return to the “norm” of the past. Father Hiers said it was time to restore the vote taken away in the recent past. Navita Cummings-James conducted a personal survey of women in other dioceses, and found us “out of norm”. Father Chris Schuller had talked with people, and said they already knew how they were going to vote. He called the question.

Resolution #1: Moved. Seconded. Adopted.
Announcement: 2010 Diocesan Convention
Judy Stark announced that Diocesan Council recommended our 2010 Diocesan Convention be held October 8 and 9, at St. Mary’s, Tampa. Further, Council recommended that, for our 2011 Diocesan Convention, we return to Charlotte Harbor Events & Conference Center, Punta Gorda.

John Adler, Iona-Hope expressed delight at being back in Punta Gorda, and raised his objection to meeting anywhere else. Michael Kline, Church of the Ascension, then moved to amend placement of 2010 Convention.

Vincent Scotto, Rector, Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda, would like to have us there. Andrea Taylor, St. Boniface, Sarasota, wants to refer the decision to the Finance Committee, to see if it is “cheaper”. The vote to amend Convention setting to Punta Gorda was approved. All in favor. The amended motion was placed before Convention. All in favor.

Courtesey Resolutions ........................................filed by title by The Rev. Michael Basden

Offering specific gratitude to those who contributed to this Convention

1. The Rev. Canon David Johnson
2. Constance and Dain Perry
3. Mr. Ken Quigley
4. Mr. Jim Murphy
5. Dr. Richard Schori
6. Father Vincent Scotto, and the good people at Church of the Good Shepherd

Closing Prayer and Adjournment ............................ The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith

Moved and Seconded to adjourn. Convention rose for prayer.

The 41st Convention was adjourned at 2:34 PM
Believe in a Miracle

Believe In A Miracle, an evangelism program for the women of our diocese, will be presented for the fifth year in February. Changing the venue for this next year, women will be able to select attending north of the bridge and south of the bridge. The past four years have featured programs of “Come and See, Go and Tell”, “Renewing your Baptismal Vows”, “Enriching the Spirit”, and “Telling your Story”. This year will feature “Coming Home”, the importance of taking all that the women have learned home to their congregations and communities, evangelism in action. This BIAM will follow the traditional pattern; great speakers, music, inspiration, body prayers, healing, a beautiful Eucharist, fun, fellowship, and most of all, the gathering of women. Plans are being made for a large reunion of Believe In A Miracle in February of 2011. Look for news to come.

Believe In A Miracle has gained a lot of interest from around our Province IV and around the entire country. With all of this interest, we will be presenting Believe In A Miracle at the Kanuga Women’s Conference in North Carolina on June 7th, 8th and 9th, 2010. Rev. Canon Gigi Connor of Woodstock, NY, will be the speaker and Chaplain, and Fran McKendree, renown musician and story teller will be the musician for the conference. Registration for this conference can be accessed on line by going to Kanugaconferencecenter.org. This is our diocesan evangelism on the move.

Jackie Robe
Episcopal Women’s Ministry
Diocese of Southwest Florida

Bishop Gray Retirement Foundation, Inc.

The Bishop Gray Retirement Foundation’s financial assistance program continues to provide financial aid to low-income elderly Episcopalians from the Southwest, Southeast, and Central Dioceses of Florida seeking help with the high costs of retirement community living and medical expenses. We do still gratefully receive donations from individuals and parishes from the three dioceses. The Board of Trustees would like to preserve the endowment fund as much as possible, using only the income from investments for distributions. During 2009, we have helped 22 Episcopalians, living in retirement communities, assisted living and senior facilities in the three dioceses. Approximately $272,000 was distributed for financial assistance this year in the form of monthly housing grants, and we hope to increase that amount in the future as more applications are received.

Retirement/ALF/Senior Living Facilities housing BGR Foundation financial aid recipients:

- The Riviera, Holly Hill
- The Crossroads, Davenport
- Spring Haven, Winter Haven
- Winter Park Towers, Winter Park
- Alabama Oaks, Winter Park
- Westminster Towers, Orlando
- Hillcrest Hampton House, Orlando
- Westminster Suncoast, St. Petersburg
- Palazzo DiOro, St. Petersburg
- The Crossings, Lake Worth
- St. Andrews Residence, West Palm Beach
- St. James Residence, West Palm Beach
- St. Thomas Manor, Plantation
- Lesly's Leisure Living, Inc., Tamarac
- Cresthaven East Assisted Living, West Palm Beach
Reports to Convention

Bishop Gray Retirement Foundation, Inc. (Continued)
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   The Rev. Donna Dambrot
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   Mr. Michael Amidei
   Dr. C. Thomas Gooding
   Mr. James Mullen
   Ms. Lori Van Wagner

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Van Valkenburgh, Exec. Director

Commission on Ministry
The Commission on Ministry is comprised of six priests, two deacons, four lay persons, a liaison from Standing Committee, and the canon to the ordinary.
The Commission’s first task following Diocesan Convention 2008 was to produce a report to convocations on the issue of deacons voting at Diocesan Convention. The report was completed and adopted by the Commission on Ministry on Feb. 19, 2009 and submitted to the spring convocations.

The Commission on Ministry has continued to engage with people discerning a call to ministry and refining the diocesan procedures that allow nominees, postulants and candidates to be effectively trained for ministry and meet all canonical criteria for licensing or ordination.
The largest single change to Commission on Ministry policy is the introduction, in January 2010, of a Bishop’s Advisory Panel who will meet all potential postulants for a full day of interviews and evaluation.

This refinement to the current system will remove the need for ad-hoc postulancy interviews and the time pressures associated with them. This refinement will allow the Commission on Ministry to fulfill its responsibilities while spending more time with each potential postulant.

To promote vocations within the diocese and help those who are interested understand the possibilities for ministry in Southwest Florida, the Commission on Ministry will host one Vocation Information Day in May 2010; the location of the event is yet to be determined.

The Commission on Ministry’s policy manual has been edited by the Commission on Ministry to take account of changed national canons since 2006. A revised edition of the manual was adopted in February 2009. The policy manual can be downloaded from the diocesan website.

The Commission on Ministry has been delighted to see the School for Ministry Development get off to a sound start in its first year of operation. We will continue to monitor those training for ordination as deacons in the School for Ministry Development. The Commission intends to develop the criteria necessary for training licensed lay ministers in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. The School For Ministry Development will provide that training.
Commission on Ministry (Continued)
It remains my hope that the Commission on Ministry can continue to promote and enable a breadth of ministry in the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Whether such ministry is lay or ordained, it is always centered on people responding to God’s work in their lives. The Commission on Ministry is promoting a culture of discernment that provides nurture and encouragement to all who step forward in faith to serve their Lord.

- The Rev. Dr. Mike Branscombe, chair

Diocesan Altar Guild
For the purpose of closer communication, the diocesan Altar Guild is divided into North and South. Sarah Hill is director of the North with three deaneries. Florence Holden is deanery directress of Clearwater and Donna Hoffman of the St. Petersburg deanery.

In the South, Carol Ann Brumbach was installed by Bishop Dabney as director, succeeding Thelma Wallis at the Annual South Meeting in February. There are four deaneries here with Marcia Symington in Manasota, Mary Vernon in Fort Myers and Nancy Shield in Naples. We still need directors for Tampa and Venice.

We report to, and assist the bishop in any way we can, take care of the chapel at DaySpring and set up any Eucharists which take place during retreats etc., at DaySpring or other locations.

Diocesan Altar Guild offered two scholarships for the 76th General Convention in Anaheim, Calif., and they were used by Marietta Loudon, designer and maker of the new crozier for Bishop Smith and the diocese, and Millicent Muir Grey from St. James Church in Port Charlotte. We also offered a scholarship to the annual Province IV Altar Guild Meeting in Kanuga and five members from the diocese took advantage of this.

Communication, throughout the many altar guilds in the diocese is much closer with this arrangement of individual churches reporting to, or receiving help from their deanery directress and she in turn, having Sarah or Carol Ann to assist her in any way at meetings or on the telephone.

Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009

Council Meeting #322 - November 22, 2008

● Resolution 322-1: Mrs. Stark moved, Mr. Getz seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

● Resolution 322-2: Mr. Kline moved, The Rev. Dage seconded, to elect George McLaughlin as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Council. It passed unanimously

● Resolution 322-3: Mr. Jay Crouse moved, The Rev. Dage seconded, to elect Allen Getz as chairperson of the Finance Committee, Birger Anderson and Jim Park as Council representatives on the Safe Church Committee, and Judy Stark as chairperson of the Grants and Loans Committee. It passed unanimously.
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Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009 (Continued)

- **Resolution 322-4:** Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Moore seconded to approve the following appointments and terms on the Council of Deacons. It passed unanimously.
  
  - Mr. Paul Escholz term ending 2010
  - The Very Rev. Ann McLemore (priest) term ending 2011
  - The Rev. Allan Rogers (deacon) term ending 2011
  - The Rev. Melissa Sands (deacon) term ending 2010
  - The Rev. Robert Wagenseil, Jr. (priest) term ending 2010
  - Mr. Patrick Whelan (Com. on Min.) term ending 2009
  - The Rev. John Wolfe (deacon) term ending 2009

- **Resolution 322-5:** The Council voted unanimously to eliminate the entitlements and discounts in the contracts of the DaySpring Conference Center.

- **Resolution 322-6:** Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Park seconded, to approve the request by St. Monica, Naples, to obtain a loan for their building project because they meet the 1/3 in pledges, 1/3 in cash and 1/3 to be financed criteria. It passed with one abstention by Ms. Gamel who is a member of St. Monica.

- **Resolution 322-7:** Finance Committee recommended that Council approve the apportionment rates for congregations to be reduced from 10% to 8% for the 2009 fiscal year only. The apportionment rates are based on the parochial reports from two years prior. It passed unanimously.

Council Meeting #323 - January 17, 2009

- **Resolution 323-1:** Mrs. Stark moved, Mr. Park seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2008, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

- **Resolution 323-2:** Mr. Getz moved, Fr. Lee seconded, that Council recognizes that there may be a problem in waiting until the designated March 21st Council meeting. They will receive the reports and if necessary call another meeting or act on it electronically. Qualifying statement by Chancellor Tripp: the congregation may be able to go forward with the permitting subject to Council approval as long as they can make a representation that the Council is likely to approve the project and they will be able to move forward under good welfare. Approval was unanimous.

- **Resolution 323-3:** The Rev. Dage moved, Mr. Getz seconded, to adopt the Safe Church Committee recommendations:
  1) Council accepts and submits the report to the House of Bishops Committee on Pastoral Development.
  2) The committee will receive a report from the Diocese with the results from the Safe Church questions that were included with the Parochial Reports when the tabulations are done.
  3) The term “Trainer” will be replaced with the term “Faculty.”
  4) Re-certification will be done online with Mrs. Bonnie Jean Durning representing the Safe Church Committee and Mrs. Tana Sembiante representing the diocesan staff.
  5) All trainings should be consistently offered at regularly scheduled times in both the North and South of the diocese.
Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009 (Continued)

6) The Safe Church Committee will have a tab on the diocesan website. The motion to include the tabling of two recommendations: “that the people elected or appointed for Diocesan Offices be members in good standing in their own congregation” and “that the people elected or appointed for Diocesan Offices meet the Safe Church requirements therein.”

Amendment: The Rev. Dage and Mr. Getz agreed to amend the motion by stating:
1) to adopt this in recognition that the diocesan policies are being reviewed and this should ultimately fit into that model and will come back to Council,
2) that it is clarified with specificity the re-certification efforts because there may be issues beyond diocesan control, and
3) that the reason for tabling two recommendations is concern regarding the definition of diocesan offices and how the entry points work.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 323-4**: Because of immediate financial needs, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the disbursement of $100,000 of diocesan funds as an emergency cash infusion to the DaySpring Conference Center for operational expenses. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 323-5**: The Finance Committee recommends that Council authorize the dropping of the DaySpring wind insurance from July, 2009 to July, 2010, for the purpose of premium savings of $100,000 plus. This action recognizes that any wind damage loss as a result from a named storm in excess of $300,000 would not be covered by insurance and therefore will be the responsibility of the Diocese. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 323-6**: The Finance Committee recommends that an unbudgeted expenditure up to but not exceeding $25,000 may be made by the Chief Financial Officer with the prior knowledge and consent of the Bishop, in concert with a written concurrence by the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Council will be informed of the expenditure at the next Diocesan Council meeting. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 323-7**: The Rev. Dage moved, Mrs. Stark seconded, to record that Diocesan Council received the draft of the Diocesan House Policy Manual for study and future action. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 323-8**: Mrs. Stark moved, The Rev. Lee seconded, to ratify the electronic poll made on January 13, 2009, that was passed by a simple majority. In compliance with Canon VIII.3, f, the Diocese received approval by Council to request additional information to be returned by the annual report deadline. It passed unanimously.

Council Meeting #324 - March 21, 2009

- **Resolution 324-1**: Mrs. Stark moved, Mr. Anderson seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2009, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

- **Resolution 324-2**: The Safe Church Committee moved the adoption of the Online Safeguarding Course for those people who need to be re-trained in the Prevention of Child Abuse. The training will begin July 1, 2009. It was approved unanimously.
Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009 (Continued)

- **Resolution 324-3**: The Safe Church Committee moved approval of the adoption of the *Policy for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Church Workers*, with an effective date of September 30, 2009. The details concerning the implementation of the policies are delegated to diocesan staff. It was approved unanimously.

- **Resolution 324-4**: The Safe Church Committee moved approval of the adoption of the *Policy for the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation of Adults*, with an effective date of September 30, 2009. The details concerning the implementation of the policies are delegated to diocesan staff. It was approved unanimously.

- **Resolution 324-5**: Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the request by St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, to obtain a $50,000 line of credit from SunTrust bank for operating expenses. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 324-6**: Council unanimously approved the Financial Report as presented by Mr. McLaughlin.

Council Meeting #325 - May 23, 2009

- **Resolution 325-1**: Mr. Getz moved, The Rev. Suhr seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2009, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

- **Resolution 325-2**: The Congregational Development Committee recommended to Council that St. Andrew's Church, Boca Grande, be admitted into Parish status at the Annual Convention in October, 2009. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 325-3**: The Congregational Development Committee recommended to Council the following, (re: All Saints, Tarpon Springs): “1) Forgive the $35,681.08 of unpaid for 2007.  2) Hold the $40,394 of unpaid apportionment for 2008 in abeyance for the time being until such time as we have the Parochial Report for 2008. In no event should this decision remain beyond 30 days from the time in which CCD receives an information copy of the 2008 Parochial Report for the Diocesan CFO.  3) Recommend that the congregation pay 8% on both actual pledge and plate income for 2009 on a monthly basis. Further, that said amount shall be reconciled against the 2009 Parochial Report once it has been received.  4) Require an outside, independent CPA audit by a firm agreeable to both the congregation and the Finance Committee of the Diocese.” The resolution was tabled by the Resolution 325-4.

- **Resolution 325-4**: The Rev. Morsch moved and Mr. Park seconded, that the motion from the Congregational Development Committee (re: All Saints, Tarpon Springs) be tabled until the June 26th Council meeting so that the total amount of assessments still due since the arrearages began and any amount of payments that have been made can be clearly presented. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 325-5**: Mr. Kline moved and Mr. Moore seconded, that in accordance with Diocesan Canon II, Section 4 the following committees be approved: 
  
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Credentials Committee: Bishop Smith will select appropriate members of his staff

It passed unanimously.

- Resolution 325-6: The Rev. Morsch moved, Mr. Park seconded, to ratify the committee meeting and actions already taken by the Nominating Committee. It passed unanimously.

- Resolution 325-7: The Rev. Morsch moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that Council recommend to Finance Committee to include the video-conferencing costs in the 2010 budget. After discussion The Rev. Morsch and Mr. Moore agreed to withdraw the motion.

- Resolution 325-8: Mrs. Stark moved, Mr. Kline seconded, that the videoconferencing equipment be acquired as quickly as possible.

- Resolution 325-9: Mr. Park moved, The Rev. Morsch seconded, to table motion 325-8 on the videoconferencing until the next meeting after requesting the Finance Committee to determine when and where the funds are available. It passed with two opposed.

Council Meeting #326 - August 22, 2009

- Resolution 326-1: Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Moore seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2009, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

- Resolution 326-2: Mr. Park moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that the Finance Committee representing the Diocesan Council invite those congregations recommended by the Congregational Development Committee for the application of the proposed policy to participate. The formula is to take the average Sunday attendance averaged over a 10 year period through 2008 and multiplying it by $100 with the amount becoming the principal of an interest free loan amortized over a five (5) year period. A promissory note for the amount is to be signed. The invitation would be to ask if the congregations would voluntarily participate in the plan as a means to satisfy their past apportionments. It passed unanimously.

- Resolution 326-3: Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Park seconded, that effective immediately any priest or Rector whose church is more than 25% in arrears on all apportionments to the Diocese, will not be eligible for any elected position within the Diocese. The motion was tabled by a majority with 4 opposed.

- Resolution 326-4: The Rev. McCurtain moved, Ms. Tripp seconded, to defer action until after the Finance Committee’s report. It passed unanimously.

- Resolution 326-5: The Finance Committee recommends to Council to provide a $40,000 commitment to pay the attorney fees for the City of Pinellas Park for the St. Giles Manor II project should the fees not be accepted by HUD. This commitment will allow the city to sign a lease agreement so the project can proceed. It passed unanimously.
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Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009 (Continued)

- **Resolution 326-6**: The Finance Committee recommends to Council that the $7,196 of unpaid apportionments by the closed Church of the Resurrection, Naples, be written off and St. Paul's, Naples, not be held reliable to pay the outstanding balance. The Rev. John Adler, chair of The Congregational Development Committee will be notified of this action. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-7**: The Finance Committee recommends to Council that the $1,825 of unpaid apportionments by the Church of the Good Shepherd, LaBelle, be considered support of a Mission church since they are current for 2009 on apportionments and are a growing church. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-7**: The Finance Committee recommends to Council that the outstanding loans to churches be provided with new amortization schedules and re-set the loans. Amendment to Resolution 326-7: The Rev. Dage moved, The Rev. Lee seconded, to amend the motion that Finance Committee return to Council after their research of each loan with concrete recommendations for these loans. The amendment passed unanimously. Resolution 326-7: It passed unanimously as amended.

- **Resolution 326-8**: The Finance Committee recommends that Council approve the request from Holy Innocents, Valrico, allowing them to obtain a refinance mortgage loan. The amount of the loan is $144,000 to add to the current mortgage balance of $241,000. The money is to be used to repair the leaky roof, obtain pews, and repair the floors that have suffered water damage. The Standing Committee will be polled to also approve the loan since it affects the church proper. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-9**: The Rev. Sadler moved, Ms. Gamel seconded, that the Dominican Development Group be asked to return to the Diocese the $9,000 that was allocated but not used for a booth at General Convention. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-10**: The Rev. Dage moved, Mr. Getz seconded, to approve and encourage the new format of the budget. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-11**: The Finance Committee recommends to Council that the proposed budget be presented to the Annual Convention on October 10, 2009, for voting purposes. It passed unanimously.

- **Resolution 326-12**: Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Park seconded, to approve the purchase of Videoconferencing equipment for $2,815 and $225 per month. It passed unanimously.


- **Resolution 326-14**: Mr. Getz moved, Mr. Moore seconded, that Council resolves to allow The Rev. Canon Michael Durning to be a check signer for the DaySpring Conference Center no earlier than September 1, 2009. It passed unanimously.
Resolution 326-15: Mr. Getz moved, The Rev. Lee seconded, that Council resolves to include The Rev. Canon Georgene Conner, canonically resident less than ten (10) years among those retired, canonically resident clergy to qualify for the Diocesan Medicare Supplement. It passed unanimously.

Council Meeting #327 - October 8, 2009

Resolution 327-1: Ms. Stark moved, Mr. Getz seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2009, meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 327-2: The Rev. Morsch moved, Mr. Moore seconded, to continue the discussion of the request made by Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda, after hearing the recommendations from the Finance Committee. Approval was unanimous.

Resolution 327-3: The Finance Committee recommends a revised budget to Council that incorporates the following changes:
- a 9% apportionment rate (for 2010 only)
- a correction of the 2008 Normal Operating Income and Capital Tithe/Gift amounts (which are the basis of the apportionment calculations) based on the confirmed Parochial Report figures
- an increased allowance for uncollectible apportionment amount
- and a deferment of the 2020 Fund 3rd grant series

The resolution passed with one opposed.

Resolution 327-4: The Rev. Lee moved, Mr. Park seconded, to take Resolution 327-3 off the table and come back to it in a time certain of 15 minutes. It passed unanimously.

Resolution 327-5: The Rev. Morsch moved, Mr. Park seconded, to approve the letter to be sent to the six congregations to offer a new promissory note based on the formula from the Congregational Development Committee explained in Resolution 326-2. It passed unanimously.

Resolution 327-6: The Finance Committee recommends to Council that we refer all resolutions to the Congregational Development Committee and Finance Committee for further study and clarification to result in a report to Diocesan Council.

Resolution 327-6: Continued
This report should include precise definition of terms and an impact study on the following concepts 1) no capital/gift tithe or 2) no 2 year lag in apportionment calculation. It passed as amended with one opposed.

Amendment to Resolution 327-6: Mr. Getz moved, Ms. Stark seconded, that the Resolution 327-6 be amended to replace “we refer all resolutions” with “we refer Resolutions 4 and 5 to be presented to Convention.” The amendment passed.

Resolution 327-7: Proposed and withdrawn by The Rev. Joel Morsch.

Resolution 327-8: The Rev. Morsch moved, Mr. Getz seconded, to have the 2010 Annual Convention at St. Mary’s, Tampa. It passed with eight in favor and five opposed. There were those who did not vote.
Diocesan Council Actions 2008 -2009 (Continued)


- **Resolution 327-11**: The Rev. Morsch moved, Ms. Stark seconded, to transition the Journal of the Diocese of Southwest Florida to become a document that contains what happened at the Annual Convention of the year of the publication of the Journal. It passed unanimously.

**Special Resolution Presented at the August Council Meeting:**

**WHEREAS**

George F. McLaughlin, CPA, MBA,

Began service to the Diocese of Southwest Florida

April 17, 2001 and,

WHEREAS

George McLaughlin has served the Diocese of Southwest Florida with honor and distinction and,

WHEREAS

George McLaughlin’s service has benefited the Diocese of Southwest Florida in many ways including:

A significant reduction in auditing costs

Financial implementation of the 2020 Fund Growth in permanent funds

Successful management of resources during the 2008-2009 Recession

A positive, helpful spirit of service And more, and

WHEREAS

He is retiring from service to the Diocese of Southwest Florida effective September 30, 2009

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**: That the Council of the Diocese of Southwest Florida express thanks to Almighty God for the good work done on its behalf and on behalf of the Diocese by George F. McLaughlin, friend and leader, by whose aid and encouragement the Diocese is strengthened and blessed.

**Diocesan Green Team**

Mission Statement: The Mission of the Green Team of the Diocese of Southwest Florida is to live out the scriptural imperative to care for this fragile earth, our island home, God’s perfect creation and gift to humankind. We provide information and resources to our diocese on how to live sustainably in our homes and in our churches by conserving resources, recycling, and making wise choices of products and services.

Prayer: Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: May we be faithful stewards of your bounty. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature that no one may suffer from our abuse of them. Save us from selfish use of what you give, that all people everywhere, now and in generations to come, may give you thanks for the richness and beauty of this good earth. Amen.

Last year the deacons in our diocese presented a workshop at convention called “Greening Our Congregations.” After convention, a Diocesan Green Team was formed and will be presenting a workshop at convention again this year.
Diocesan Green Team (Continued)

We are in the process of enlisting a Green representative from each parish in our diocese to encourage our parishes to become more eco-friendly. They have been invited to be present at our convention workshop this year to share what they are doing in their parishes.

This year’s theme is “Leaner and Greener: Financial and Ecological Stewardship.” In an age when our planet, as well as our economy, is facing serious issues, the faith community has a moral responsibility to encourage the making of wise choices that foster sustainability in our homes and churches.

This workshop will help provide insight and resources which includes:

- MDGs and Creation Stewardship — The Rev. Gary Cartwright
- The Planet and Spirituality — The Rev. Tom Thoeni
- Eco Mindfulness for Gatherings — Regina Koda
- Parish Energy Audit — Rob Wright

We are in agreement with the resolution from General Convention 2009 Resolution A045: Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the 76th General Convention ask the Church to restrict the use of bottled water at General Convention and at other Church-sponsored activities where safe, because of the extreme negative environmental impact that attends its production; and be it further Resolved,

That every baptized Christian be encouraged to practice simple energy and water conservation techniques so that, by working together, we may restore the beauty of God’s creation and ensure that this resource may again be available to all God’s children in abundance.

The Diocesan Green Team will be selling stainless steel bottles that one can safely use (and reuse) for water. The price will be $10. This will cover the purchase price and will help to begin a fund for the work of the Green Team.

We are looking forward to making a difference in our home, our parishes, this diocese, and the world.

Program leaders:
5th Graders: Kathy Gilpin
Eco Pledge: Kathy Gilpin
The Planet and Spirituality: Tom Thoeni
MDGs and Creation Stewardship: Gary Cartwright
Parish Energy Audit: Rob Wright
Eco Mindfulness for Gatherings: Regina Koda

Respectfully submitted,
Deacons Fran McKinney and Kathy Gilpin, co-conveners, Diocesan Green Team

Dominican Development Group

The DDG’s purpose is to assist in the development and self-sufficiency of the Dominican Episcopal Church. It is a 501(c)(3) ministry with its office located at DaySpring Conference Center, thanks to the graciousness of Bishop Smith and of DaySpring staff. In October 2008 we celebrated the DDG’s 10th anniversary. What a great time we had. People shared their experiences in D.R. mission that spanned these 10 years, and the depth of meaning it has had for them. In God’s good grace, the DDG has played a significant role in the development and self-sufficiency of the Dominican Episcopal Church. For this we give thanks to God and rejoice in the privilege of being so involved.
Dominican Development Group (Continued)

A Dominican priest once told me, “Now is the time of the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic.” Clarence Jordan’s “Cotton Patch” translation of Hebrews 11:1 describes this dynamic: “Now faith is the turning of dreams into deeds; the betting your life on unseen realities.” Over the years the DDG has been a major vehicle for mission with the Dominican Episcopal Church transferring close to $8,000,000 to the D.R. of which over $1,700,000 was for the new D.R. Endowment.

We have helped build churches, schools and shelters, provide scholarships for children, disaster relief, support for the seminary, support for a child born with AIDS, and many other smaller items. In God’s grace, Southwest Florida has played a significant role in this dynamic. Because of the DDG, many people have become involved in mission in life changing ways. By working together we have truly seen a multiplier effect for mission in the D.R. over and above what any one of us could have done alone.

In 2009 the Clearwater and Naples deaneries continued their productive ministries respectively with the Jesús Peregrino and La Redención churches in Barahona, and the El Buen Samaritano Shelter in San Francisco de Macorís. The Tampa Deanery began a two-year project building the new San Pedro y San Pablo church/school in La Barquita, Santo Domingo. The Venice Deanery sent a team to San José in Andrés, Boca Chica. The Church of the Ascension sent its annual construction and VBS team to San Matías; The Cathedral sent its annual VBS team to La Anunciación and San Lucas; the Church of the Redeemer sent a construction team to Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, a VBS team to Santa María Llena de Gracia, Mao, and a deputation led by the Rev. Fred Robinson, who taught a short course at the seminary and led a devotional at a clericus. More than 110 persons traveled to the D.R. on mission teams in 2009.

Also during 2009, Redeemer brought Bishop Holguín and his wife, Milagros, to Southwest Florida where he spoke at Sunday services, and visited with Canon Michael Durning and other members of Redeemer.

While Bishop Holguín and Milagros were here in Southwest Florida the Clearwater and the Tampa deaneries each held receptions for them, and Tampa celebrated the 10th anniversary of its deanery projects. Bishop Holguín also met with representatives of the Naples Deanery who earlier in the summer brought the Rev. Hipólito Fernández and his wife, Lilian, to Naples. As a note regarding financial reporting, let me say that DDG follows the recommendation for all nonprofits, and has a full review of its books done each year by McCay, Kiddy & Associates of Charleston, SC. In the precise language of public accountants, the DDG was given (as it should be) a clean bill of health saying: “we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.” This type of clear, transparent bookkeeping is absolutely essential for anyone in our type of ministry. We have this result thanks to the computerized accounting system we use and to help from the DaySpring accountant.

Episcopal Church Women

Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Southwest Florida continue to be an active and vital ministry. Since the founding of ECW in 1876 by Julia Chester Emery, women have followed her inspiring lead into mission and ministry and spreading the Gospel around the world.
Episcopal Church Women (Continued)
The women of Southwest Florida are leaders in thank offerings and ministry of the United Thank Offering and Church Periodical Club. Challenged 10 years ago by the women of the Diocese of California to raise 10 miles of pennies, the women of Southwest Florida have raised 70 miles of pennies leading every diocese in the entire church in the nine provinces. “Grow in Grace” is the theme of our board for the next three years, taking our lead from the Triennial Meeting in Anaheim, Calif., where four women, diocesan President Carol Eisenbaugh, President-elect Barbara Counts, UTO Chairwoman Barbara Willis, delegate Shirley Judson, and Province IV President Jackie Robe represented our diocese for the 11-day meeting. It was at this meeting where Joan Kline, immediate past president, was presented as our Most Honored Woman.

We plan to bring some of the new ideas into our programs for the triennium.
Last May, the Executive Board sponsored Inspirations Day at DaySpring, presenting a profound program on Human Trafficking. This is an example of education programs we have planned in the future.

President Council meetings are held in each deanery two times each year. This is a time when the leaders of each parish branch get together and share with other women and the diocesan officers. Deanery meetings in March are presented to bring the women together for a day of education and fellowship.

In November, we will hold our annual business meeting and will have a wonderful presentation by Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan, of St. Michael’s and all Angels Church in Sanibel, and who was the chaplain at the Triennial Meeting. There will also be a special presentation given by our diocesan Triennial delegates and our Province IV president.

The ministry done by our women is remarkable. We exist to make a difference in the world. Today’s work is “hands-on,” whether it is feeding those who are hungry in our communities, or helping to keep Sami alive in the Dominican Republic, or helping to build a Jericho Road house in New Orleans. It is great to be an Episcopal Church Woman today.

- Carol Eisenbaugh, diocesan president

Episcopal Men’s Ministries 2007-2017
The formal launch of our 10-year initiative to men, “A Journey in Disciple Making,” took place at the September 2007 “Journey” conference for men at DaySpring.

“A Journey in Disciple Making” is a culmination of 10 years of men’s ministry experience in Southwest Florida (1996-2006). The initiative offers a variety of programming opportunities, prayer groups, bible and small group studies, and other events for spiritual growth and personal development for men. These programs and events serve as opportunities to draw men (and their families) into the life of a church, and provide a proven path to an authentic and fulfilling Christian manhood.

We seek to promote the development of intentional congregational ministries to men in our diocesan congregations and other Christian churches and fellowships in Southwest Florida. It is our goal to serve as a men’s ministry resource center for all local churches, while helping prepare Christian men to disciple the men of new faith who will be raised up in our region from 2007 to 2017.
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**Episcopal Men’s Ministries 2007-2017 (Continued)**

We welcomed Scott B. Brewer of St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Sarasota, as the new ministry director in January 2009. Former director Jay Crouse (1999-2008) is enjoying a much-deserved sabbatical and will rejoin our leadership team as Director of Strategic Projects in October.

Highlights from our 2009 calendar include:
- March 27-28 Men’s Healing Conference at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, Sarasota (presented by Church of the Holy Spirit);
- April 18 Equipping the 70 DISCIPLING Seminar with Dr. Dan Erickson held at Woodland Community Church, Bradenton;
- May 9 Equipping the 70 DEFENDING YOUR FAITH Seminar with Rev. Greg Davidson held at Church of the Palms, Sarasota;
- June 13 Equipping the 70 SHARING YOUR FAITH Seminar with Alex McFarland held at St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota;
- June 18 Men’s Ministry CLERGY ADVISORY TEAM Lunch with Bishop Smith, Director Brewer, and diocesan clergy in Lakewood Ranch;
- Oct. 9-10 Men at the Cross event for all men in Southwest Florida at the Sun Dome in Tampa.

Please contact Scott B. Brewer, Director, Episcopal Men’s Ministries, at scottbbrewer@disciplemaking.com, or call (941) 957-1271, for more information about men’s ministry in the diocese, and A Journey in Disciple Making. The office is at 303 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota 34236; phone: (941) 957-1271; Fax: (941) 351-1367.

**New Horizons Camp**

In June 2009 our diocese sponsored New Horizons, a camp for boys and girls 6 to 12 years of age. The criteria for a child to attend are they must have a parent who is or has been incarcerated. The camper is given a full, all-expenses-paid scholarship along with a backpack containing a Bible provided by Angel Tree, toiletries, washcloth, and towel provided by several churches, along with other personal items.

When the camper arrives, their bed is made up with a beautiful quilt made by the ladies of St. Mark’s Church, Venice, led by Irene Piggott. One 6-year-old camper said to me that she had always wanted her own quilt and she just loved the one she received because it was blue and blue is her favorite color. They also have a stuffed animal placed on the bed, donated by church thrift shops. Other churches donate clothing and books.

The camp has been held for the past three years at DaySpring Conference Center in Parrish. The five-day 2009 summer camp enjoyed serving 48 children who reside within the diocese as well as a few who were referred from the Orlando area. Although the camp is sponsored and supported by the Episcopal Church, the camp is entirely nondenominational.

One of the goals of the camp is to end the cycle of incarceration. There are an estimated 1.7 million minor children who have a parent serving a sentence in a state or federal prison. Some 10 million young people in the U.S. have had one or both parents spend time behind bars at some point in their lives. Three-quarters of incarcerated women are mothers. Justice Department statistics show that if a child has had one parent incarcerated, they are 70 percent more likely to commit a crime and if both parents have been incarcerated, it is 90 percent.

Most states have no procedure to identify and coordinate what happens to these children. Often, no one asks arrestees or prisoners if they have minor children. Even if asked, they
Reports to Convention

New Horizons Camp (Continued)

often distrust government authorities and may withhold information because they are afraid that they might lose parental rights and not know what will happen to their children. If we help just “one of the least of the these” (Matthew 25:40) we are doing what Jesus has asked of us but here in our diocese we have been given the opportunity to help 50 children with our New Horizons Camp.

The camp strives to present a fun environment where challenged children have an opportunity to experience life where they are valued and appreciated and their skills recognized. The camp also shows the child that they are loved, has choices, and is encouraged to make positive decisions. Along with positive decision-making skill development, leadership development and positive peer-to-peer connections, they are living with caring, loving members of a supportive and inclusive community.

The camp counselors benefit from their experience working with these children which may give the counselor career direction. Through this program, life traits are accomplished within traditional camp activities such as swimming, canoeing, sports, arts/crafts, music and confidence/partnering games.

The cost per child is $800 which includes full scholarship; financial cost for a full staff (consisting of director, two medical staff, one trained counselor per four children, a spiritual director, an activities director and lifeguard; activities; marketing materials; camper supplies (arts & crafts, canoe rental, etc.); transportation and follow up with families. Volunteers work mostly with the children in arts/crafting during the camp also providing mentoring for the youth staff. A volunteer group of three deacons, director and lay people work during the year to prepare for the camp.

Campers are referred to us by Big Brothers/Big Sisters, family court judges, prison chaplains, jail ministries teams and others connected to the lives of the camper.
For the past three years we have relied on the generous donations from the churches within our diocese as well as private donations but this year in addition to church/individual donations, we will be seeking grant money.

- Deacons Nancy Metze Smith, reporter; M. Katherine Tate; Sandy Jamieson, Gretchen M. Platt and Donald Taylor

Standing Committee

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida held at Christ Church, Bradenton, Florida, the following persons were elected to the Standing Committee: the Rev. Sharon Lewis, Maisie Reddy and Charles Scruggs. The members listed below submit this report of their canonically required work since the 2008 convention. Pursuant to canon, the vast majority of the work of the Standing Committee is required to be confidential and is therefore not reported.

Reports to Convention

Standing Committee
The newly constituted Standing Committee elected Mrs. Karen O. Patterson as President,
The Rev. Cesar Olivero as Vice President and Mr. Charles Scruggs as Secretary. These elections are reflected in the roster shown above.

Many of the actions taken throughout the course of the year were taken pursuant to canon and they are listed in the paragraphs that follow.

The Rev. Cesar Olivero was appointed as the Standing Committee’s representative to the Commission on Ministry.

The Rev. Georgene Conner and Ms. Maisie Reddy were appointed as the Standing Committee’s representatives to the Grants and Loans Committee.

The Rev. Georgene Conner and Mrs. Karen Patterson were appointed as the Standing Committee’s representatives to the Safe Church Committee.

Gave consent to hold an election to the following dioceses: Long Island, Los Angeles and Springfield.

Gave consent to the elections held in the following dioceses: Northwest Texas and Southern Virginia.

Approved the ordination of Denise Vaughan (priest), Jane Kelly (deaconate), David Jackson (deaconate), and Sarah Kerr (transitional deaconate).

Received under Canon X - Ronald Kowalski and Dwayne Varas (priests).

- Karen O. Patterson, president
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

Combined Financial Statements and Schedules

Year Ended December 31, 2008
With Summarized Financial
Information for the
Year Ended December 31, 2007
The 41st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of SW Florida
Honor our Tradition * Build for the Future * Mercy in Mission
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Independent Auditor's Report

The Diocesan Council
Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of financial position of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. (the “Diocese”) as of December 31, 2008, and the related combined statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These combined financial statements are the responsibility of the Diocese’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Diocese has excluded in the accompanying statement of financial position, an accrual for postretirement benefits, that in our opinion, should be accrued in order to conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The Diocese no longer records a liability for postretirement benefits but records related expenses on the cash basis of accounting. If the Diocese had followed the provisions of SFAS 106, they would have recognized an accrual for postretirement benefits.

In our opinion, except as described in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. as of December 31, 2008, and the combined changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The summarized information for 2007, which is included for comparative purposes only, is not intended to constitute an adequate presentation of the Diocese’s changes in net assets, cash flows and its financial position.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information contained on pages 12, 13 and 14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Franklin Price CPA’s
Bradenton, Florida
March 24, 2008
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2008
(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)

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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Apportionments receivable, net of allowance of $319,592</td>
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<td>Loans receivable</td>
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<td>Mortgage note receivable</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
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<td>Beneficial interest in trust</td>
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<td>Land, buildings, and equipment, net</td>
<td>4,321,066</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$12,220,411</td>
<td>2,605,630</td>
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<th>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</th>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | $12,220,411 | 2,605,630 | 1,716,222 | 16,542,263 | 17,903,348 |

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2008

(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)

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<td>3,112,123</td>
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<td>(841,113)</td>
<td>60,047</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>(780,915)</td>
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<td>Contributions and bequests</td>
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<td>56,383</td>
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<td>2,041,435</td>
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<td>Change in value of beneficial interest in trust</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>(256,667)</td>
<td>(256,667)</td>
<td>15,990</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>121,108</td>
<td>119,524</td>
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<td>Total revenue and gains</td>
<td>4,489,936</td>
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<td>(256,516)</td>
<td>4,293,467</td>
<td>5,640,382</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
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<td>Total revenue, gains and other support</td>
<td>4,551,367</td>
<td>(1,384)</td>
<td>(256,516)</td>
<td>4,293,467</td>
<td>5,640,382</td>
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Expenses:

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<td>Program services</td>
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<td>505,434</td>
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<td>Conference center</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>2,069,088</td>
<td>2,044,968</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>297,947</td>
<td>301,243</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
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<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>71,135</td>
<td>76,172</td>
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<td>Total expenses</td>
<td>5,514,266</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>5,514,266</td>
<td>5,304,954</td>
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Change in net assets         | (962,899)      | (1,384)                | (256,516)              | (1,220,799)| 335,428   |

Net assets, beginning of year| 11,156,190     | 2,607,014              | 1,972,738              | 15,735,942| 15,400,514|

Net assets, end of year      | $10,193,291    | 2,605,630              | 1,716,222              | 14,515,143| 15,735,942|

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.
### DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

*Year Ended December 31, 2008*  
*(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)*

|  | 2008             | 2007            |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| **Cash flows from operating activities:** |                  |
| Change in net assets       | $(1,220,799)     | $335,428        |
| **Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:** |                  |
| Depreciation               | $297,947        | $301,243        |
| Realized and unrealized gains on investments | $1,244,440    | $(238,871)      |
| Increase in apportionments receivable, net | $(90,935)      | $26,723         |
| Decrease in accounts receivable | $26,986       | $23,949         |
| Decrease (increase) in beneficial interest in trust | $256,667    | $(15,990)       |
| Increase in other assets   | $(18,758)       | $(37,091)       |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable & accrued expenses | $(78,183)     | $167,024        |
| Decrease in deferred revenue | $(9,482)       | $(13,250)       |
| Increase in deposits       | $7,144          | $23,622         |
| **Net cash provided by operating activities** | $415,027       | $519,341        |
| **Cash flows from investing activities:** |                  |
| Purchases of investments   | $(704,000)      | $(470,664)      |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | $219,286    | $395,665        |
| Purchases of property and equipment | $(73,814)    | $(104,544)      |
| Payments received on loans receivable | $20,963       | $103,284        |
| Proceeds disbursed for loans receivable | $(94,684)    | $(320,370)      |
| Payments received on mortgage receivable | $8,427       | $33,052         |
| **Net cash used in investing activities** | $(623,822)     | $(363,577)      |
| **Cash flows from financing activities:** |                  |
| Principal payments on notes payable | $(59,765)     | $(51,676)       |
| **Net cash used in financing activities** | $(59,765)       | $(51,676)       |
| **Net increase in cash and cash equivalents** | $(268,560)     | $104,088        |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year** | $1,466,074     | $1,361,986      |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at end of year** | $1,197,514     | $1,446,074      |
| **Supplemental cash flow information:** |                  |
| Cash paid for interest     | $71,135         | $83,379         |

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.
NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATIONS

The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. (the “Diocese”) is a not-for-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida. It is one of 108 dioceses of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A (100 domestic and 8 overseas). As such, the Diocese is subject to the Constitution and Canons of the National Church, and to the acts of the General Convention, which is held every three years.

The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. was formed in 1969 as a result of the division of the then Diocese of South Florida. The Diocese is comprised of twelve counties stretching along the west coast of Florida from Hernando County in the north to Collier County in the south. The Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. is divided geographically into seven deaneries: Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Manasota, Venice, Fort Myers and Naples.

The combined financial statements include the accounts of the administrative offices of the Diocese which are fiscally responsible to the Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and also include the accounts of the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center, Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Various churches, missions and other religious organizations, which operate within the Diocese, but which are primarily responsible to their own governing boards, have not been included in the accompanying combined financial statements.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Basis of Accounting - These financial statements, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on the Diocese as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets and revenue, expenses, gains and losses are classified as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets – Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the Diocese and/or the passage of time.
- Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the assets be maintained permanently by the Diocese. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Diocese to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are generally reported as revenue of the unrestricted net asset class.
NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES
(Continued)

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give (pledges), are recognized as revenue in the period received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. An allowance for uncollectible pledges is provided based upon management’s judgment, including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution, and individual congregation situation.

Liquidity - Assets are presented in the accompanying statement of financial position according to their nearness of conversion to cash and liabilities according to the nearness of their maturity and resulting use of cash.

Cash Equivalents - Cash equivalents represent short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less at date of purchase.

Investments - Investments are carried at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Beneficial Interest in Trust - The Diocese has a beneficial interest in a perpetual trust, the assets of which are administered by a third party. The Diocese receives distributions of income from the trust and their interest in the trust has been recorded at the fair value of the trust assets. The income received from the trust is restricted for the use of home or maintenance for the elderly and support of missions.

Land, Buildings, and Equipment - Land, buildings, and equipment are stated at cost if purchased, or at estimated fair value at the date of gift if donated. Depreciation on buildings and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Diocesan Apportionments - The Diocese’s principal source of revenue consists of apportionments received from congregations located within the Diocese. The apportionment is based upon 10 percent of the congregations’ total operating revenue for the fiscal year ended two years prior. The Diocese also has an annual obligation to the National Church that is based upon a percent of the operating income from the fiscal year ended two years prior less a $100,000 exemption.

Conference Center Operations – The Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center, a ministry of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, provides room and board accommodations for various groups and ministries. Advance deposits are recorded as liabilities until the events occur, at which time the amounts are transferred to revenue.

Income Taxes - The Diocese has received a tax determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service which provides that the Diocese is a corporation which meets the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made.

Use of Estimates - Management of the Diocese has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES (Continued)

Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended December 31, 2007 – The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized information in total, but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Diocese’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 from which the summarized information was derived.

NOTE C - INVESTMENTS
At December 31, 2008, the Diocese held investments with a fair value of $6,174,018. The composition of these investments was as follows:

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<th>Fair value</th>
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<td>ECF – Balanced Fund</td>
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<tr>
<td>ECF – Income Fund</td>
<td>1,424,372</td>
<td>1,439,164</td>
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<td>Short-term investments</td>
<td>123,730</td>
<td>123,730</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,629,602</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,174,018</strong></td>
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Investment return was comprised of the following for the year ended December 31, 2008:

- Dividends and interest: $463,525
- Net realized and unrealized loss: $(1,244,440)

NOTE D – LOANS RECEIVABLE
At December 31, 2008, the Diocese has interest and non-interest bearing loans receivable totaling $2,610,688 due from member churches. Repayment terms and scheduled payments are made according to each Church’s agreement with the Diocese, respectively. As of December 31, 2008, the loans outstanding included:

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<th>Church Name</th>
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<td>Grace Episcopal Church, Tampa</td>
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<td>St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church, Temple Terrace</td>
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<td>St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Tampa</td>
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<td>St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton</td>
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<td>Church of the Holy Spirit, Osprey</td>
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<tr>
<td>St. Nathaniel’s Episcopal Church, North Port</td>
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<td>St. Giles Episcopal Church, Pinellas Park</td>
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<td>St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church, Zephyrhills</td>
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<td>Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda</td>
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<td>Church of the Holy Spirit, Safety Harbor</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,610,688</strong></td>
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NOTE E – MORTGAGE NOTE RECEIVABLE

On December 22, 2004 the Diocese executed a mortgage in the amount of $1,500,000 by and between St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Tampa for construction of their new facilities. The mortgage receivable, which bears interest at 3.00 percent and is payable over 30 years, is due in monthly installments of $6,324 beginning April 1, 2005. The note is secured by real property. As of December 31, 2008, the note had an outstanding balance of $1,403,093.

NOTE F – LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

Land, buildings, and equipment at December 31, 2008 consist of the following:

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<th>Conference Center</th>
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<td>$1,077,265</td>
<td>959,763</td>
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<td>Furniture and equipment</td>
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<td>60,941</td>
<td>23,400</td>
<td>83,341</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Less accumulated depreciation (3,460,956)

Land, buildings, and equipment, net $4,321,066

NOTE G – NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable at December 31, 2008 consists of the following:

|                                                              |            |                  |            |
|                                                              |            |                  |            |
| 6.43% mortgage note payable in monthly installments of $7,067 including interest, due January 2011, secured by rents, royalties, and real property. | $786,218   |
| 5.5% mortgage note payable in monthly installments of $3,556, including interest, due September 2023, secured by rents, royalties and real property. | 430,639    |

Total notes payable $1,216,857
NOTE G – NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)
The aggregate maturities of notes payable for each of the years subsequent to December 31, 2008 and thereafter are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year ending December 31, 2008</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>$ 40,806</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>42,846</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>44,886</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>46,926</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>48,966</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thereafter</td>
<td>992,427</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$</td>
<td>1,216,857</td>
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NOTE H – DESIGNATED NET ASSETS
At December 31, 2008, the Diocese had designated unrestricted net assets for the following:

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Collier County</td>
<td>$ 235,315</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mission trust</td>
<td>1,218,293</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tampa deanery</td>
<td>150,687</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Slemmons Fund</td>
<td>118,535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capital reserve</td>
<td>89,523</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital revolving loan fund</td>
<td>2,575,959</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$ 4,388,312</td>
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NOTE I – RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSETS
At December 31, 2008, permanently restricted net assets consist of endowment and trust funds totaling $1,716,222. The income from these assets can be used for the following purposes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bishop’s Discretion</td>
<td>534,689</td>
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<tr>
<td>Missions</td>
<td>325,724</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home or maintenance for the elderly</td>
<td>275,641</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ministry Development</td>
<td>280,054</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>115,239</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homeless and hungry</td>
<td>151,763</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>33,112</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$</td>
<td>1,716,222</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
NOTE I – RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSETS (Continued)

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at December 31, 2008:

Gifts and other unexpended revenue and gains available for:

- Home or maintenance for elderly $ 1,390,749
- Loan funds 618,923
- Ministry Development 194,021
- Capital Campaign 114,528
- St. Bartholomew Cemetery 49,285
- Other 238,124

Total $ 2,605,630

Net assets were released from donor restrictions as follows during the year ended December 31, 2008, by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes, or by occurrence of other events specified by donors:

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

- Home or maintenance for elderly $ 61,431

Total $ 61,431

NOTE J – PENSION PLAN

The Clergy and the lay employees of the Diocese are participants in separate pension plans. The Clergy are covered by the Church Pension Fund and the lay employees are covered by a defined contribution plan administered by ING Life Insurance Company. The plan covering lay employees calls for annual contributions by the Diocese, based on a percent of aggregate employee compensation. Total pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2008 was $72,208 and $39,496 for the Clergy and the lay employees, respectively. The Church Pension Fund is a defined benefit plan; however, it is part of a National Plan and additional information with respect to the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Inc. is not available as the plan is evaluated on an aggregate basis.

The Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center employees also participate in a separate pension plan through the Church Pension Fund. Total expense for the year ended December 31, 2008 was $51,641.

NOTE K – POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

Under a plan adopted January 1, 1999, the Diocese provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for clergy and lay retirees. Eligibility for those benefits occurs upon the attainment of age 65 and a minimum of ten years of service while working for the Diocese. Payment of benefits is limited to $55 per person per month.

Total postretirement benefit expense for the year ended December 31, 2008, on the cash basis of accounting, was $127,059.
NOTE L – CONFERENCE CENTER ELIMINATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITY

The combined financial statements of the Diocese include related conference center balances and activities. For this reason, elimination of related party receivables and payables, along with corresponding revenues and expenses are necessary at year end. At December 31, 2008, eliminating entries were made to properly account for the $1,621,539 investment in Dayspring and $131,416 payable to the Diocese by the conference center and a conference center receivable of $34,389 payable to the conference center from the Diocese. In addition, conference center depreciation is included within the combined statement of activities.

NOTE M – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Cash and other deposits are federally insured by the FDIC up to a limit of $250,000 (through December 31, 2009). Cash balances in excess of that amount are potentially subject to concentrations of credit risk. At December 31, 2008, the Diocese exceeded the $250,000 federally insured limit by approximately $533,000. However, $703,069 of the total amount was in a collateralized sweep account. It is the opinion of management that the solvency of the referenced financial institutions are not of particular concern at this time. Effective January 1, 2010, the FDIC limit reverts back to a limit of $100,000.

NOTE N - CONTINGENCIES

Loans Payable - The Diocese is contingently liable on various loans payable to banks for real property owned by the individual parishes and missions of the Diocese. However, the Diocese would gain possession of the real property if it became obligated to pay pursuant to such guarantee.

NOTE O – LEASE COMMITMENTS

On August 22, 2007, the Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center entered into a lease agreement for a copy machine. Under the terms of the lease, a base payment of $638 is due monthly. The term of the lease is for 60 months. There were two periods.

NOTE P – EPISCOPAL CHURCH ASKING (NATIONAL CHURCH) PAYABLE

The Diocese of Southwest Florida is a member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church in the United States. It is subject to apportionment of 18.9% based on revenues. For the year ending December 31, 2008, the Diocese had an accrual present of $170,479.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
**DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

**SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM SERVICES EXPENSES**  
Year Ended December 31, 2008  
(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>2008</th>
<th>2007</th>
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<tr>
<td>National church support</td>
<td>$584,184</td>
<td>$529,261</td>
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<td>Episcopancy life</td>
<td>413,418</td>
<td>637,473</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ministry and spiritual development</td>
<td>200,367</td>
<td>259,448</td>
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<td>Church growth and development</td>
<td>403,504</td>
<td>288,499</td>
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<td>Youth and college ministries</td>
<td>384,855</td>
<td>267,618</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pastoral care</td>
<td>176,717</td>
<td>148,366</td>
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<tr>
<td>Communication</td>
<td>92,830</td>
<td>87,882</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outreach</td>
<td>226,704</td>
<td>96,957</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diocesan convention</td>
<td>33,584</td>
<td>31,661</td>
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<tr>
<td>Diocesan discretionary fund</td>
<td>18,103</td>
<td>22,936</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stewardship and development</td>
<td>1,155</td>
<td>1,230</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other expenses</td>
<td>7,132</td>
<td>5,806</td>
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**TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES**  
$2,542,553  
$2,377,137

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements & auditor's report.
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EXPENSES
Year Ended December 31, 2008
(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>2008</th>
<th>2007</th>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries and related expenses</td>
<td>$391,674</td>
<td>356,315</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>19,111</td>
<td>19,993</td>
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<td>Audit and legal</td>
<td>17,025</td>
<td>22,807</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office and related general expenses</td>
<td>37,006</td>
<td>35,609</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment repairs and general maintenance</td>
<td>17,888</td>
<td>21,326</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone</td>
<td>10,863</td>
<td>11,852</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meetings and dues</td>
<td>11,158</td>
<td>14,547</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postage</td>
<td>9,527</td>
<td>6,888</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utilities</td>
<td>4,250</td>
<td>5,756</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other expenses</td>
<td>15,041</td>
<td>10,341</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** $533,543 $505,434

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### SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CENTER EXPENSES

**Year Ended December 31, 2008**

*(With Comparative Amounts for 2007)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>2008</th>
<th>2007</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salaries and related expenses</td>
<td>$1,050,820</td>
<td>$1,076,085</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food costs</td>
<td>366,507</td>
<td>339,432</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utilities</td>
<td>174,697</td>
<td>163,989</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grounds and building maintenance</td>
<td>72,864</td>
<td>91,416</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td>174,475</td>
<td>110,627</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contracted services and equipment</td>
<td>20,260</td>
<td>38,216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Supplies</td>
<td>26,637</td>
<td>29,085</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hospitality and cleaning service</td>
<td>41,050</td>
<td>43,702</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Furniture and equipment repairs and maintenance</td>
<td>11,065</td>
<td>17,656</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office and computer supplies</td>
<td>12,641</td>
<td>12,933</td>
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<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>9,373</td>
<td>9,701</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advertising and promotions</td>
<td>23,059</td>
<td>26,149</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Credit card and bank fees</td>
<td>11,604</td>
<td>11,330</td>
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<td>Golf cart expenses</td>
<td>12,160</td>
<td>11,260</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pavilion</td>
<td>2,088</td>
<td>2,088</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vehicle repair and maintenance</td>
<td>4,259</td>
<td>5,881</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Souvenir purchases</td>
<td>7,632</td>
<td>12,058</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Professional fees, dues and subscriptions</td>
<td>4,058</td>
<td>5,053</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postage</td>
<td>4,612</td>
<td>5,893</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Concession</td>
<td>8,056</td>
<td>5,214</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audio visual</td>
<td>2,380</td>
<td>4,144</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rope course</td>
<td>4,190</td>
<td>3,962</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minor equipment purchases</td>
<td>1,740</td>
<td>2,911</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vehicle fuel</td>
<td>6,607</td>
<td>5,383</td>
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<td>Training and education</td>
<td>2,225</td>
<td>140</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapel expenses</td>
<td>333</td>
<td>234</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes and licenses</td>
<td>408</td>
<td>268</td>
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<tr>
<td>Travel and entertainment</td>
<td>2,403</td>
<td>256</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other expenses</td>
<td>10,885</td>
<td>9,902</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL CONFERENCE CENTER EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,069,088</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,044,968</strong></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

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Notes on the Proposed 2010 Budget

OVERVIEW
The following 2010 budget is presented in a new-styled format, designed to provide greater clarity and understanding in the budgeting process. The All Accounts Overview illustrates the high-level interactions between the operating, designated and restricted fund activity. The 2010 Budget Summary and Detail reports reflect a simplified financial statement format with account categories aligned with the mission and work of the diocese.

OPERATING FUND
Apportionment Income
The 2010 apportionment amounts are derived from the individual congregation Parochial Reports for the year 2008. The operating income apportionment is based on the Normal Operating Income (Sub Total A: sum of lines 3 – 6). The capital apportionment is based on line 8. Capital funds, gifts and additions.

In light of the continued difficult economic conditions, the 2009 Convention approved a 9% apportionment rate on operating income for one year, with the intention of returning to the 10% rate in 2011. The rate for capital apportionment remained at 10%.

The uncollectable apportionment assumption was increased to cover 10% of operating apportionment and 35% of capital apportionment.

Investment Income
Investment income is budgeted at an assumption of 3%. Note that approximately $4 million has been loaned to individual congregations with a variety of interest rate agreements. As of October 2009, the principal and interest payments on many of those loans are not being paid, thereby decreasing the diocesan interest income. The Finance Committee is in the process of reviewing the terms of these loans.

Transfers from Restricted Funds
A budgeted amount of $77,831 will be transferred from restricted funds where the donor-imposed restrictions allow for the use of investment income for specific operating purposes.

Operating Expenses - Congregational
A total of $58,450 of expenses relate to the support of congregational life, including diocesan clergy/deacon events, diocesan committees, and deanery support.

The Fresh Start program expenses of $6,500 support congregations during times of transition in clergy leadership. A budgeted Mission Support amount of $44,870 is used to assist with a variety of individual mission needs.

For the year 2010, $100,000 will be transferred to the Mission Trust Designated Fund according to the guidelines of the 2020 Fund in order to continue the prescribed distributions to the first and second grant series recipients. Note that the 2020 Fund contribution expense for 2010 was reduced by $100,000 as Convention approved the delay of the start of the third grant series to an undetermined recipient until 2011.

Operating Expenses – Ministry
Ministry expenses span from within our diocesan walls to beyond the diocese. Specific programs targeting Men, Women, Young Adult and Youth include budgeted income and expense lines allowing for the management of program expenses based on participation fees while maintaining a fixed Diocesan expense amount.
Other expenses target Recovery Ministries and the Hispanic/Latino population. Ministry Development programs expense totals $84,700, including the School for Ministry Development and seminarian support.

Support of the wider church includes the Episcopal Church Asking amount of $633,254 (21% of the diocesan operating income), as well as support of Province IV ($12,000) and General Convention/Synod events ($12,000). Specific expense line items supporting the Dominican Development Group, Episcopalians Global Reconciliation, World Mission, Episcopal Relief & Development and Companion Diocese Committee work total $46,000. In addition, budgeted support of University of the South, Bishop Gray Inns and Historic Black Colleges total $25,000.

**Operating Expenses – Administration**
Personnel expenses for Diocesan staff accounts for $1,031,615 (reduced by $176,000 from the 2009 amount). Health insurance benefits for retired clergy and lay total $130,000, offset by $45,000 of restricted fund income.

The administrative costs of the Diocesan Office and its functions total $333,441. The administrative costs of St. Bartholomew Cemetery totals $3,224.

The budgeted amount to support DaySpring Conference Center operations and programming is $100,000.

**DESIGNATED FUND**
**Designated Fund Activity**
Investment income on designated funds is budgeted at 3% for a total of $161,171 in 2010, based on the actual investment income earned in the period January – June 2009. The Mission Trust fund will receive a contribution of $100,000 from the operating budget.

Budgeted disbursements from designated funds include the payments on the 2020 Fund grant streams to Iona Hope ($40,000) and St. Monica ($70,000).

**RESTRICTED FUND**
**Restricted Fund Activity**
Investment income on restricted funds is budgeted at 3% for a total of $227,429 in 2010, based on the actual investment income earned in the period January – June 2009.

Budgeted disbursements from restricted funds include only the transfers to the operating fund as allowed by the donor-imposed restrictions for each fund.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Income</th>
<th>Operating*</th>
<th>Capital/Gift Tithe</th>
<th>Operating*</th>
<th>Capital/Gift Tithe</th>
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<td>Apportionments (plate/pledge)</td>
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<td>Uncollectable apportionment</td>
<td>(258,806)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital / Gift Tithe</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Uncollectable capital/gift tithe</td>
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<td>(146,301)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment Income</td>
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<td>$-</td>
<td>$61,170</td>
<td>$227,429</td>
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<td>Program Specific</td>
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<td>$-</td>
<td>$-</td>
<td>$137,500</td>
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<td><strong>SubTotal Income</strong></td>
<td>$2,675,004</td>
<td>$271,702</td>
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<td>$227,429</td>
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<td>Transfers</td>
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<td><strong>Operating-Designated Transfers:</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>The 2020 Fund Expense to Designated Mission Trust</td>
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<td>$(100,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Tithe Income to Designated Capital Reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td><strong>Restricted to Operating Transfers:</strong></td>
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<td>Ross</td>
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<td>Archambault</td>
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<td>Johnson</td>
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<td>Hubbs</td>
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<td>Flagler</td>
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<td>Leach Trust</td>
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<td>Evans Fund</td>
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<td>Tulane</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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<td>St. Bartholomew's Cemetery</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income and Transfers</strong></td>
<td>$2,752,835</td>
<td>$171,702</td>
<td>$161,170</td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>$(2,877,445)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>The 2020 Fund Disbursements</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(110,000)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(110,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mission Support (non-2020 Fund)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(51,370)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(51,370)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation and Interest</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(92,000)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(92,000)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DaySpring Support</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(100,000)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>$(100,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>$(2,877,445)</td>
<td>$(243,370)</td>
<td>$(110,000)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net Income</strong></td>
<td>$75,380</td>
<td>$(71,668)</td>
<td>$51,170</td>
<td>$149,598</td>
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| Total Expense                         | $(2,805,484)                    |

| Operating Net Total                   | $3,721                          |

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| Grand Total                           | $204,486                        |

### Budgeting Highlights:

* Spending Reserves: The 2009 Operating Net Loss due to change in the apportionment rate from 10% to 8% cuts into Diocesan operating reserves by approximately $693,572.
* Cutting Expenses: Diocesan Operating Expenses were cut by $333,264 from 2008 to 2010.
* Year-to-Year Transition: 2010 Total Operating Revenue is $2.8 Million compared to 2009 Total Operating Revenue of $2.7 Million.
* Balanced Budget: Total Expenses $2.8 Million, resulting in a Operating Net Total which is zero-based.
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15 School For Ministry Development, St. Petersburg
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16 Visitation, St. Thomas’ Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg
   Celebration of New Ministry and Dinner, St. Vincent’s Episcopal Church,
   The V. Rev. John Hartnett
17 ECW, Reception and Dinner, DaySpring
18 ECW, Annual Meeting, Installation of New Officers
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19 Staff Meeting, Sarasota
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   Deanery Clericus, St. Myers
   Confirmation and Parish Dinner, St. David’s Episcopal Church, Englewood
20 Breakfast Meeting, Canon Michael Durning
   Bishop’s Consultation
   General Convention Deputation Consultation, DaySpring
   Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, DaySpring
21 Dinner honoring Bishop Coadjutor Elect Doyle, Houston Texas
   Hurricane Ike Fundraiser
22 Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor, The Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Houston Texas
23 Visitation, St. Nathanial’s Episcopal Church, North Port
25 Clergy, Vestry & School Consultation
   Staff Consultation, DaySpring
26 Thanksgiving Holiday
30 Visitation, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Spring Hill

December 2008

2 Congregational Development Committee Meeting, St. Margaret of Scotland
   Doctor Appointment
   Consultation
3 Province IV, Bishop and Spouses Gathering, Jacksonville
7 Visitation, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Naples
   Celebration of New Ministry, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Naples,
   The Rev. Joseph Maiocco
9 Consultation, Men’s Ministry
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10 Staff Meeting, Sarasota
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   Consultation Lunch, Men’s Ministry, DaySpring
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17  Diocesan Council, DaySpring
   Consultation, Bishop Gray Inns Foundation, DaySpring
18  Visitation, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Clearwater
   Vestry Consultation
19  College for Bishop’s, Richmond Virginia
23  Wedding Rehearsal Dinner, Tampa
24  Marriage of The Rev. Ryan Whitley and Mrs. Elise Whitley, Tampa
25  Visitation and Celebration of 30th Anniversary, All Angel’s Episcopal Church,
    Longboat Key
   25th Anniversary, The Rt. Rev. Leo Frade, Diocese Southeast Florida, Miami
27  Visitation, St. Stephen’s Episcopal School, Bradenton
   Standing Committee, Sarasota
   Congregational Development Consultation, Apportionments Consultation
28  Consultation, DaySpring
   Clergy Consultation, Lunch
   Confirmations, St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, Largo
29  Breakfast Meeting, Canon Michael Durning
   Clergy in Charge of Congregations, St. Petersburg Deanery
   Congregational Consultation
   Daughter and Granddaughters arrive for visit
31  Celebration of New Ministry, The V. Rev. Stephen Morris, St. Peter’s Cathedral

February 2009
1  Visitation, St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church, Seminole
   Family in town
2  Family in town
3  Doctor Appointment
   Congregational Development Committee, St. Margaret of Scotland
   Congregational Consultation
   Staff Consultation, DaySpring
4  Clergy Consultation, Lunch
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5  Breakfast Meeting Canon Michael Durning
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   Episcopal Church Building Fund Dinner, Wesley Chapel
6  Episcopal Church Building Fund, Wesley Chapel
   Believe in a Miracle, DaySpring
7  Believe in a Miracle, DaySpring
8  Visitation, Lamb of God Church
   Celebration of New Ministry, The Rev. C. Jon Roberts, Good Shepherd, Venice
   Valentine Dinner Dance, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Venice
10  Williamsburg for family visit
11  Williamsburg for family visit
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12 Williamsburg for family visit
   EGR Conference Call
13 Consecration of the Bishop of Southern Virginia
15 Visitation, St. Cecilia’s Episcopal Church, Tampa
   Celebration of New Ministry, The Rev. Douglas Zimmerman, St. Wilfred’s Episcopal Church
16 DDG Board Conference Call
17 Clergy Consultation
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   Consultation, Dinner
18 Clergy in Charge of Congregations, Ft. Myers Deanery
   Confirmations, St. Raphael’s Episcopal Church, Ft. Myers Beach
19 Breakfast with Canon Michael Durning
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20 Clergy Consultation, Lunch
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21 Consultation
   Visitation, St. Alfred’s Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor
22 Visitation, St. Alfred’s Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor
   Confirmation & Rededication of New Children’s Chapel, St. Andrew’s, Tampa
24 DART Consultation
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25 Ash Wednesday, St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral
26 Annual Chrism Mass & Clergy Day, St. Boniface Episcopal Church, Sarasota
   Council on Deacons Consultation, St. Boniface Episcopal Church
   General Convention Deputation Consultation, DaySpring
   Consultation, DaySpring
27 ECW Consultation
   Consultation
   Consultation, Lunch
   Executive Staff Consultation, DaySpring
28 South Altar Guild Annual Meeting
   Congregational Consultation

March 2009
1 Visitation, St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg
   Celebration of New Ministry, The Rev. Stuart Swann, St. John’s Brooksville
2 Doctor Appointment
   Consultation
3 – 6 Bishop’s Retreat
6 EGR Conference Call
7 North Altar Guild Annual Meeting
   Funeral, Ft. Pierce
8 Visitation, Iona – Hope Episcopal Church, Ft. Myers
   Blessing of the Shrimp Fleet, Ft. Myers Beach
10 Clergy Consultation
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5  Palm Sunday Visitation, St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, Largo
7  Lunch, Clergy and Visiting Clergy
8  Lunch Meeting Ava Maria University
9  Maundy Thursday Service and Confirmation, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs
10 Good Friday Service, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Bonita Springs
11 Saturday Vigil, St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral, St. Petersburg
12 Easter Day, St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral, St. Petersburg
   To Family following Service
13 Visit Family
14 Congregational Development Meeting
   Monthly Deans Lunch
   Executive Staff Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
   Clergy Phone Consultation
   Seminary Phone Consultation
15 Clergy and Vestry Consultation
   Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
16 Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning
   Clergy Consultation
   TEC Consultation
   Lunch personal visit with Friends
   Consultation
   Executive Staff Consultation
17 Lunch, Headmaster and Chaplain, St. Stephen’s Episcopal School, Bradenton
   Clergy Consultation
   SSJE Phone Consultation
18 Annual Diocesan Wide Confirmations, St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral, St. Petersburg
   Clergy Consultation
19 Visitation, Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin
20 FAST Meeting
21 Congregational and Executive Staff Meeting
   CODE Meeting, Orlando
22 CODE Meeting, Plenary Speaker
23 Venice Clericus Meeting
24 Clergy Consultation
   Lunch Consultation
   Dean’s and Spouses Dinner
25 Funeral Service
26 Visitation, Christ Episcopal Church, Bradenton
27 SURE Meeting
28 Clergy Consultation
   Sr. Warden Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
29 Consultation DaySpring
   Sr. Warden Consultation
   Lunch Meeting Clergy
   Arrival of Bishop Dorsey Henderson for College for Presbyters Gathering
   Presentation
   Confirmation, Trinity By The Cove, Naples
April 2009 (Continued)
30  College for Presbyters Gathering, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
    Clergy Consultation
    General Convention Deputation Meeting

May 2009
1  Consultation
   ECBF Conference Call
   Lunch Meeting, Communication Task Force
   Clergy Consultation
   Spring Convocation, Naples
2  Community of Deacons Retreat, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
   Family Friends Arrive
3  Visitation and Confirmation, Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach
   Family Friend in Town
   Dinner and Consultation, Diocesan Youth Leaders
4  Family Friends in Town
5  EGR Board Conference Call
6  Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
   Confirmation and Parish Dinner, St. Michael’s and All Angels, Sanibel
   Weekly Staff Meeting
   Consultation, DaySpring Executive Staff
   Sr. Warden & Vestry Consultation
   Lunch Meeting with Chancellor
   ECBF Phone Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
7  Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning
   Dentist Appointment
   Congregation Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
8  Berkeley Preparatory School, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
   Family in Town
10 Mothers Day
   Visitation, St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg
11 Seminary of the Southwest, Austin Texas
12 Seminary of the Southwest Commencement, Austin Texas
13 Clergy Consultation
   Clergy Phone Consultation
   Lunch Meeting Clergy
   Meeting Candidates
   Altar Guild Board Meeting, Diocesan House
14 Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning
   Annual Review of Fresh Start
   Pre Postulancy Interview
   Consultation
   Video Conference Demonstration
   Clergy and Sr. Warden Consultation
15 ECBF Conference Call
   Meeting Candidates
16 Men’s Saturday Prayer Meeting, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota
17 Visitation and Confirmation, Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota
May 2009 (Continued)
18 College for Bishop’s Residency
23 Diocesan Council
   Family in Town
25 Memorial Day Holiday
26 Doctor Appointment
   Congregational Vestry Meeting
27 Weekly Staff Meeting
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28 Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning
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   General Convention Deputation Meeting
29 Clergy and Sr. Warden Consultation
   Lunch with Clergy
   Commencement, St. Mary’s Day School, Tampa
30 Family Friend Ordination, Orlando
31 Visitation, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater
   Family Friends in Town

June 2009
2 Province IV House of Bishop’s Meeting, Kanuga
6 Diocesan Ordinations, St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral, St. Petersburg
7 Visitation, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Tampa
   Family in Town
   Consultation with Seminary Dean, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
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9 Staff Consultation
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10 Weekly Staff Meeting
11 Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning
   Phone Consultation
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   Consultation
   Friends in town for Dinner
12 Lunch Meeting with Clergy
14 Visitation, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Palmetto
   Cursillo Closing, #116, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
16 Bishop Gray Inns Foundation Annual Board Meeting, Oviedo
17 Bishop Gray Inns Foundation Annual Board Meeting, Oviedo
   Dinner at the Durnings with the Seminarians
18 Breakfast Consultation
   Lunch Consultation
   Clergy Consultation
   Executive Staff DaySpring Consultation
   Opening Eucharist, Asian Ministries Conference, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
June 2009 (Continued)

19
- Executive Staff Consultation
- Clergy Consultation
- DaySpring Task Force Consultation
- Clergy Consultation
- Pre marital Counseling Consultation
- Clergy Dinner

20
- Consultation with ECBF
- Dinner with ECBF
- Farewell Banquet, Asian Ministries, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center

21
- Visitation, St. George’s Episcopal Church, Bradenton
- Manasota Deanery BBQ
- Diocesan Summer Camp

22
- Clergy and ECBF Consultation

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- Clergy and DaySpring Consultation

25
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- Conference Call ECBF
- Annual Convention Program Committee Meeting
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26
- Executive Staff Consultation
- Budget Meeting

28
- New Horizon’s Camp
- Visitation, St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church, Zephyrhills

30
- Conference Call, Bishop’s
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July 2009

1
- ECBF Conference Call
- Lunch meeting with Clergy and Spouse
- Clergy Consultation
- Clergy and Sr. Warder Consultation

2
- Breakfast meeting with Canon Michael Durning

3
- Independence Day Holiday

4
- Granddaughter Abigail’s Birthday

5 – 18
- General Convention, Anaheim California

21
- Camp Able, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center
- Phone Consultation
- Seminarian Consultation
- Lunch Meeting Events Planning Committee
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| 23    | Conference Call ECBF  
Second DaySpring Task Force Meeting |
| 24    | Clergy Consultation  
Executive Staff Consultation  
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Clergy Phone Consultation  
Clergy Phone Consultation |
| 25    | Wedding |
| 26    | Service of Dedication of new Worship Space, St. John The Divine, Sun City Center |
| 28    | Finance Committee Meeting  
Vestry Consultation |
| 29    | Clergy Consultation  
Phone Consultation  
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| 30    | Clergy Consultation  
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Lunch meeting Clergy and Head of Schools  
Conference Call ECBF |
| 31 – Aug. 10 | Church of the Atonement, Fish Creek WI |

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School for Ministry Faculty Meeting  
Executive Staff Meeting, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center |
| 4     | Clergy Consultation  
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**October 2009**

1 Breakfast Meeting with Canon Michael Durning<br>Clergy Phone Consultation<br>Lunch Consultation<br>Clergy and Sr. Warden Consultation<br>Executive Staff Consultation, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center

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AS ADOPTED BY THE
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PREAMBLE

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, within the area hereafter described does hereby adopt this Constitution as and for its Articles of Incorporation of a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida. The corporation shall be known as a “Diocese” in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE I
Of Acceding to the General Convention

The Diocese acknowledges its allegiance to be due to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and recognizing the body known as The Episcopal Church in the United States of America to be a true branch of said Church, having a rightful spiritual jurisdiction in this country, hereby declares its adhesion to the same and accedes to its Constitutions and Canons.

ARTICLE II
Of the Name and Boundaries of the Diocese

The name of the Diocese shall be Diocese of Southwest Florida, Incorporated.

The boundaries of the Diocese shall include all that part of the State of Florida lying in the Counties of Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Collier, Glades, and that portion of Hendry County lying west of the center line of Range 32 East of the Prime meridian at Tallahassee, Florida, as the same existed under the laws of Florida on October 15, 1969.

ARTICLE III
Of the Annual Diocesan Convention

The members of the Diocese shall be all congregations in union with the Episcopal Church in the above-described area and shall be represented solely by the delegates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The Convention of the Church of this Diocese shall assemble annually at such time and place as shall have been appointed by the preceding Annual Convention; but, for sufficient cause, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall have power to change the time or place, or both, as emergency may require; provided, however, that at least ten days’ notice of such change shall be given to every Vestry and Bishop’s Committee, and to the Minister in charge of every Congregation, and to every member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese.

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ARTICLE IV
Of Special Meetings of the Convention

The Ecclesiastical Authority shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention at such time and place as it shall determine. The notice of a special meeting of the Convention shall be issued, in writing, to every member of the Clergy and to every Vestry and Bishop's Committee in the Diocese, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the meeting, and shall state the business for which the Convention is called, and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting beyond that which has been stated in the notice, except with the unanimous consent of the members present.

ARTICLE V
Of the Members of the Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of the Bishops, together with the other members of the Clergy, and Lay Persons of the Diocese, as provided for in the following sections of this Article.

Section 2. All members of the Clergy in regular standing in this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention; provided, that they shall have been admitted, and at the time of the Convention shall be actually settled as Rector, or Assistant Minister of some Congregation in union with the Convention of this Diocese, or shall be a Canon, Archdeacon, Vicar, Missionary, Chaplain or Church Army Officer in charge of a congregation under the direction of the Bishop, or shall be engaged as an instructor of youth in some institution of learning under the control of the Church, within the Diocese, or shall be a Chaplain on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. All other members of the Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese shall be entitled to a seat and voice but without a vote.

Section 3. Every Parish in union with the Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by three Lay Delegates.

Section 4. Every canonically organized Mission of the Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by two Lay Delegates.

Section 5. Lay Delegates shall be chosen by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of each Congregation in the Diocese. If the respective Vestry or Bishop's Committee fails to act, then election shall be by such Congregation duly convened. Delegates shall be canonical electors of the Congregation which they severally represent; but no candidate for Holy Orders shall be elected as a Lay Delegate to any Convention.

ARTICLE VI
Of the Affairs of the Diocese

Section 1. All spiritual affairs of the Diocese shall be the exclusive charge of the Diocesan Bishop, who may, subject to the consent of the Diocesan Council, appoint one or more Archdeacons to assist in the administration of the affairs of the Diocese.

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Section 2. The temporal work and mission of the Diocese shall be established by the Convention.

Section 3. The development and prosecution of the mission, work of the Church, ownership of property, and management of all temporal affairs of the Diocese shall be under the supervision and management of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese.

The Diocesan Council shall be composed of the Diocesan Bishop, and members of the Clergy and Laity chosen in a manner prescribed by Canon.

Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishops, the President of the Standing Committee, and the Chancellor shall be ex officio members of the Diocesan Council, without vote.

The Diocesan Council shall have power to create subordinate boards and, with the prior permission of the Convention, legal entities for the accomplishment of its responsibilities.

The Diocesan Bishop shall be the President of the Corporation, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, and Presiding Officer of any Diocesan Convention. Other officers of the Diocese shall be elected by the Council or appointed by the Bishop pursuant to Canon. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of the qualified voting members of the Council.

Terms of office of members of Council shall be fixed by Canon.

Section 4. Deaneries within the Diocese shall be established as provided by Canon.

Section 5. This Diocese specifically recognizes the continuation of the Trustees of the Diocese of South Florida, the Endowment Fund Corporation of South Florida; and the William Crane Gray Inn for Older People solely for the purpose of the operation of such entities and the orderly liquidation of this Diocese's interest therein. Representation from this Diocese to such entities shall be provided by action of the Diocesan Council.

Section 6. The calendar year shall be the fiscal year of the Diocese.

Section 7. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is accepted and acknowledged as the authorized and approved pension system for the Clergy of this Diocese and for their dependents.

ARTICLE VII

Of Divine Service at Meetings of the Convention

The direction of Divine Service during the sessions of the Convention shall rest with the Bishop alone. In the absence of the Bishops, all such services shall be in the charge of the President of the Standing Committee.

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Of the President of the Convention

Section 1. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be Presiding Officer of the Convention, with full ecclesiastical authority. In case of the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese and in the absence of a Bishop Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishop, the President or Senior Clerical Member of the Standing Committee shall call the Convention to order, and, if a quorum be present, a presiding officer shall be chosen pro tempore, from among the Presbyters in attendance. The Bishop may appoint a Presbyter to preside any time the chair is vacant.

Section 2. The Presiding Officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE IX  
Of Quorum and Methods of Voting in the Convention

Section 1. One-half of the Clergy entitled to vote in the Convention and Lay Delegates from one-half of the Congregations entitled to representation, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Section 2. The Clergy and Laity shall deliberate in one body. Every member shall be entitled to one vote, and, except when herein otherwise expressly provided, a majority of all the votes cast shall determine any question submitted to the Convention.

Section 3. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members shall call for a vote by yeas and nays, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Convention, and the members shall thereupon announce their votes as their names are called by the Secretary. The votes so cast shall be recorded in the Journal, and no member shall be excused from voting, unless by unanimous consent.

Section 4. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members, shall demand a vote by Orders prior to the call for a vote, the vote of the Clergy and Lay Delegates shall be taken separately, and a majority of the votes of each Order shall be necessary for an affirmative decision.

ARTICLE X  
Of the Secretary of the Convention

Section 1. For each Annual Convention the Bishop shall appoint a Secretary of the Convention, whose duties shall be defined by Canon.

Section 2. At any time in the interval between Annual Conventions the Diocesan Council may, for sufficient cause, of which its members shall be the judges, remove the Secretary and appoint an interim Secretary to act until the next Annual Convention.

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ARTICLE XI
Of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the Diocese

At each Annual Convention the Bishop shall appoint a Chancellor learned in law, who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and who shall be legal advisor of the Diocese. He or she shall be an Elector of the church in this Diocese and shall be entitled, ex officio, to a seat and voice, without vote, in the Convention. At the same time, the Bishop shall also appoint one or more Diocesan Vice Chancellors with the same qualifications as the Chancellor, who, as directed by the Bishop in the absence or inability of the Chancellor, shall perform the duties of that office, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Bishop or the Chancellor. The Bishop shall also appoint a Vice Chancellor in each Deanery, with the same qualifications as the Chancellor, who shall be entitled, ex officio, to a seat in the Convention with all the privileges of membership except the right to vote, unless he or she is a Delegate to the Convention. The Deanery Vice Chancellors shall serve as legal advisors to the parishes and missions in their respective deaneries.

ARTICLE XII
Of the Registrar of the Diocese

The Bishop shall appoint a Registrar of the Diocese. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to preserve copies of the Convention Journal and all other publications and documents and records, relating to the History of the Church in this Diocese. The Registrar shall have charge of the Library and all books belonging to the Diocese and shall keep a record of these and all other historical documents presented with the name of the donor.

ARTICLE XIII
Of the Deputies to the General Convention

Section 1. At the Annual Convention in the second year preceding that of the regular meeting of the General Convention, Clerical and Lay Deputies and Clerical and Lay Alternate Deputies shall be elected to the General Convention, in the maximum number and for the term specified by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

Section 2. If any Deputy elected is unable to attend the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be immediately notified of such inability. It shall be the duty of such authority to fill a vacancy from this, or any other cause, up to the time of the meeting of the General Convention, from the list of Alternate Deputies.

Section 3. Any vacancy in a deputation to any General Convention existing at the time of its meeting, or occurring during its session, or at any special session, may be supplied by the concurrent votes of the remaining Deputies from the list of Alternate Deputies, if practicable; if not, then from any other qualified members of the Diocese.

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ARTICLE XIV
Of the Standing Committee

The Convention annually shall elect members of a Standing Committee, as provided by Canon.

ARTICLE XV
Of the Election of Officers

The Election of all officers provided for in this Constitution and Canons shall be by secret ballot, except in the event there be only one nominee for the office, and, in the event of failure or neglect to elect at any Convention, the person or persons already in office shall hold over until their successors shall have been regularly elected and qualified. A majority of votes shall be necessary to elect.

ARTICLE XVI
Of Admission to or Suspension from Membership

Provision shall be made by Canon for admission of Congregations into union with the Convention of the Diocese and for the suspension or the dissolution of the relationship with the Convention of a Congregation provided that any such suspension or dissolution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Convention.

ARTICLE XVII
Of the Forfeiture of Parochial Privileges

Any Congregation may, for causes specified by Canon, be suspended from representation in the Convention or its connection with the Convention wholly dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of those present. A suspension aforesaid shall not absolve the Congregation from its obligations to the Convention or the Diocese.

ARTICLE XVIII
Of the Election of a Bishop

The election of a Bishop shall be made in an Annual Convention, or in a Special Convention called for that purpose. The vote, by secret ballot, of a majority of the Clergy and of the Lay Members of the Convention, voting separately and concurrently shall be necessary for the election of a Bishop.

ARTICLE XIX
Of Canons

The Convention of the Diocese shall have power to adopt appropriate Canons for the government and function of the Diocese.

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This Constitution may be amended, in whole or in part, by any Annual Convention, upon two-thirds majority of the votes of both the Clerical and Lay Delegates voting separately and concurrently, provided, the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to and approved by the previous Annual Convention, upon a majority of the votes of both the Clerical and Lay Delegates, voting separately and concurrently.

ARTICLE XXI
Of Organizing Governments

The Constitution shall become effective upon the adoption thereof by the organizing Convention of the Diocese. The organizing Convention shall have the power to adopt specific rules for its conduct in general conformity with the intent and purpose of this Constitution solely for the purpose of implementing the organizing of this Diocese under this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXII
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CANON I
Members of Diocesan Convention

Section 1. a. The Bishop of the Diocese is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and the presiding officer of the convention. If there is no Bishop Diocesan, or if the Bishop Diocesan is temporarily unable to serve, the Bishop Coadjutor is the Ecclesiastical Authority. If there is no Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority. When the Bishop Coadjutor or Standing Committee is acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority, they shall have all of the authority and responsibilities granted and assigned to the Bishop by these Canons.

b. Clergy Members of Convention, as that term is used in these Canons, are those persons who are duly licensed and ordained as presbyters and deacons pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, are in good standing in the Episcopal Church, and are canonically resident in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

c. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters who have been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who are serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, and who are not retired from active service, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

d. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters who have been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who are serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, and who are retired from active service but pursuant to the provisions of Canon III.9.7 of the Episcopal Church, as amended, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

e. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters and who serve by appointment of the Bishop as a Canon, Archdeacon, missionary, chaplain, or Church Army Officer in charge of a Congregation under the direction of the Bishop, as a member of the clergy in charge of an Associated Worshiping Community, or as an instructor of youth in an institution of learning governed by Diocesan Canon XVI, or as a chaplain on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, are Members of Convention, with seat, voice and vote.

f. Clergy Members of Convention who have retired from active service, and all deacons, are Members of Convention with the right to seat and voice.

g. The Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an honorary Member of Convention with the right to seat and voice.

h. A member of the clergy who is an ordained presbyter in good standing with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy, who has been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, and who is serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, shall be granted the right to seat, voice and vote at the Convention provided there is no Clergy Member of Convention, as that term is defined in section 1.c., 1.d., or 1.e. of this Canon, serving the Congregation.

Section 2. a. Lay Members of Convention are those persons who have been duly selected as Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Convention and those who are entitled to membership in Convention under specific provisions in these Canons.
b. Lay Delegates to Convention are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

c. Alternate Delegates to Convention are Members of Convention with the right to seat. In the event a Lay Delegate from a Congregation is unable to attend all or part of a meeting of the Convention, an Alternate Delegate from that Congregation shall serve and shall have seat, voice and vote.

d. Those entitled to membership in Convention under specific provisions in these Canons shall have the rights as stated in the relevant Canon.

Section 3. Convention Roster and Credentials. a. Not later than eighty (80) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention, the Bishop shall provide for the preparation of a preliminary roster of the Members of Convention. This roster shall include the names of the Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates selected pursuant to Canons II and VIII, the clergy entitled to a seat, and all other persons entitled to a seat pursuant to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. The roster shall state the level of participation to which the Member is entitled. The roster shall be distributed to each Congregation, each member of the clergy, and the elected and appointed officeholders of the Diocese. Any corrections, additions or replacements, with any required supporting documentation, shall be provided to the Bishop not later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than seven (7) days prior the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention.

b. If the Bishop does not agree with a requested correction, addition or replacement, the person and Congregation involved shall be notified of the dispute not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than three (3) business days prior the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention, and the person and Congregation shall have forty-eight (48) hours to respond with any additional information for the Bishop to consider. The Bishop shall then determine the matter and the decision shall be final and non appealable.

c. Not less than one (1) week prior to the scheduled opening of any annual meeting of the Convention, and one (1) day prior the scheduled opening of any special meeting of the Convention, the Bishop shall provide for the preparation of a final roster of the clergy and lay Members of Convention, which shall be delivered to the Credentials Committee. This roster shall state the level of participation to which each Member is entitled. The Credentials Committee shall utilize this roster to register all of the Members of Convention attending the Convention. At the opening session of the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on whether a quorum has been established, stating the total number of Members of Convention, by orders, and the total number of the Members of Convention in attendance, by orders.

d. For purposes of this section, proper distribution and response shall include any means reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the person and Congregation involved, including electronic mail or media, telephone, facsimile, and correspondence.

Section 4. a. It is the duty of every Member of the Convention to attend every meeting of the Convention.

b. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall serve at all meetings of the Convention until the delegate resigns or until the delegate’s successor takes office in accordance with these Canons. Notice of the identity of the new delegate shall be provided to the Bishop in accordance with Canons II and VIII.
c. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates who cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Convention immediately shall inform the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation and wardens of the Congregation so that a replacement may be selected.

d. Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese who cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Convention immediately shall inform the Bishop and provide the reason for the absence.

e. Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese but who have retired from active service are not required to be present at the meetings of the Convention.

Section 5. a. The selection of Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to serve as Members of the Convention shall be made by the Congregation, unless otherwise specified by the bylaws of the Congregation. If the Congregation’s bylaws specify that selection is to be made by Congregational election, the electors must have the qualifications as set forth in Canon VII.

b. A Lay Delegate or Alternate Delegate must be a qualified elector of a Congregation as defined in Diocesan Canon VII.

c. If a Lay Delegate or Alternate Delegate resigns or gives notice that he or she is unable to attend a meeting of the Convention, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws of the Congregation. If the bylaws do not specify the manner for filling a vacancy, the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation or, if there is no member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation available, the wardens shall appoint a replacement. The identity of the replacement immediately shall be provided in writing to the Bishop in a document signed by the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation, if available, or the wardens, if not, and the secretary of the congregational council.

CANON II
Proceedings of the Convention

Section 1. Rules of Order. The proceedings of the Convention shall be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and by Rules of Order for the Convention approved by Diocesan Council and adopted by the Convention. The Rules of Order for the Convention shall be adopted by resolution as the first order of business and shall continue in force for any subsequent meeting of the Convention except as amended by resolution. In all matters not specifically covered by the Constitution and Canons and Rules of Order for the Convention, the functioning and dispatch of business at any Convention shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, using the most current and revised edition immediately available to the Convention.

Section 2. Voting. a. Each Member of Convention entitled to vote shall comply with the following provisions regarding voting:

1. On ballots regarding all matters except elections, the Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote during each vote taken.

2. On a ballot to elect a person to fill an office or position, each Member is entitled to cast one (1) vote for each vacancy. If more than one vacancy for a position is to be filled on the same ballot, the Member may cast one (1) vote for each vacancy, but may not cast more than one (1) vote for a single person standing for election to that position.

b. The Presiding Officer of the Convention shall appoint tellers to count the votes taken at a meeting of the Convention. The tellers shall count only the valid votes cast to determine the number of votes cast.
c. The vote required to pass any resolution or take other action shall be a simple majority of the votes cast unless the Constitution, Canons, or any applicable Rules of Order require a higher percentage for a particular action.

d. 1. The vote required to elect a person to any office or position shall be by the highest number of votes cast for each office, provided that a candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast.

2. When a particular office has more than one position to be filled by election, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast shall be deemed elected. Unless otherwise specified in the nomination, if the lengths of the terms of service for the vacant positions are not the same, the person with the highest number of votes over fifty percent (50%) shall be elected to the position with the longest term, the person with the next highest number of votes over fifty percent (50%) shall be elected to the position with the next longest term, and so on until all of the positions are filled. Once a position is filled by election, the number of votes on subsequent ballots for remaining positions shall not affect the results of the previous ballots.

3. If after the second ballot or subsequent ballots there remains one or more open positions for a particular office because the candidates have not received at least a majority of the votes cast, the positions still vacant may be filled by a plurality vote when authorized prior to the next round of balloting by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Convention present and voting.

4. The Convention may conduct other business while the votes for election to offices or positions are being counted; however, balloting may interrupt any other business until all offices or positions are filled. Voting shall continue until all of the offices and positions for which there are nominees are filled.

5. This Canon shall not apply to the election of a bishop.

Section 3. Effective Date. a. Persons elected to office by the Convention shall take office immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Convention.

b. A resolution, including an amendment to the Canons or any other action approved by the Convention, shall be effective immediately unless the language of the resolution, amendment or other action specifies a later time.

Section 4. Convention Committees. Subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon V, Diocesan Council shall appoint the following committees to ensure the orderly transaction of the annual meeting of the Convention and may appoint one or more of these committees for any special meeting of the Convention:

a. A Program Committee that is charged with preparing for the efficient conduct of the business of the Convention. Subject to review and approval by Diocesan Council, the Program Committee shall have the responsibility of proposing Rules of Order for the Convention, a preliminary agenda, and developing efficient balloting procedures. The Program Committee members shall include, at a minimum, the Presiding Officer of the Convention or a person appointed by the Presiding Officer to serve as a surrogate, the Secretary of the Convention, a member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, a member of the Commission on Liturgy and Music, and the person designated by the Bishop to coordinate the events and facilities attendant to the meeting of the Convention. Diocesan Council may appoint such other people to the Program Committee as it deems appropriate.
b. A Nominating Committee that is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the various elections that may be held at a meeting of the Convention. The Committee shall be charged with nominating candidates representative of the Diocese. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) persons, one (1) from each deanery, plus the chair, who shall be a clergy Member of Convention or an elector and who shall be named by Diocesan Council.

1. No later than seven (7) months prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, the Committee shall circulate a request to all Congregations and deaneries for names of persons to be nominated to positions to be filled by Convention.

2. The Committee shall review the information about the persons identified by the Committee as potential candidates, including all whose names are submitted to the Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, to determine whether the person has the canonical qualifications to serve. If the person has the canonical qualifications and has agreed to stand for election, the person shall become a candidate.

3. The Committee shall report the names of all candidates to the Secretary of the Convention not later than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention. In this report the Committee shall include information about the candidates to facilitate an informed choice by the Convention but shall not make any recommendations or endorsements of the candidates.

4. Nothing in this Canon shall be construed to prevent candidates from being nominated in other ways as permitted in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

5. If one or more elections will be held at a special meeting of the Convention called pursuant to Article IV of the Diocesan Constitution, the Diocesan Council shall establish an appropriate schedule for the Committee to complete the duties described in this Section. This schedule need not comply with the time limits set forth in this Section.

c. A Resolutions Committee that is charged with ensuring that proposed resolutions coming before the Convention comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese, are not redundant, and are stated in clear and consistent language. The Committee shall consist of four (4) persons plus the chair, who shall be named by Diocesan Council. The Committee shall consider all proposed resolutions properly coming before the Convention that have been submitted in a timely manner under these Canons and that are not within the responsibility of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Committee:

1. to resolve duplicative or substantially similar proposed resolutions into a single proposed resolution, doing so in consultation with the resolutions’ sponsors;

2. to make such editorial or stylistic corrections as do not affect the substance of proposed resolutions, doing so in consultation with the resolutions’ sponsors to ensure that no distortion of the intended meaning has occurred; and

3. to report on proposed resolutions that have been validly submitted to Convention. The report may include the following recommendations:

(a) a recommendation that a proposed resolution be passed; in which case the Committee shall state its reasons;
(b) a recommendation that a proposed resolution be defeated, in which case the Committee shall state its reasons;
(c) a statement that a proposed resolution will be reported to the floor without comment by the Committee.

d. A Credentials Committee, consisting of not fewer than four (4) people, that is responsible for registering all persons attending any meeting of the Convention, assisting the Bishop in determining the applicable level of credentials held by an individual, and making the reports to Convention required in Diocesan Canon I. Members of the Credentials Committee shall be named by Diocesan Council and may include any person deemed suitable by the Council, including employees of the Diocese.

Section 5. Severability. Should any of the Canons of this Diocese be found or declared to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, only the provisions specifically found or declared to be invalid or ineffective shall cease to be operative, and the remaining terms and provisions of the Canons shall continue in full force and effect.

CANON III
Secretary of the Convention

Section 1. The duties of the Secretary shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the Convention; prepare and distribute the Journal of any meeting of the Convention; preserve the Convention's Journals and records; attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all property, moneys, books, and papers relative or belonging to the Diocese that may be in the Secretary’s possession. The Secretary shall distribute a copy of the Journal of the Convention to each officer of the Diocese, each chair of a Committee of the Convention, the Diocesan Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, each member of the clergy of the Diocese, each Congregation of the Diocese, and to others who request one in advance. The Journal may be distributed in any format approved by Diocesan Council, including electronic mail or media and conventional publication.

Section 2. The Secretary shall transmit to the proper officers a certificate of the election of Deputies to the General Convention and to the Provincial Synod.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that each Congregation and each Member of Convention receive at least thirty (30) days’ prior notice of the time and place appointed for any meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be incumbent on the office or as may be provided for by the Convention and shall receive such compensation for services as Diocesan Council may determine.

Section 5. The Secretary may, with the approval of the Bishop, appoint one or more persons to serve as an Assistant Secretary.

CANON IV
Standing Committee

Section 1. The Convention annually shall elect to the Standing Committee the number of members as set forth in this Canon.

Section 2. The Standing Committee shall consist of five (5) presbyters and four (4) electors, the term of office of each to be three (3) years. No member, either clergy or lay, shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Members’ terms of office shall be staggered so that the Convention shall elect annually three (3) members of the Standing Committee. Of those three (3), at least one (1) shall be a member of the clergy and at least one (1) shall be a member of the laity.
Section 3. Qualifications for Office. a. Clergy members must be Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote pursuant to Diocesan Canon I, Section 1.

b. Lay members must be electors of a Congregation and domiciled in the Diocese. A lay member of the Standing Committee is a Member of Convention *ex officio*, without vote. Provided, however, that a lay member who also serves a Congregation as one of its Lay Delegates is entitled to vote at Convention.

c. If the formation of an Episcopal Election Committee has been assented to by the Convention pursuant to Diocesan Canon XXI, and a member of the Standing Committee, or a member's spouse, parent or child, permits his or her name to be submitted to the Episcopal Election Committee for consideration as a candidate for bishop as either a nominee or a candidate by petition, the member shall recuse and absent himself or herself from any discussion, deliberation or vote on any matter coming before the Standing Committee that relates to the Episcopal Election Committee or the Convention to Elect a Bishop until the member, or the member’s spouse, parent or child, is no longer a possible candidate, or until the duties of the Episcopal Election Committee have ended, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. Vacancies in the Committee’s membership, occurring by death or otherwise, may be filled by the Committee until the next annual meeting of the Convention, when the vacancy for the remainder of the term shall be filled by election of the Convention, in addition to the elections required under Section 2 of this Canon.

Section 5. The Committee, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Convention, shall choose a President, Secretary, and other officers from among its members. The Secretary shall keep a full record of all transactions of the Committee and shall maintain all documents submitted to the Committee in the performance of its official duties. Five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business after due notice of a meeting is given all members.

Section 6. 1. The Standing Committee shall be a council of advice to the Bishop to be summoned by the Bishop whenever its advice is desired; it may of its own accord advise the Bishop when it considers it needful to do so.

2. The records of transactions of the Committee kept by the Secretary, and the documents submitted to the Committee in the performance of its official duties, shall be subject at all times to the examination by the Bishop and the Convention. All other proceedings of the Committee shall be strictly confidential unless the Bishop and the Committee shall determine otherwise.

3. The prior written consent and approval of the Bishop and the Committee are required prior to the conveyance, transfer or encumbrance, in whole or in part, of any interest in any real property that has been designed or used for regular services of worship, whether or not consecrated, and that is owned or controlled by the Diocese, or a Congregation, or a Related Organization.

CANON V
Diocesan Council

Section 1. The Diocesan Council, subject to the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese and the direction of the Convention, shall have oversight of the work of the Diocese, and of such other work as may be submitted to it by the Convention of the Diocese. The Bishop shall be executive head of all such work, and the
Council shall assist the Bishop in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of that office. A lay member of Diocesan Council is a Member of Convention ex officio, without vote, provided, however, that a lay member who also serves a Congregation as one of its Lay Delegates is entitled to vote at Convention.

Section 2. The Diocesan Council, hereinafter called the Council, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Diocese.

Section 3. The Council shall be composed of the following:

a. The Bishop;

b. Any Bishop Coadjutor, any Bishop Suffragan, the President of the Standing Committee, and the Chancellor of the Diocese, ex officio;

c. One (1) presbyter and two (2) electors, each elected by the Convention for a two (2) year term. The terms shall be staggered so that the presbyter and laypersons are elected on alternate years at the annual meeting of the Convention; and

d. 1. one (1) presbyter and one (1) elector from each deanery of the Diocese, who shall be elected at a deanery convocation for a two (2) year term and confirmed by the Convention. The terms shall be staggered so that the deanery elects one (1) person each year.

2. If a new deanery is established, a deanery convocation shall be held within one (1) month to elect members to the Council. The initial term of the presbyter shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Convention. The election of the layperson shall be confirmed at the next annual meeting of the Convention, and the term shall expire at the subsequent annual meeting of the Convention.

e. If the formation of an Episcopal Election Committee has been assented to by the Convention pursuant to Diocesan Canon XXI, and a member of the Diocesan Council, or a member's spouse, parent or child, permits his or her name to be submitted to the Episcopal Election Committee for consideration as a candidate for bishop as either a nominee or a candidate by petition, the member shall recuse and absent himself or herself from any discussion, deliberation or vote on any matter coming before the Council that relates to the Episcopal Election Committee or the Convention to Elect a Bishop until the member, or the member's spouse, parent or child, is no longer a possible candidate or until the duties of the Episcopal Election Committee have ended, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. a. The Officers of the Diocese shall be the Bishop as President, with any Bishop Coadjutor, any Bishop Suffragan, and the President of the Standing Committee as Vice-President(s). All other officers of the corporation shall be elected by the Council. In the absence of the President and Vice-President(s), the Council shall elect one of its members to preside pro tempore. Any and all actions shall be by majority vote of a quorum, which shall consist of one (1) more than one-half (1/2) of the qualified voting members of the Council.

b. At its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Convention, Council shall choose a Secretary who may be, but need not be, a member of the Council. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining all of the documents submitted to or generated by the Council, and shall keep a full record of all transactions of the Council and its committees. The records of the Council, and all papers officially in its possession, shall be subject at all times to the examination by the Bishop and the Convention.
Section 5. Each year each of the deaneries and the Convention shall elect a successor to the Council member whose term of office has expired. An elected member may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any election to fill an unexpired term shall, for calculation to fill an additional term, be counted as a full term. The Council shall fill any vacancy of members elected by the Convention until the next annual meeting of the Convention, unless the seat becomes vacant fewer than six (6) months prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention of the year in which the term expires, in which case Council may, but is not required to, fill the vacancy. A deanery shall hold a convocation to elect a person to fill any vacancy of a member elected by the deanery, unless the seat becomes vacant fewer than six (6) months prior scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention of the year in which the term expires, in which case the deanery convocation may, but is not required to, fill the vacancy. Any vacancy filled by a deanery convocation shall be confirmed at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 6. At the first meeting of the Council following the annual meeting of the Convention, the Council shall meet to organize, elect necessary officers, appoint all necessary committees or agencies to implement the work of the Convention of the Diocese, and fulfill any special mandates or commissions of the Convention. The Council shall meet thereafter at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop or shall be called upon the request of any seven (7) members of the Council. No elected members of the Council may serve at the same time on either the Standing Committee or the Committee for Congregational Development.

Section 7. Reports to the Convention. a. At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, the Council shall submit the following reports to the Bishop, the Secretary of the Convention, every clergy Member of Convention, and the secretaries of the congregational councils of every Congregation:

1. an audited financial statement of the affairs of the Diocese for the past year, and
2. a proposed budget for the Diocese, and
3. a schedule showing the proposed apportionment against each Congregation to meet the cost of the proposed budget, and
4. a report of the activities of the Council for the preceding year, and
5. an analysis of the annual reports of the Congregations as made on the form required by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Section 8. Committees of the Council. a. The Council shall establish committees as deemed necessary for the execution of its responsibilities. It may enlist the aid of persons not members of the Council to serve on any committee or assist in the performance of any function of the Council. The power of any committee or functionary shall be subject to and limited to the authority of the Council. With the approval of the Convention, the Council may form legal entities to assist the Council in its work and to manage funds, real property, personal property, intangible property, trusts, and to perform any other responsibilities for which the Council is accountable, such entities to have only managerial powers with all actions subject to the formal approval of the Council.

b. The Council shall form the following committees:

1. a Diocesan Finance Committee, which shall be charged with monitoring the fiscal operations of the Diocese and reporting on them to the Council with any recommendations
the Committee deems advisable. The Council may choose a Treasurer, who may be, but need not be, a member of the Council, to serve on the Diocesan Finance Committee and perform such other duties for the Diocese as assigned by the Council, and

2. the Convention committees as provided in Diocesan Canon I.

Section 9. Only the Council, acting upon recommendation by the Committee for Congregational Development, shall have the authority to amend, modify, or suspend any apportionments placed on Congregations.

Section 10. The prior written consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council are required prior to the conveyance, transfer or encumbrance, in whole or in part, of any interest in any real property owned or controlled by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization.

Section 11. A Registrar shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Council, without vote. In addition to the duties required by the Constitution, the Registrar shall keep the following information, which shall be made available to the Council upon request:

a. a register listing the clergy who are canonically resident in the Diocese, those received and transferred, those ordained, and those suspended or deposed;

b. a register of persons confirmed or received from other Communions;

c. a record of marital judgments and of persons readmitted to the Sacraments in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Section 12. The Council shall elect representatives of the Diocese, who shall be clergy Members of Convention in active service or electors of a Congregation, to:

a. the Synod of Province IV; and

b. any other corporation, institution, organization, or other body with whom the convention of the Diocese recognizes an official relationship calling for representation from this Diocese, unless election by Convention is required by the Constitution or Canons.

Section 13. The administration of the affairs of the Church Pension Fund in this Diocese shall be the responsibility of Diocesan Council, which shall ensure the performance of all necessary duties in accordance with the rules of the Church Pension Fund.

Section 14. Subject to the approval of the Diocesan Council, the Bishop may appoint such Canons, Archdeacons, fiscal officers, assistants, aides, secretaries and other diocesan staff as may be needed to tend to the administration of the Diocese.

**CANON VI**  
**Clergy**

Section 1. a. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation in the Diocese shall be either:

1. duly licensed and ordained as a presbyter pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and be in good standing in the Episcopal Church; or
2. a member of the clergy who is an ordained presbyter in good standing with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy.

b. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation has full authority over and responsibility for all matters specified in Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, including, but not limited to:
   1. pastoral care;
   2. worship and music;
   3. Congregational programs;
   4. chairing meetings of the Congregation and the congregational council;
   5. supervising, hiring and dismissing staff;
   6. the spiritual direction and control of all church schools, parish schools, and all other associations and Related Organizations connected with the Congregation;
   7. ensuring compliance with the requirements regarding licensed ministries as provided in the Canons of the Episcopal Church; and
   8. decoration of the Congregation’s property and facilities.

c. During any planned absence of the member of the clergy in charge, it is the responsibility of the member of the clergy in charge to arrange for coverage of the Congregation’s regularly-scheduled services and other needs for pastoral care. If the member of the clergy in charge is paid wholly or in part by the Diocese, the approval of the Bishop must be received in advance of any absences that are in addition to, or longer than, those specified in any contract or letter of agreement entered into with the member of the clergy in charge.

d. The member of the clergy in charge shall be subject to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese, the pastoral direction of the Bishop, and the laws of the State of Florida.

e. The member of the clergy in charge shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the member of the clergy in charge and the Congregation. The written agreement shall specifically indicate the title and status of the member of the clergy in charge, in accordance with Section 2 of this Canon.

Section 2. The written agreement and relationship between a Congregation and member of the clergy in charge shall specify the title of the member of the clergy in charge in accordance with the following:

a. Rector of a parish: a presbyter who is elected by the congregational council of a parish in accordance with this Canon. A rector shall serve on a permanent basis; any termination of the pastoral relationship must be in accordance with the provisions of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended.

b. Vicar of a mission: a presbyter who is appointed by the Bishop with charge and responsibility for a mission. A vicar is eligible to become the rector when the mission becomes a parish.

c. Pastor of a parish: a presbyter who enters an agreement between the congregational council of a parish and the Bishop. A pastor is elected by the congregational council to serve for a specified period of time, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement of all three parties for another specified period of time. The pastoral relationship may be terminated prior to the end of the specified period of time only with the consent of two out of the three parties. A pastor is eligible to become the rector.
d. Priest-in-charge: a presbyter who may be either of the following:

1. A person appointed temporarily by the Bishop under the provisions of Diocesan Canon IX. An appointment under Canon IX shall be for up to one (1) year, and the person appointed is eligible to become a priest-in-charge by agreement as specified in the next paragraph.

2. A person who enters a written agreement between the congregational council of a parish and the Bishop to serve as a long-term interim, with a contract of one to three years, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement of all three parties for another specified period of time. A priest-in-charge is eligible to become the pastor or rector only if such a provision is agreed upon in the initial written agreement with the Congregation.

e. Interim pastor: a presbyter who is trained for interim ministry who enters a contract with the congregational council of a parish to serve for one (1) year, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement for another year while a search is being conducted. An interim pastor shall have a written agreement specifying the person’s roles and responsibilities. With the Bishop’s approval, the interim pastor may become the priest-in-charge, but under no circumstances can the interim pastor become the pastor or rector of that Congregation.

Section 3. Consociate Clergy. In a Joint Congregation, formed in accordance with these Canons, the Congregation may call a person to serve as consociate clergy, who may be a bishop or presbyter in good standing with the Episcopal Church or a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy. Consociate clergy shall be called and appointed utilizing the same search process used for a rector; shall serve independently on a permanent basis; shall be considered to be the member of the clergy in charge as that term is used in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese with regard to those rights, duties and responsibilities of the Joint Congregation that relate to the Diocese or the Episcopal Church; and shall not be considered an assistant pursuant to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended. Consociate clergy are subject only to the Bishop or the equivalent judicatory authority of the denomination which ordained and supervises the consociate. Consociate clergy shall have the same rights and duties as set forth in Section 1 of this Canon.

Section 4. a. The member of the clergy in charge of any Congregation is, ex officio, a member of the Congregation’s congregational council and has the right to vote at all meetings. The member of the clergy in charge, or another member of the Congregation’s congregational council designated by the member of the clergy in charge, shall preside at all the meetings of the Congregation’s congregational council and at the annual meeting and special meetings of the Congregation.

b. Clergy Members of Convention have the right to attend and vote at all meetings of the Congregation which they serve.

c. Clergy Members of Convention who are not in charge of a congregation may be granted the right to vote at meetings of the congregational council if this right is granted in the bylaws of the Congregation which they serve.

Section 5. a. In accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, the member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation may appoint one or more assistant clergy. Assistant clergy may be bishops, presbyters, deacons, diaconal ministers, or other members of the clergy in good standing with the Episcopal Church or a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy. Assistant clergy shall serve at the pleasure of the member of the clergy in charge, who shall be responsible for their supervision. The assistant clergy shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the assistant clergy and the Congregation.
b. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation may appoint one or more persons in good standing with any nationally recognized Christian denomination, whether in active service or retired, to serve a Congregation to provide assistance with specific, limited ministries such as visitation, education, counseling or other support of the duties of the clergy. Ministerial clergy may serve with or without remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and shall serve at the pleasure of the member of the clergy in charge, who shall be responsible for their supervision. Ministerial clergy who are not ordained and licensed as a bishop, presbyter or deacon, or diaconal minister, or other member of the clergy in the Episcopal Church or in a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy must be licensed by the Bishop prior to undertaking any of the functions or ministries specified in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church as requiring licensure. All clergy appointed under this provision shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the clergyperson and the Congregation.

c. Clergy who are on the supply lists of the Diocese may be engaged to provide pastoral services on an occasional basis. With the prior approval of the Diocese, a Congregation may engage the services of clergy on supply lists maintained by a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy.

Section 6. a. No person may serve a Congregation as clergy of any kind without the prior approval of the Bishop in accordance with the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese.

b. In the event a Congregation desires to call a rector, pastor, interim or consociate clergy, the Congregation’s congregational council shall notify the Bishop and comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese. The Congregation’s congregational council and the Diocese shall develop a mutually acceptable plan for calling a person to the position.

c. In the event a Joint Congregation desires to call a rector, pastor or consociate clergy, the Congregation shall notify the Bishop and the equivalent judicatory authority of the other denomination, and comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese and the governing provisions of the other denomination. The Joint Congregation, the Diocese, and the equivalent authority of the other denomination shall develop a mutually acceptable plan for calling a person to the position.

CANON VII
Congregational Governance

Section 1. Annual Meeting. A Congregation shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation’s bylaws, the annual meeting of the Congregation shall be within one hundred twenty (120) days before or on the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February.

Section 2. Bylaws. a. A Congregation may adopt bylaws for the governance of the affairs of the Congregation. Bylaws that conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of the Episcopal Church shall be void. Unless these Canons grant specific authority to the Congregation to adopt an alternative provision, bylaws that conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of this Diocese shall be void. Should any of the bylaws of a Congregation be found or declared to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, only the provisions specifically found or declared to be invalid or ineffective shall cease to be operative, and the remaining terms and provisions of the bylaws shall continue in full force and effect.
b. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Congregation present at a properly called and convened congregational meeting is necessary to adopt, amend or repeal any congregational bylaw, unless the bylaws of the Congregation impose a different requirement, in which case the bylaws of the Congregation shall govern.

c. Unless and until a Congregation adopts bylaws in accordance with this Canon, the provisions of these Canons shall govern the affairs of the Congregation.

Section 3. Electors. a. As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation. A qualified elector of a Congregation is entitled to vote in all congregational elections and on all matters that come before the Congregation for a vote.

b. The vote of no person shall be questioned unless his or her right to vote shall be first challenged by a qualified elector. The bylaws of the Congregation shall provide that, in the event of such challenge, the right of such person shall be passed upon by an independent Qualifications Committee. If the Congregation’s bylaws do not otherwise specify, the Qualifications Committee shall consist of three (3) electors appointed by the member of the clergy in charge, or in the event there is no member of the clergy in charge, by the congregational council, and the findings of the Qualifications Committee shall be final and binding.

Section 4. Congregational Council. a. Each Congregation shall have a congregational council, which may be called a vestry or board of trustees or similar name, according to the choice of the Congregation. To be qualified to serve on the congregational council, a person must be an elector of the Congregation and eighteen (18) years of age or older.

b. The Congregation’s bylaws shall specify the number of persons serving on the congregational council, which must consist of at least five (5) electors. A majority of the members of the congregational council must be selected by the Congregation.

c. The Congregation’s bylaws shall specify the manner the Congregation will use to select persons to serve on the congregational council and as lay Members of Convention. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, selection shall be by election by a majority vote of the members of the Congregation present at a properly called and convened congregational meeting.

d. The Congregation’s bylaws shall provide for the orderly succession of persons serving on the congregational council. The bylaws shall provide that those elected to the congregational council shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. The bylaws shall provide for staggered terms of service so that approximately the same number of terms on the congregational council are filled each year in rotation, and that no one person shall remain a member of the congregational council for more than six (6) consecutive years. If a person has served on the congregational council for any portion of six (6) of the previous seven (7) years, the person is not eligible to serve as a member of the congregational council for one (1) year.

e. Wardens. The Congregation’s bylaws shall provide for the selection of wardens of the Congregation. The Congregation’s bylaws shall provide that the term of office for the wardens is one (1) year, and that a person may not serve as a warden for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of wardens shall take place at the first meeting of the congregational council after a congregation’s annual meeting, as follows:
1. The member of the clergy in charge shall appoint one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Senior Warden. If the Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge, the members of the congregational council shall select the Senior Warden in the same manner as it selects the Junior Warden.

2. The members of the congregational council shall select one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Junior Warden. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of the Junior Warden shall be by majority vote of the members of the congregational council.

f. Officers. 1. The congregational council shall annually select a secretary, who need not be a member of the Congregation. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes of congregational council’s proceedings are taken and reported, attest to the public acts of the congregational council, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Congregation, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned, and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all books and documents of the Congregation that may be in the secretary’s possession.

2. The congregational council shall annually select a treasurer, who need not be a member of the Congregation, to perform the duties incumbent upon that office. The treasurer shall furnish a bond of suitable amount. The books and accounts shall be audited annually and at any other time the congregational council may direct. The offices of secretary and treasurer may both be held by the same person.

g. The congregational council shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation’s bylaws, the annual meeting of the congregational council shall be held within two (2) weeks after the annual meeting of the Congregation. In accordance with the Congregation’s bylaws and this Canon, at its annual meeting the congregational council shall turn over the affairs of the Congregation to the congregational council with its newly selected members.

h. The congregational council may hold other meetings at the times specified in the Congregation’s bylaws. In all cases, a meeting may be called by the member of the clergy in charge or the Senior Warden. Unless a different number is specified in the Congregation’s bylaws, a meeting of the congregational council may also be called at the joint request of two (2) or 25 percent (25%) of the congregational council’s members, whichever is the greater number. In the case of a Joint Congregation, consociate clergy may also call a meeting of the congregational council. In the sole discretion of the Bishop, the Bishop may at any time call a meeting of the congregational council of any Congregation and preside at such meeting.

Section 5. Responsibilities of the congregational council. a. It shall be the duty of the wardens and congregational council to protect the properties of the Congregation and to see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God and for the administration of the Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church be provided. Unless otherwise provided in the Congregation’s bylaws, in the absence of the member of the clergy in charge, or at the request of the member of the clergy in charge, the Senior Warden shall preside at the meetings of the congregational council and, in the absence of both, the Junior Warden shall preside.

b. It shall be the duty of the congregational council to take charge of the real and personal properties of the Congregation and keep the same fully insured, to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of the clergy and other ministers and employees serving the Congregation, to prepare a budget providing for the necessary requirements and expenditures of the Congregation, to regulate all its temporal concerns, to keep order in the church during the celebration of Divine worship, and, in general, to act as helpers in whatever is appropriate to laypersons for the furtherance of the Church’s welfare.
CANON VIII
Congregational Registers and Reports

Section 1. Every Congregation shall maintain a register in which the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation, or, if there be none, one of the wardens, shall cause to be recorded:

a. Any baptism administered in the Congregation, including the name and date of birth of each person baptized; and, if a child, the names of the child’s parents and sponsors.

b. Any celebration and blessing of a marriage and any blessing of a civil marriage performed in the Congregation, including the date, names and addresses of the persons being married or whose civil marriage is being blessed, and the names and addresses of the witnesses to the marriage.

c. Any funeral or memorial service conducted in the Congregation or for a member of the Congregation, including the date and place of the service and, if known, the date and place of the burial.

d. The person performing each of the offices or services listed above shall sign the register entry recording the event.

Section 2. Every Congregation shall maintain a record of the following, which may be maintained in electronic form:

a. All services held in the Congregation, which record shall show the date, time, place, and kind of service held, the number of persons present, and the name or names of those officiating or preaching at the service.

b. A list of all communicants in the Congregation.

Section 3. No later than March 1 of each year, the Congregation shall file an annual report with the Diocese that is signed by the member of the clergy in charge, if any, the secretary of the congregational council, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and the treasurer of the Congregation. The Congregation’s annual report to the Diocese shall include the information as indicated below:

a. a copy of the parochial report filed pursuant to Title I.6 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended; and

b. a statement as to whether the premiums for the preceding fiscal year to the Church Pension Fund on account of the clergy of the Congregation have been fully paid; and

c. a list of the persons selected to serve on the congregational council for the following year, indicating the names of the persons selected to serve as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, secretary, treasurer or member of the congregational council, together with a list of the persons selected to serve as Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Convention; and

d. a statement as to whether the diocesan apportionment(s) for the preceding calendar year have been fully paid; and

e. a statement as to the amount of insurance coverage the Congregation has on its real and personal property, and the name of the insurance carrier; and
f. any other information requested by the Bishop, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee or Committee on Congregational Development, if the information is requested on or before January 15th of the year the annual report to the Diocese is to be filed, and

g. if available, the annual audit for the previous year required by Diocesan Canon XIV; and

h. for the purpose of enabling the Diocese to provide appropriate assistance to Congregations, an explanation of any problems, irregularities or delays the Congregation has experienced in complying with its canonical obligations.

Section 4. A Congregation has the affirmative duty of notifying the Diocese of any problems, irregularities or delays the Congregation is experiencing that are not of a temporary nature, including, but not limited to, any time the Congregation, for a period of three (3) consecutive months:

a. is unable to meet its financial obligations, including provision for its clergy or other ministers or employees, or payment to the Church Pension Fund; or

b. is unable to pay its apportionment to the diocese; or

c. has a mid-cycle turnover in leadership of more than forty percent (40%) of the persons serving on the congregational council of the Congregation; or

d. is unable to complete an audit that complies with the requirements of Diocesan Canon XIV.

CANON IX
Congregations

Section 1. Definition of a Congregation. As used in these Canons, a Congregation is a community of faith that:

a. accedes to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church, to the Constitution and Canons set forth by General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese without exception, amendment, proviso or addition; and

b. acknowledges and undertakes the responsibility of providing for the remuneration and reimbursement of its clergy, other ministers, and employees; its apportioned share of funding the Program and Budget as agreed at the Convention of the Diocese; the pension premiums for its clergy, and such other expenses as may be normally encountered in the operation of a Congregation; and

c. has been accepted as a Member of the Diocese by the Members of Convention pursuant to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

Section 2. a. Parishes and missions. As used in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, the types of Congregations are as follows:

1. A parish is a Congregation that is financially stable and self-sustaining and able to comply with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph b, of this Canon, and that has an average Sunday attendance of at least fifty (50) people. Subject to the provisions of Section 1, paragraph a. of this Canon, a parish has the right to govern its own affairs and call a rector to serve the Congregation.
2. A mission is a Congregation that has an average Sunday attendance of at least fifty (50) people and that is under the direct authority of the Bishop.

b. A mission that desires to become a parish shall make application to the Committee for Congregational Development that includes the following:

1. a resolution passed by the congregational council of the mission approving the submission of the application; and
2. an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow analysis, and any other financial information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop that demonstrates the ability of the mission to be financially stable and self-sustaining and able to comply with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph b, of this Canon; and

3. a narrative history of the worshiping community, including information on the lay leadership and average Sunday attendance, as well as any other information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop.

4. The Committee for Congregational Development shall review the application and undertake any investigation it deems advisable. The Committee shall make a recommendation on the application to Diocesan Council and the Bishop, stating the reasons for the recommendation.

5. If the application is approved by both Diocesan Council and the Bishop at least thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Convention, the application shall be considered for approval at that meeting of the Convention. Otherwise, the application shall be considered at the next meeting of the Convention.

c. A Congregation’s status may be changed from that of a parish to that of a mission only in accordance with Section 6 of this Canon.

Section 3. Application to become a Congregation. a. A worshiping community that desires to become a Congregation shall submit an application to the Committee for Congregational Development that includes the following:

1. a resolution passed by the people affiliated with the worshiping community undertaking the affirmations in Section 1, paragraphs a and b; and stating whether the application is to become a parish or a mission; and

2. an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow analysis, and any other financial information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council, or the Bishop; and

3. a narrative history of the worshiping community, including information on the leadership and average Sunday attendance, as well as any other information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop; and

4. a draft of the articles of incorporation to be filed with the State of Florida, or, if an existing corporate entity will be used, a copy of its articles of incorporation and any other incorporation documents, including any amendments, which have been filed with the State of Florida, and any proposed amendments to the corporate filings.

b. The Committee for Congregational Development shall review the application and undertake any investigation it deems advisable, including consultation with any Congregations of this Diocese near the applicant. The Committee shall make a recommendation on the application and articles of incorporation to Diocesan Council and the Bishop. If the application and articles of incorporation are approved by Diocesan Council and the Bishop, the application shall be submitted to the Convention for approval.
If the Convention votes to approve the application and accept the applicant as a member of the Diocese, within fifteen (15) days the new Congregation shall file with the State of Florida its articles of incorporation or any proposed amendments to its existing articles of incorporation.

Section 4. If a Congregation believes its mission would be better served by moving to a new location or operating an additional facility in a new location, the Congregation shall submit a proposal to the Committee for Congregational Development. The Committee shall consult with the Congregation to ensure the proposal is fiscally and programmatically sound, and that any other Congregations of this Diocese within ten (10) miles have been given adequate opportunity to comment on the proposal. The Committee shall make a recommendation regarding the proposal to Diocesan Council and the Bishop, which shall have final authority over whether to approve the proposal. This provision does not require a Congregation to obtain prior approval for temporary or occasional use of facilities.

Section 5. Joint Congregations. a. With the prior approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council, a Congregation may enter into an agreement for joint ministry with a worshipping community affiliated with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church is in full communion. The agreement for joint ministry may range from routine sharing of facilities to full corporate merger. Each proposal for joint ministry shall be negotiated separately in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the governing provisions of the denomination of the other worshipping community.

b. A Congregation that has entered into an agreement for joint ministry pursuant to this Canon shall retain its membership in the convention with all of the same rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties.

c. A worshipping community that desires to become a Member of the Diocese as a joint congregation also affiliated with another denomination with which the Episcopal Church is in full communion shall simultaneously comply with Sections 2 and 4 of this Canon.

Section 6. Congregational support. a. The Bishop and Diocesan Council are responsible for monitoring the general state of affairs of the Congregations of the Diocese and to provide appropriate resources, assistance, guidance, oversight and support to all Congregations. This may be of any type approved by the Bishop, including, but not limited to, consultation, mediation, financial assistance provided in accordance with this Canon, deployment of deacons, temporary assignment of clergy or a lay minister, and, in the case of a mission, the removal or replacement of one or more members of the congregational council.

b. The Bishop, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of Diocesan Council, shall make a referral to the Committee for Congregational Development for appropriate analysis, recommendation and advice when the Bishop becomes aware that a Congregation may need extraordinary assistance, guidance or support, based on:

1. information received in an annual or special report received pursuant to Diocesan Canon VIII; or

2. information received in a statement from the member of the clergy in charge, warden, or congregational council of the Congregation, whether written, oral, electronic, or other form; or

3. a failure to file required reports with, or failure to pay its apportionment to, the Diocese in a timely manner; or
4. a failure or refusal to comply with the terms of a judgment rendered according to the provisions of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, relating to the pastoral relationship between the member of the clergy in charge and the Congregation or congregational council; or

5. under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Bishop.

c. Any Congregation that fails to file an annual audit by the deadline specified in Diocesan Canon XIV, or pay its full year's apportionment within thirty (30) days after the final annual due date, shall be referred by the Bishop to the Committee for Congregational Development without the concurrence of Diocesan Council.

d. Upon receiving a referral, the Committee for Congregational Development shall undertake an inquiry to determine the condition of the Congregation, the background and causes for its current situation. The Committee shall make a report to the Bishop and Diocesan Council regarding its analysis and recommendations to resolve the issues facing the Congregation.

e. If the recommendation of the Committee for Congregational Development is that a referred Congregation receive financial assistance or extraordinary supervision from the Diocese in order to continue operating in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church or of this Diocese, and the Bishop and Diocesan Council both approve the recommendation, the Congregation, whether a parish or a mission, shall be considered a Supervised Congregation until Diocesan Council removes the designation.

1. A Supervised Congregation shall be under the guidance of the Committee for Congregational Development and the Bishop on a year-by-year basis, as determined and approved by Diocesan Council. During this period, the Committee shall consult with and guide the Supervised Congregation in all facets of its mission, including its leadership and fiscal stability, and any other considerations, with the mutual goal of enabling the Supervised Congregation to become financially stable, self-supporting, and able to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese. During this period, a Supervised Congregation receiving financial assistance from the Diocese is not to be assessed an apportionment share, although the discipline of tithing to the Diocese is to be encouraged.

2. The Bishop shall have the primary responsibility for oversight over all Supervised Congregations. If the Supervised Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge of it, the Bishop shall have the authority to appoint a priest-in-charge or a lay minister to serve the Congregation temporarily and, in the Bishop's sole discretion, to remove any appointed person.

3. With the prior approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, a Supervised Congregation, in consultation with the Committee for Congregational Development, may call a person to serve as the member of the clergy to be in charge of the Congregation, using the usual Diocesan call process. The stipend and other compensation of a member of the clergy or a lay minister appointed or called to serve a Supervised Congregation, as well as any other financial assistance deemed advisable, shall be established by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Council in consultation with the Committee for Congregational Development.

4. The term Financial Assistance, as used in this Canon, does not include any diocesan or other funds awarded, granted or otherwise given to a Congregation, that were not part of the analysis and recommendation of the Committee for Congregational Development made pursuant to this Canon.
5. A Supervised Congregation may be removed from that status upon the recommendation of the Committee for Congregational Development and the approval of Diocesan Council and the Bishop.

f. Upon approval of Diocesan Council and the Bishop, the status of a parish may be changed to that of a mission if the parish has been a Supervised Congregation for at least the three (3) prior consecutive years and the Committee for Congregational Development reports that it is not likely that within the next six (6) months the Congregation will become financially stable, self-supporting, and able to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of Convention voting at a meeting of the Convention shall be necessary to change the status of the parish to a mission.

Section 7. Suspension or dissolution of a Congregation. a. A Congregation may be suspended from membership in the Convention, or its membership in the Convention may be terminated and dissolved, only upon an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Diocesan Council and ratified by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of Convention voting at a meeting of the Convention, and based only on grounds provided in this Canon.

b. Grounds for suspension or termination of membership in the Convention are:

1. a Congregation requests suspension or termination of membership in the Convention by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of record of the Congregation in a properly called and convened congregational meeting; or

2. the Committee for Congregational Development recommends suspension or termination of a Supervised Congregation’s membership in the Convention because that Congregation is unable to become stable and self-sustaining, or because it is unable to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and that suspending or terminating the congregation’s membership is in the best interests of the mission of the Diocese; or

3. a Congregation, in a duly called and convened congregational meeting, votes to rescind its accession to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church, or to the Constitution and Canons set forth by General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition, or to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese without exception, amendment, proviso or addition.

c. The title to all real and personal property of a Congregation whose membership in the Convention has been suspended, or terminated and dissolved, shall immediately vest in the Diocese.

CANON X
Associated Worshipping Communities

Section 1. To encourage new church plantings and the creation of innovative fellowships to engage in the mission and ministry of the Church, any group of at least twelve (12) persons may apply to the Committee for Congregational Development to form an Associated Worshipping Community.

Section 2. In the application to the Committee for Congregational Development, the persons forming the Associated Worshipping Community shall affirm that: they accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church; to the Constitution and Canons set forth by
General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition; and they submit to the authority of the Diocese and its Constitution and Canons without exception, amendment, proviso or addition.

Section 3. Prior to providing its consent and support, the Committee for Congregational Development shall consult with at least one (1) Congregation geographically close to the applicant, and must consult with any Congregations of the Diocese located within ten (10) miles of the applicant’s proposed primary location for worship. This consultation shall be for the purposes of determining the ways that an existing Congregation might support the Associated Worshiping Community with prayer, resources and fellowship. The application of the Associated Worshiping Community shall be approved provided it receives the positive recommendation of the Committee for Congregational Development, and the approval of the Bishop, Diocesan Council, and at least one (1) of the Congregations with which the Committee for Congregational Development consulted during the application process.

Section 4. The Bishop shall report to the annual meeting of the Convention regarding the Associated Worshiping Communities that have been formed during the previous year, and the nature of the ministry of each.

Section 5. a. An Associated Worshiping Community shall be under the direction of the Committee for Congregational Development and the Bishop for five (5) years. During this period, the Committee for Congregational Development shall consult with and guide the Associated Worshiping Community in its mission and ministry, including the choice of a name, formation of a congregational council, fiscal stability, and any other considerations, with the mutual goal of enabling the associated worshiping community to become a Congregation. During the five (5) year period, the Associated Worshiping Community is not to be assessed an apportionment share, although the discipline of tithing to the Diocese is to be encouraged.

b. If the Associated Worshiping Community has not become a Congregation at the end of five (5) years, the Committee on Congregational Development shall make a recommendation to the Bishop and Diocesan Council as to whether the Associated Worshiping Community should remain in that status on a year-to-year basis, become an aided congregation, or should have its relationship with the Diocese terminated. The determination as to the status of the Associated Worshiping Community shall then be made by the Bishop with the approval of Diocesan Council.

Section 6. The Bishop shall be in charge of and have the primary responsibility for oversight over all Associated Worshiping Communities, with authority to appoint a member of the clergy or a lay minister to serve them and, in the Bishop’s sole discretion, to remove any appointed person. The stipends and other compensations of a person appointed to serve an Associated Worshiping Community, as well as any other financial assistance deemed advisable, shall be established by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Council in consultation with the Committee for Congregational Development.

Section 7. Except for membership in Convention, which is limited to electors belonging to Congregations, all of the rights, duties and responsibilities of electors under these Canons are equally applicable laypersons affiliated with an Associated Worshiping Community including, but not limited to, eligibility to serve in the various diocesan offices and positions.
**CANON XI**  
*Deaneries*

**Section 1.** The Diocese shall be divided into deaneries, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the Bishop with the advice of Diocesan Council. The presiding officer of each deanery shall be a Dean appointed by the Bishop for a maximum term of three (3) years. The deanery convocation shall be composed of:

- a. all clergy Members of Convention who are located in the deanery. Clergy who reside in one deanery but serve a Congregation in another deanery are members of the deanery in which the Congregation is located; and
- b. the lay Members of Convention from each Congregation located in the deanery; and
- c. one (1) elector selected by the congregational council of each Congregation located in the deanery.

**Section 2.** Each deanery convocation shall meet at least thirty (30) days, and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days, prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, and may also meet any other time at the call of the Dean or of the Bishop.

**Section 3.** The purpose of each deanery shall be to afford opportunity for the clergy and laity to come together for conferences, to initiate works and activities at the deanery and Congregational levels, to promote the work and Mission of the Church, to identify nominees for the various diocesan offices and positions, to consider resolutions and other matters coming before a meeting of the Convention, and to carry out the work of the Diocese within the deanery.

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**CANON XII**  
*Ecclesiastical Trial Court*

**Section 1. Governance.** All proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court in and for the Diocese of Southwest Florida shall be conducted according to the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference.

**Section 2. Members and Organization.**

- **a.** The Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall consist of five (5) clergy Members of Convention and four (4) electors of Congregations.
- **b.** At each annual meeting of the Convention, three (3) persons shall be elected to serve on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court for a term of three (3) years. Persons elected shall be from each order as required to maintain the required make up of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court.
- **c.** Vacancies occurring within the membership of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, whether permanent or temporary as the result of a successful challenge, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the court. A person elected to fill a vacancy must be from the same order as the person being replaced. Vacancies must be filled within three (3) months of notification of the vacancy unless sooner required by other provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese.
- **d.** Within two (2) months following the annual meeting of the Convention the members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall elect from among themselves by majority vote one (1) person to serve as Presiding Judge for a one (1) year term.
e. Within three (3) months following the annual meeting of the Convention the members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall appoint an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Florida to serve as Church Attorney for a one (1) year term.

f. All persons elected or appointed under this section are eligible to be re-elected or re-appointed upon the expiration of their terms.

g. If the Ecclesiastical Trial Court is in session at the time of the annual meeting of the Convention, any new members elected to the Court shall not take office until the Court has concluded any trial then pending. Until the new members have taken office, the time requirements of subsections (d) and (e) shall be suspended.

Section 3. Canons of the Episcopal Church. The mode and manner of making charges, securing presentments, and of conducting trials shall be as prescribed by the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference.-

CANON XIII
Committee on Constitution and Canons

Section 1. The Bishop shall appoint a Committee on Constitution and Canons, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council. The purpose of the Committee is to make and review proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. The Committee shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than nine (9) people who shall serve in staggered three (3) year terms. At least three (3) of the Committee members shall be clergy Members of Convention, and at least three (3) shall be electors. The Bishop may appoint persons to serve any unexpired terms that become vacant, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council.

Section 2. All matters relating to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, including any proposed changes, shall be referred to this Committee for consideration.

a. The Committee on Constitution and Canons is authorized to sponsor a resolution to adopt one or more proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons. All such resolutions shall comply with the procedures in Diocesan Canon XVIII.

b. If the Committee determines that a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Canons should be reworded or made to conform to the Constitution and Canons, the Committee may work with the proponent of the proposed change to draft a mutually acceptable substitute proposed amendment. If a mutually acceptable substitute cannot be agreed upon and the proponent submits the proposed amendment in a resolution to the Convention, the Committee may submit an alternative proposed amendment, and both proposals shall be considered by the Convention.

CANON XIV
Business Methods and Practices

Section 1. It shall be the duty of all custodians of trusts and permanent funds maintained by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization, to deposit the same in trust with a trust company or bank with trust powers or with the Diocese. Diocesan custodians shall provide a full and detailed report on each fund at the annual meeting of the Convention, and custodians for Congregations and Related Organizations shall provide a full and detailed report of each fund at the annual meeting of that entity’s congregational council.
Section 2. Audits. a. The fiscal records of every Congregation and every Related Organization shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant or an audit committee approved by the Congregation’s congregational council for the purpose of determining whether the accounts fairly reflect the performance of the duties and obligations of the entity audited. If a Congregation or Related Organization uses an approved audit committee, the committee shall be formed in compliance with guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council. Every auditor or approved audit committee performing their duties pursuant to this Canon shall prepare an audit report that shall be made in accordance with the format and guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council.

b. Every auditor or approved audit committee performing their duties pursuant to this Canon shall file the annual audit report with the Bishop not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the report, but in no event later than September 1 of each year. The report filed with the Bishop shall include any memoranda issued by the auditor or approved audit committee regarding internal control, allocation and accounting for receipts and disbursements or other accounting matters, together with a summary of action taken or proposed to be taken to correct deficiencies or implement recommendations contained in such memoranda.

Section 3. All buildings and personal property owned by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization, shall be insured with a reliable insurance company for an amount that complies with guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council. If appropriate insurance for real property cannot be secured within three (3) months of the date the property was acquired or the previous insurance policy ended, an application for an exemption from this requirement may be made to Diocesan Council. Any exemption granted shall expire one (1) year from the date Diocesan Council granted the request. Upon application, Diocesan Council may, in its discretion, renew the exemption.

Section 4. The Bishop and Diocesan Council shall have authority to call for reports, including financial reports, from every Congregation or Related Organization.

Section 5. Treasurers, congregational employees and custodians, other than banking institutions, who have custody of funds that exceed $500 during a fiscal year, shall be adequately bonded.

Section 6. All deeds, mortgages, hypothecations, assignments or other documents executed on behalf of the Congregation shall be signed by the member of the clergy in charge and the Senior Warden. If there is no member of the clergy in charge, the Junior Warden and the secretary of the congregational council shall sign.

Section 7. a. Congregations that maintain a columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden shall establish written policies regarding remains interred or maintained on the Congregation’s property. These policies must be given, in writing, to all people at the time they arrange for the use of the Congregation’s columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden. At a minimum, the policy must address the following:

1. In the case of a columbarium, the policy shall state the Congregation’s expectations regarding refunds should the remains be removed by a representative of the deceased or if the Congregation ceases to maintain the columbarium and intends to return the remains to a representative of the deceased.

2. In the case of a memorial garden, the policy shall state that cremated remains placed in the ground in a memorial garden, whether or not the remains are placed in a container, are
presumed to be unrecoverable in the future. The policy shall require people, at the time they arrange for the use of a memorial garden, to acknowledge, in writing, the non-recoverability of the remains, and to release the Congregation from any responsibility for attempting to locate or remove the remains in the future.

b. If a Congregation intends to cease maintaining a columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden, it shall immediately notify the Bishop.

**CANON XV**  
**Commission on Ministry**

**Section 1.** The Commission on Ministry of this Diocese shall consist of twelve (12) voting members, of whom six (6) shall be presbyters, two (2) shall be deacons, and four (4) electors. Members shall be appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by Convention. Terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered with one-third (1/3) of the members being appointed annually. In the event of a vacancy, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term. A person may serve two consecutive terms. He or she will then be eligible for reappointment after a period of one (1) year. In addition, one (1) member of the Standing Committee shall serve as liaison to the Commission on Ministry with seat and voice but without vote. This person shall be appointed by the Standing Committee.

**Section 2.** The duties of the Commission on Ministry shall be those prescribed in the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, and such other duties relating to the ministry of this Diocese as shall be assigned by the Bishop.

**Section 3.** The Commission on Ministry shall make a written report of its activities for the past year available at the annual meeting of the Convention.

**Section 4.** No voting member of this Commission may serve on the Standing Committee during his or her term of office.

**CANON XVI**  
**Schools**

**Section 1.** No school providing secular education for young people equivalent to that provided by kindergartens or any of the first twelve grades of the public school system and claiming to be with or under the control, auspices or approval of this Church shall be established by any Congregation or Related Organization without first obtaining the consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. No school shall be operated or maintained by any Congregation or Related Organization without the continued approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

**Section 2.** The Bishop and Diocesan Council are authorized to make and provide minimum standards and requirements for the establishment, the approval, and the recognition of schools established and operated under the authority of this Canon, including reasonable probationary periods. If any school fails to meet the standards and requirements, the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council shall cease immediately.

**Section 3.** The Bishop and Diocesan Council may require reports from all schools established and operated under the authority of this Canon, specify the information to be disclosed by such reports, and shall have the right to inspect, or cause to be inspected, such schools at any time.
Section 1. The Bishop shall appoint a Council on Deacons for the Diocese to serve as an advisory body to the Bishop to oversee, study, and promote the life, work and ministry of the diaconate.

a. Subject to the approval of the Bishop, the Council shall oversee the Diocese’s program concerning the diaconate. This shall include study and recommendations regarding the discernment of a vocation to the diaconate, formation of deacons, letters of agreement between deacons and Congregations, general issues and policies concerning diaconal deployment, and education of clergy and Congregations on the appropriate role and scope of activity of deacons serving in a Congregation.

b. The Council may make recommendations to the Commission on Ministry regarding recruitment, discernment and formation of people as deacons.

Section 2. The Council on Deacons shall consist of the following: a. Nine (9) members who are appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by the Convention. Three (3) members shall be clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters in active service; three (3) clergy Members of Convention who are deacons; two (2) electors of a Congregation; and one (1) lay member of the Commission on Ministry. Members of the Council appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve a three (3) year staggered term, with one (1) presbyter, one (1) deacon and one (1) layperson beginning a term each year. Vacancies between annual meetings of the Convention shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term; and

b. the Archdeacon, who shall serve ex officio with the right to vote; and

c. up to two (2) additional deacons, who shall be appointed by the Bishop to a one (1) year term, which may be renewed.

Section 3. a. At the first meeting of the Council after the annual meeting of the Convention, the members of the Council shall elect a convener from among the members confirmed by Convention. A person may not serve as convener for more than one (1) year, nor more than once.

b. The duties of the convener shall be to call regular meetings of the Council and give notice of the meetings to the members. In addition, the convener is responsible, in consultation with the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry, for identifying the issues and matters that need to be considered by the Council and reporting back to them the actions and recommendations of the Council.

CANON XVIII
Resolutions

Section 1. A resolution shall be considered at a meeting of the Convention on the agenda as determined by the Bishop, provided the proposed resolution is:

a. sponsored by a Member of Convention, or a deanery convocation, or a committee, commission or council established under the authority of these Canons; and

b. consistent with the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese; and
c. submitted in writing to the Diocese’s primary office; and

d. received at the Diocese’s office at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled opening of any annual or special meeting of the Convention; and

e. provided by the Diocese to the Members of Convention at least thirty (30) days before the scheduled opening of any annual or special meeting of the Convention.

f. For purposes of this section, the sponsor or Diocese may provide the text of a proposed resolution by any means reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the intended recipient, including electronic mail or media, facsimile, printed material, and correspondence. Except as provided in Section 2 below, no resolution shall be considered by the Convention if the requirements of this Section have not been met.

Section 2. a. A proposed resolution that does not comply with Section 1.c or 1.d of this Canon nonetheless may be considered by the Convention if, at a meeting of the Convention, a motion to consider the proposed resolution is approved by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of both the clergy and lay Members of Convention, voting separately.

b. A proposed resolution that does not comply with Section 1.c, 1.d, or 1.e of this Canon, and which arises from any business properly before a meeting of the Convention, including the Bishop’s address, may be considered as an Emergency Resolution. A motion to consider an Emergency Resolution at the current meeting of the Convention must be approved by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of both the clergy and lay Members of Convention, voting separately. If the motion to consider an Emergency Resolution fails, pursuant to Article IV of the Diocesan Constitution, the Bishop may call a special meeting of the Convention to consider the Emergency Resolution, in which case the provisions of Section 1.c and 1.d of this Canon shall not apply.

Section 3. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese shall be put in the form of a resolution and shall be considered only in accordance with these Canons, including Diocesan Canon XIII.

CANON XIX
Related Organizations

Section 1. a. No organization associated with the Diocese or a Congregation, including, but not limited to, a school, orphanage, retirement facility, rehabilitation center, or other institution, corporation, or any other legal entity in which the Diocese or Congregation has any interest, shall be formed until it first shall have obtained the consent of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. Any entity formed under the authority of this Canon is a “Related Organization” as that term is used in these Canons. This provision does not apply to normal investment activities in the public financial market.

b. The chief executive officer of any Related Organization formed by the Diocese shall be selected only with the prior approval of the Bishop.

Section 2. No natural or legal entity shall use the name of this Diocese or any Congregation of this Diocese, or claim to be a Related Organization, without first having obtained the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council and being organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The following provisions shall be included in the articles of incorporation or other documents forming and governing the Related Organization:
a. any amendment of the Related Organization’s charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizing or governing documents shall be subject to the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

b. no real property, the title to which is held by or for the use of the Related Organization, shall be encumbered, sold, alienated, transferred or conveyed without the prior consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. No approval given hereunder shall confer any actual or implied authority on the Related Organization to impose any liability on the Diocese or to subject the Diocese to any liability.

c. a stated purpose of a Related Organization shall be to promote the moral and spiritual values of the Christian tradition as professed by the doctrines of the Episcopal Church.

Section 3. The Convention annually shall elect persons who are clergy Members of Convention or electors of a Congregation for the following:

a. Any open terms or offices to be filled by representatives from this Diocese as specified by the charter, articles of incorporation or by-laws of Bishop Gray Inns, also known as the William Crane Gray Inn for Older People.

b. Any open terms or offices to be filled by representatives from this Diocese as specified by the charter, articles of incorporation or by-laws of the University of the South (Sewanee) to serve as trustees of that institution.

CANON XX
Committee for Congregational Development

Section 1. The Bishop shall appoint a Committee for Congregational Development, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council. The Committee shall consist of one (1) clergy Member of Convention from each deanery and one (1) elector of a Congregation located in that deanery. Members of the Committee shall serve in staggered terms of three (3) years. The President of the Standing Committee shall be a member of the Committee ex officio, without vote.

Section 2. The Committee is charged with assisting the Bishop in guiding, supporting, advising and strengthening Congregations and Associated Worshipping Communities. The Committee has the authority to perform all actions necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties assigned to it by these Canons. To enable the Committee to fulfill its responsibilities and duties, every Congregation, Associated Worshipping Community and Related Organization shall cooperate with the Committee in every way possible and permit the Committee to inspect and copy its records.

Section 3. The Committee shall meet with the Bishop and provide background, assistance, recommendations and advice related to its duties and responsibilities and provide information and recommendations to the Bishop, diocesan staff, Chancellor, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council related to anything that comes to the attention of the Committee while undertaking its responsibilities under these Canons.

Section 4. The Committee shall report to Diocesan Council and the Convention at least annually.

Section 5. At the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Convention, the Committee shall organize, elect necessary officers, and appoint all subcommittees necessary to implement the work of the Committee.
**CANON XXI**

**Episcopal Election Committee**

**Section 1.** Whenever the Bishop Diocesan requests the election of a Bishop Coadjutor or a Bishop Suffragan and the Convention assents, an Episcopal Election Committee shall be formed under the authority of the Convention.

**Section 2.** The Committee membership shall be selected as follows:

a. Each deanery shall meet in convocation to elect one (1) clergy Member of Convention who is a presbyter, and one (1) elector of a Congregation located in that deanery. In addition, one (1) alternate for each position shall be elected; the alternates shall hold the same qualifications as the elected member. Should an alternate die or resign prior to beginning service on the Episcopal Election Committee, the deanery shall meet in convocation to elect a replacement with the same qualifications.

b. The Bishop shall appoint seven (7) additional people, who must be clergy Members of Convention, either presbyters or deacons, or electors of a Congregation. The Bishop shall also appoint at the same time a first, a second and a third alternate, any of whom may hold any of the permissible qualifications.

**Section 3.** The Committee shall be responsible for the entire episcopal election process, including:

a. conducting a self-study of the Diocese;

b. developing a process for screening and selecting candidates in order to ensure that all persons to be considered by the Convention to Elect a Bishop are qualified to hold the position;

c. developing procedures for receiving names for consideration;

d. interviewing potential nominees;

e. presenting to the Convention a slate of qualified nominees from which a Bishop may be elected;

f. developing procedures for receiving names to appear on the ballot by petition after the Committee’s slate has been finalized;

g. completing background checks for all candidates whose names will appear on the ballot, whether by nomination or petition;

h. organizing the introduction of all of the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot, whether by nomination or petition, to the diocesan community; and

i. with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, establishing the procedures to be used at the Convention to Elect a Bishop pursuant to Article XVIII of the Constitution of the Diocese.

**Section 4.** At its first meeting, the Committee shall elect one (1) presbyter and one (1) layperson to serve as co-chairs of the Committee. The Committee may elect other members to serve in various capacities as it deems appropriate. Within two (2) months of its first meeting, the Committee shall develop a proposed budget, which shall be given to the Diocesan Council for approval or modification.
Section 5. a. A member of the Committee must resign immediately in the following situations:

1. upon permitting his or her name to be submitted for consideration as a candidate for Bishop in this Diocese, whether by nomination or petition;
2. upon the member’s spouse, parent or child permitting his or her name to be submitted for consideration as a candidate for Bishop in this Diocese, whether by nomination or petition.

b. If a member of the Committee dies, or resigns for any reason, the alternate for that person’s position shall immediately begin service. Alternates appointed by the Bishop shall serve in the order of their appointment. If an alternate from one of the deaneries begins service on the Committee and then dies or resigns, no additional alternate for that position is provided for in these Canons.

Section 6. If the Diocese should be without a Bishop Diocesan, the above provisions shall be followed under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority, insofar as applicable, for the nominating process for a Bishop Diocesan.

Section 7. a. The duties of the Committee shall end when the meeting of the Convention to Elect a Bishop at which the election for a bishop was held is adjourned. If that election is for any reason invalid, a new Episcopal Election Committee shall be formed by the Convention of the Diocese at its next meeting.

b. No member of an Episcopal Election Committee shall be eligible to serve on a subsequent Episcopal Election Committee unless at least five (5) years have passed since the date the previous Convention to Elect a Bishop was convened pursuant to Article XVIII of the Constitution of this Diocese.

CANON XXII
Diocesan Review Committee

Section 1. Establishment. The Diocesan Review Committee in and for the Diocese of Southwest Florida shall perform the duties and responsibilities specified for such committees by the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference, and all proceedings of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be undertaken in conformity with those Canons.

Section 2. Members. Members of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Convention. The Committee shall consist of two (2) clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters, one (1) clergy Member of Convention who is a deacon, and two (2) electors of Congregations. All terms shall be three years and staggered among the orders as equally as possible. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Neither a current member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, nor a current member of the Standing Committee, shall be eligible for membership on the Diocesan Review Committee.

Section 3. President. The Committee shall elect a President from among any of its members to serve a one (1) year term, which is renewable. The election shall be held within two (2) months after the annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. Challenges. In any particular case, any member of the Committee may be challenged for cause, either by the Church Attorney or by a Respondent. The members of the
Committee who are not challenged for cause shall determine the relevance and validity of such challenges, and their determination shall be final and non-appealable. If the challenge is granted, or if a member of the Committee voluntarily asks to be excused from consideration of a particular case, Diocesan Council shall name a person from the same order to fill the vacancy for the consideration of that case only.

**Section 5. Vacancies.** If a person permanently resigns from the Committee, the Diocesan Council shall name a qualified person from the same order to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the Convention, when an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
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PREAMBLE

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church, within the area hereafter described does hereby adopt this Constitution and for its Articles of Incorporation of a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida. The corporation shall be known as a "Diocese" in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

ARTICLE I
Of Acceding to the General Convention

The Diocese acknowledges its allegiance to be due to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and recognizing the body known as The Episcopal Church in the United States of America to be a true branch of said Church, having a rightful spiritual jurisdiction in this country, hereby declares its adhesion to the same and accedes to its Constitutions and Canons.

ARTICLE II
Of the Name and Boundaries of the Diocese

The name of the Diocese shall be Diocese of Southwest Florida, Incorporated.

The boundaries of the Diocese shall include all that part of the State of Florida lying in the Counties of Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Collier, Glades, and that portion of Hendry County lying west of the center line of Range 32 East of the Prime meridian at Tallahassee, Florida, as the same existed under the laws of Florida on October 15, 1989.

ARTICLE III
Of the Annual Diocesan Convention

The members of the Diocese shall be all congregations in union with the Episcopal Church in the above-described area and shall be represented solely by the delegates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The Convention of the Church of this Diocese shall assemble annually at such time and place as shall have been appointed by the preceding Annual Convention; but, for sufficient cause, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall have power to change the time or place, or both, as emergency may require; provided, however, that at least ten days' notice of such change shall be given to every Vestry and Bishop's Committee, and to the Minister in charge of every Congregation, and to every member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese.

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ARTICLE IV
Of Special Meetings of the Convention

The Ecclesiastical Authority shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention at such time and place as it shall determine. The notice of a special meeting of the Convention shall be issued, in writing, to every member of the Clergy and to every Vestry and Bishop's Committee in the Diocese, at least thirty days before the time appointed for the meeting, and shall state the business for which the Convention is called, and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting beyond that which has been stated in the notice, except with the unanimous consent of the members present.

ARTICLE V
Of the Members of the Convention

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of the Bishops, together with the other members of the Clergy, and Lay Persons of the Diocese, as provided for in the following sections of this Article.

Section 2. All members of the Clergy in regular standing in this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention; provided, that they shall have been admitted, and at the time of the Convention shall be actually settled as Rector, or Assistant Minister of some Congregation in union with the Convention of this Diocese, or shall be a Canon, Archdeacon, Vicar, Missionary, Chaplain or Church Army Officer in charge of a congregation under the direction of the Bishop, or shall be engaged as an instructor of youth in some institution of learning under the control of the Church, within the Diocese, or shall be a Chaplain on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. All other members of the Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese shall be entitled to a seat and voice but without a vote.

Section 3. Every Parish in union with the Convention of this Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by three Lay Delegates.

Section 4. Every canonically organized Mission of the Diocese shall be entitled as provided by Canon to be represented by two Lay Delegates.

Section 5. Lay Delegates shall be chosen by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee of each Congregation in the Diocese. If the respective Vestry or Bishop's Committee fails to act, then election shall be by such Congregation duly convened. Delegates shall be canonical electors of the Congregation which they severally represent; but no candidate for Holy Orders shall be elected as a Lay Delegate to any Convention.

ARTICLE VI
Of the Affairs of the Diocese

Section 1. All spiritual affairs of the Diocese shall be the exclusive charge of the Diocesan Bishop, who may, subject to the consent of the Diocesan Council, appoint one or more Archdeacons to assist in the administration of the affairs of the Diocese.

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Section 2. The temporal work and mission of the Diocese shall be established by the Convention.

Section 3. The development and prosecution of the mission, work of the Church, ownership of property, and management of all temporal affairs of the Diocese shall be under the supervision and management of the Diocesan Council of the Diocese.

The Diocesan Council shall be composed of the Diocesan Bishop, and members of the Clergy and Laity chosen in a manner prescribed by Canon.

Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishops, the President of the Standing Committee, and the Chancellor shall be *ex officio* members of the Diocesan Council, without vote.

The Diocesan Council shall have power to create subordinate boards and, with the prior permission of the Convention, legal entities for the accomplishment of its responsibilities.

The Diocesan Bishop shall be the President of the Corporation, Chairman of the Diocesan Council, and Presiding Officer of any Diocesan Convention. Other officers of the Diocese shall be elected by the Council or appointed by the Bishop pursuant to Canon. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of the qualified voting members of the Council.

Terms of office of members of Council shall be fixed by Canon.

Section 4. Deaneries within the Diocese shall be established as provided by Canon.

Section 5. This Diocese specifically recognizes the continuation of the Trustees of the Diocese of South Florida, the Endowment Fund Corporation of South Florida; and the William Crane Gray Inn for Older People solely for the purpose of the operation of such entities and the orderly liquidation of this Diocese's interest therein. Representation from this Diocese to such entities shall be provided by action of the Diocesan Council.

Section 6. The calendar year shall be the fiscal year of the Diocese.

Section 7. The Church Pension Fund, a corporation created by Chapter 97 of the Laws of the State of New York as subsequently amended, is accepted and acknowledged as the authorized and approved pension system for the Clergy of this Diocese and for their dependents.

ARTICLE VII
Of Divine Service at Meetings of the Convention

The direction of Divine Service during the sessions of the Convention shall rest with the Bishop alone. In the absence of the Bishops, all such services shall be in the charge of the President of the Standing Committee.

As adopted in Conventions through 2002
ARTICLE VIII  
Of the President of the Convention

Section 1. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be Presiding Officer of the Convention, with full ecclesiastical authority. In case of the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese and in the absence of a Bishop Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishop, the President or Senior Clerical Member of the Standing Committee shall call the Convention to order, and, if a quorum be present, a presiding officer shall be chosen pro tempore, from among the Presbyters in attendance. The Bishop may appoint a Presbyter to preside any time the chair is vacant.

Section 2. The Presiding Officer shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie.

ARTICLE IX  
Of Quorum and Methods of Voting in the Convention

Section 1. One-half of the Clergy entitled to vote in the Convention and Lay Delegates from one-half of the Congregations entitled to representation, when duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

Section 2. The Clergy and Laytary shall deliberate in one body. Every member shall be entitled to one vote, and, except when herein otherwise expressly provided, a majority of all the votes cast shall determine any question submitted to the Convention.

Section 3. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members shall call for a vote by yeas and nays, the Secretary shall call the roll of the Convention, and the members shall thereupon announce their votes as their names are called by the Secretary. The votes so cast shall be recorded in the Journal, and no member shall be excused from voting, unless by unanimous consent.

Section 4. If any ten members of the Convention, representing no fewer than six Congregations, or any ten Clerical Members, shall demand a vote by Orders prior to the call for a vote, the vote of the Clergy and Lay Delegates shall be taken separately, and a majority of the votes of each Order shall be necessary for an affirmative decision.

ARTICLE X  
Of the Secretary of the Convention

Section 1. For each Annual Convention the Bishop shall appoint a Secretary of the Convention, whose duties shall be defined by Canon.

Section 2. At any time in the interval between Annual Conventions the Diocesan Council may, for sufficient cause, of which its members shall be the judges, remove the Secretary and appoint an Interim Secretary to act until the next Annual Convention.

As adopted in Conventions through 2002
ARTICLE XI
Of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the Diocese

At each Annual Convention the Bishop shall appoint a Chancellor learned in law, who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and who shall be legal advisor of the Diocese. He or she shall be an Elector of the church in this Diocese and shall be entitled, ex officio, to a seat and voice, without vote, in the Convention. At the same time, the Bishop shall also appoint one or more Diocesan Vice Chancellors with the same qualifications as the Chancellor, who, as directed by the Bishop in the absence or inability of the Chancellor, shall perform the duties of that office, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the Bishop or the Chancellor. The Bishop shall also appoint a Vice Chancellor in each Deanery, with the same qualifications as the Chancellor, who shall be entitled, ex officio, to a seat in the Convention with all the privileges of membership except the right to vote, unless he or she is a Delegate to the Convention. The Deanery Vice Chancellors shall serve as legal advisors to the parishes and missions in their respective deaneries.

ARTICLE XII
Of the Registrar of the Diocese

The Bishop shall appoint a Registrar of the Diocese. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to preserve copies of the Convention Journal and all other publications and documents and records, relating to the History of the Church in this Diocese. The Registrar shall have charge of the Library and all books belonging to the Diocese and shall keep a record of these and all other historical documents presented with the name of the donor.

ARTICLE XIII
Of the Deputies to the General Convention

Section 1. At the Annual Convention in the second year preceding that of the regular meeting of the General Convention, Clerical and Lay Deputies and Clerical and Lay Alternate Deputies shall be elected to the General Convention, in the maximum number and for the term specified by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

Section 2. If any Deputy elected is unable to attend the General Convention, the Ecclesiastical Authority shall be immediately notified of such inability. It shall be the duty of such authority to fill a vacancy from this, or any other cause, up to the time of the meeting of the General Convention, from the list of Alternate Deputies.

Section 3. Any vacancy in a deputation to any General Convention existing at the time of its meeting, or occurring during its session, or at any special session, may be supplied by the concurrent votes of the remaining Deputies from the list of Alternate Deputies, if practicable; if not, then from any other qualified members of the Diocese.

As adopted in Conventions through 2002
ARTICLE XIV
Of the Standing Committee

The Convention annually shall elect members of a Standing Committee, as provided by Canon.

ARTICLE XV
Of the Election of Officers

The Election of all officers provided for in this Constitution and Canons shall be by secret ballot, except in the event there be only one nominee for the office, and, in the event of failure or neglect to elect at any Convention, the person or persons already in office shall hold over until their successors shall have been regularly elected and qualified. A majority of votes shall be necessary to elect.

ARTICLE XVI
Of Admission to or Suspension from Membership

Provision shall be made by Canon for admission of Congregations into union with the Convention of the Diocese and for the suspension or the dissolution of the relationship with the Convention of a Congregation provided that any such suspension or dissolution shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Convention.

ARTICLE XVII
Of the Forfeiture of Parochial Privileges

Any Congregation may, for causes specified by Canon, be suspended from representation in the Convention or its connection with the Convention wholly dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of those present. A suspension aforesaid shall not absolve the Congregation from its obligations to the Convention or the Diocese.

ARTICLE XVIII
Of the Election of a Bishop

The election of a Bishop shall be made in an Annual Convention, or in a Special Convention called for that purpose. The vote, by secret ballot, of a majority of the Clergy and of the Lay Members of the Convention, voting separately and concurrently shall be necessary for the election of a Bishop.

ARTICLE XIX
Of Canons

The Convention of the Diocese shall have power to adopt appropriate Canons for the government and function of the Diocese.

As adopted in Conventions through 2002
ARTICLE XX
Of Amendments to this Constitution

This Constitution may be amended, in whole or in part, by any Annual Convention, upon two-thirds majority of the votes of both the Clerical and Lay Delegates voting separately and concurrently, provided, the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to and approved by the previous Annual Convention, upon a majority of the votes of both the Clerical and Lay Delegates, voting separately and concurrently.

ARTICLE XXI
Of Organizing Governments

The Constitution shall become effective upon the adoption thereof by the organizing Convention of the Diocese. The organizing Convention shall have the power to adopt specific rules for its conduct in general conformity with the intent and purpose of this Constitution solely for the purpose of implementing the organizing of this Diocese under this Constitution.

ARTICLE XXII
Miscellaneous

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# THE CANONS

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CANON I

Members of Diocesan Convention

Section 1. a. The Bishop of the Diocese is the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and the presiding officer of the convention. If there is no Bishop Diocesan, or if the Bishop Diocesan is temporarily unable to serve, the Bishop Coadjutor is the Ecclesiastical Authority. If there is no Bishop Diocesan or Coadjutor, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority. When the Bishop Coadjutor or Standing Committee is acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority, they shall have all of the authority and responsibilities granted and assigned to the Bishop by these Canons.

b. Clergy Members of Convention, as that term is used in these Canons, are those persons who are duly licensed and ordained as presbyters and deacons pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, are in good standing in the Episcopal Church, and are canonically resident in the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

c. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters who have been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who are serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, and who are not retired from active service, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

d. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters who have been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who are serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, and who are retired from active service but pursuant to the provisions of Canon III.9.7 of the Episcopal Church, as amended, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

e. Clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters and who serve by appointment of the Bishop as a Canon, Archdeacon, missionary, chaplain, or Church Army Officer in charge of a Congregation under the direction of the Bishop, as a member of the clergy in charge of an Associated Worshiping Community, or as an instructor of youth in an institution of learning governed by Diocesan Canon XVI, or as a chaplain on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, are Members of Convention, with seat, voice and vote.

f. Clergy Members of Convention who have retired from active service, and all deacons, are Members of Convention with the right to seat and voice.

g. Clergy Members of Convention who are deacons who have an assignment from the Bishop to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, who have entered into a written agreement, approved by the Bishop, with that Congregation, and who are not retired from active service, are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

h. The Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is an honorary Member of Convention with the right to seat and voice.
Canon 1, Section 1 (Continued)
l. A member of the clergy who is an ordained presbyter in good standing with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy, who has been called, subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon VI, to serve a Congregation that is a member of this Diocese, and who is serving pursuant to a written agreement with that Congregation, shall be granted the right to seat, voice and vote at the Convention provided there is no Clergy Member of Convention, as that term is defined in section 1.c., 1.d., or 1.e. of this Canon, serving the Congregation.

Section 2. a. Lay Members of Convention are those persons who have been duly selected as Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Convention and those who are entitled to membership in Convention under specific provisions in these Canons.

b. Lay Delegates to Convention are Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote.

c. Alternate Delegates to Convention are Members of Convention with the right to seat. In the event a Lay Delegate from a Congregation is unable to attend all or part of a meeting of the Convention, an Alternate Delegate from that Congregation shall serve and shall have seat, voice and vote.

d. Those entitled to membership in Convention under specific provisions in these Canons shall have the rights as stated in the relevant Canon.

Section 3. Convention Roster and Credentials. a. Not later than eighty (80) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention, the Bishop shall provide for the preparation of a preliminary roster of the Members of Convention. This roster shall include the names of the Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates selected pursuant to Canons II and VIII, the clergy entitled to a seat, and all other persons entitled to a seat pursuant to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. The roster shall state the level of participation to which the Member is entitled. The roster shall be distributed to each Congregation, each member of the clergy, and the elected and appointed officeholders of the Diocese. Any corrections, additions or replacements, with any required supporting documentation, shall be provided to the Bishop not later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than seven (7) days prior the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention.

b. If the Bishop does not agree with a requested correction, addition or replacement, the person and Congregation involved shall be notified of the dispute not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of any annual meeting of the Convention, and not less than three (3) business days prior the scheduled date of a special meeting of the Convention, and the person and Congregation shall have forty-eight (48) hours to respond with any additional information for the Bishop to consider. The Bishop shall then determine the matter and the decision shall be final and nonappealable.

c. Not less than one (1) week prior to the scheduled opening of any annual meeting of the Convention, and one (1) day prior the scheduled opening of any special meeting of the Convention, the Bishop shall provide for the preparation of a final roster of the clergy and lay Members of Convention, which shall be delivered to the Credentials Committee. This roster
Canon 1, Section 3.c. (Continued)
shall state the level of participation to which each Member is entitled. The Credentials Committee shall utilize this roster to register all of the Members of Convention attending the Convention. At the opening session of the Convention, the Credentials Committee shall report on whether a quorum has been established, stating the total number of Members of Convention, by orders, and the total number of the Members of Convention in attendance, by orders.

d. For purposes of this section, proper distribution and response shall include any means reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the person and Congregation involved, including electronic mail or media, telephone, facsimile, and correspondence.

Section 4. a. It is the duty of every Member of the Convention to attend every meeting of the Convention.

b. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall serve at all meetings of the Convention until the delegate resigns or until the delegate’s successor takes office in accordance with these Canons. Notice of the identity of the new delegate shall be provided to the Bishop in accordance with Canons II and VIII.

c. Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates who cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Convention immediately shall inform the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation and wardens of the Congregation so that a replacement may be selected.

d. Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese who cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Convention immediately shall inform the Bishop and provide the reason for the absence.

e. Clergy canonically resident in this Diocese but who have retired from active service are not required to be present at the meetings of the Convention.

Section 5. a. The selection of Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to serve as Members of the Convention shall be made by the Congregation, unless otherwise specified by the bylaws of the Congregation. If the Congregation’s bylaws specify that selection is to be made by Congregational election, the electors must have the qualifications as set forth in Canon VII.

b. A Lay Delegate or Alternate Delegate must be a qualified elector of a Congregation as defined in Diocesan Canon VII.

c. If a Lay Delegate or Alternate Delegate resigns or gives notice that he or she is unable to attend a meeting of the Convention, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the bylaws of the Congregation. If the bylaws do not specify the manner for filling a vacancy, the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation or, if there is no member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation available, the wardens shall appoint a replacement. The identity of the replacement immediately shall be provided in writing to the Bishop in a document signed by the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation, if available, or the wardens, if not, and the secretary of the congregational council.
CANON II

Proceedings of the Convention

Section 1. Rules of Order. The proceedings of the Convention shall be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese and by Rules of Order for the Convention approved by Diocesan Council and adopted by the Convention. The Rules of Order for the Convention shall be adopted by resolution as the first order of business and shall continue in force for any subsequent meeting of the Convention except as amended by resolution. In all matters not specifically covered by the Constitution and Canons and Rules of Order for the Convention, the functioning and dispatch of business at any Convention shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, using the most current and revised edition immediately available to the Convention.

Section 1. a. Any congregation in arrears in any amount for the immediately preceding calendar year, or any other preceding year shall be automatically denied the right to voice and vote at the Annual Convention. If the members of the congregation think there are extenuating circumstances giving rise to their arrearage(s) they may request, in writing, to have their extenuating circumstances considered by the Congregation Development Committee. The request shall be made on or before the 15th day of April in the year of the convention. Any request not submitted in writing by the deadline shall not be heard by the Congregational Development Committee, the Diocesan Council nor the members of the Convention. The Congregational Development Committee shall hear the request of the congregation and make their recommendation to the Diocesan Council on or before their August meeting. The Diocesan Council shall consider the request and the recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee and make their recommendation regarding voice and vote to the members of the convention prior to the first business of the convention requiring a vote. The decision of the convention shall be final.

Section 2. Voting. a. Each Member of Convention entitled to vote shall comply with the following provisions regarding voting:

1. On ballots regarding all matters except elections, the Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote during each vote taken.

2. On a ballot to elect a person to fill an office or position, each Member is entitled to cast one (1) vote for each vacancy. If more than one vacancy for a position is to be filled on the same ballot, the Member may cast one (1) vote for each vacancy, but may not cast more than one (1) vote for a single person standing for election to that position.

b. The Presiding Officer of the Convention shall appoint tellers to count the votes taken at a meeting of the Convention. The tellers shall count only the valid votes cast to determine the number of votes cast.

c. The vote required to pass any resolution or take other action shall be a simple majority of the votes cast unless the Constitution, Canons, or any applicable Rules of Order require a higher percentage for a particular action.
Canon II, Section 2. Voting (Continued)

d. 1. The vote required to elect a person to any office or position shall be by the highest number of votes cast for each office, provided that a candidate receives at least a majority of the votes cast.

2. When a particular office has more than one position to be filled by election, these candidates receiving the highest number of votes in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast shall be deemed elected. Unless otherwise specified in the nomination, if the lengths of the terms of service for the vacant positions are not the same, the person with the highest number of votes over fifty percent (50%) shall be elected to the position with the longest term, the person with the next highest number of votes over fifty percent (50%) shall be elected to the position with the next longest term, and so on until all of the positions are filled. Once a position is filled by election, the number of votes on subsequent ballots for remaining positions shall not affect the results of the previous ballots.

3. If after the second ballot or subsequent ballots there remains one or more open positions for a particular office because the candidates have not received at least a majority of the votes cast, the positions still vacant may be filled by a plurality vote when authorized prior to the next round of balloting by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Convention present and voting.

4. The Convention may conduct other business while the votes for election to offices or positions are being counted; however, balloting may interrupt any other business until all offices or positions are filled. Voting shall continue until all of the offices and positions for which there are nominees are filled.

5. This Canon shall not apply to the election of a bishop.

Section 3. Effective Date. a. Persons elected to office by the Convention shall take office immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Convention.

b. A resolution, including an amendment to the Canons or any other action approved by the Convention, shall be effective immediately unless the language of the resolution, amendment or other action specifies a later time.

Section 4. Convention Committees. Subject to the provisions of Diocesan Canon V, Diocesan Council shall appoint the following committees to ensure the orderly transaction of the annual meeting of the Convention and may appoint one or more of these committees for any special meeting of the Convention:

a. A Program Committee that is charged with preparing for the efficient conduct of the business of the Convention. Subject to review and approval by Diocesan Council, the Program Committee shall have the responsibility of proposing Rules of Order for the Convention, a preliminary agenda, and developing efficient balloting procedures. The Program Committee members shall include, at a minimum, the Presiding Officer of the Convention or a person appointed by the Presiding Officer to serve as a surrogate, the Secretary of the Convention, a member of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, a member of the Commission on Liturgy and Music, and the person designated by the Bishop to coordinate the events and facilities attendant to the meeting of the Convention. Diocesan Council may appoint such other people to the Program Committee as it deems appropriate.
Canon II, Section 4. Convention Committees (Continued)

b. A Nominating Committee that is charged with developing a slate of candidates for the various elections that may be held at a meeting of the Convention. The Committee shall be charged with nominating candidates representative of the Diocese. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) persons, one (1) from each deanery, plus the chair, who shall be a clergy Member of Convention or an elector and who shall be named by Diocesan Council.

1. No later than seven (7) months prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, the Committee shall circulate a request to all Congregations and deaneries for names of persons to be nominated to positions to be filled by Convention.

2. The Committee shall review the information about the persons identified by the Committee as potential candidates, including all whose names are submitted to the Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, to determine whether the person has the canonical qualifications to serve. If the person has the canonical qualifications and has agreed to stand for election, the person shall become a candidate.

3. The Committee shall report the names of all candidates to the Secretary of the Convention not later than sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention. In this report the Committee shall include information about the candidates to facilitate an informed choice by the Convention but shall not make any recommendations or endorsements of the candidates.

4. Nothing in this Canon shall be construed to prevent candidates from being nominated in other ways as permitted in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

5. If one or more elections will be held at a special meeting of the Convention called pursuant to Article IV of the Diocesan Constitution, the Diocesan Council shall establish an appropriate schedule for the Committee to complete the duties described in this Section. This schedule need not comply with the time limits set forth in this Section.

c. A Resolutions Committee that is charged with ensuring that proposed resolutions coming before the Convention comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese, are not redundant, and are stated in clear and consistent language. The Committee shall consist of four (4) persons plus the chair, who shall be named by Diocesan Council. The Committee shall consider all proposed resolutions properly coming before the Convention that have been submitted in a timely manner under these Canons and that are not within the responsibility of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Committee:

1. to resolve duplicative or substantially similar proposed resolutions into a single proposed resolution, doing so in consultation with the resolutions' sponsors;

2. to make such editorial or stylistic corrections as do not affect the substance of proposed resolutions, doing so in consultation with the resolutions' sponsors to ensure that no distortion of the intended meaning has occurred; and

3. to report on proposed resolutions that have been validly submitted to Convention. The report may include the following recommendations:
Canon II, Section 4.c Convention Committees (Continued)

(a) a recommendation that a proposed resolution be passed; in which case the Committee shall state its reasons;

(b) a recommendation that a proposed resolution be defeated, in which case the Committee shall state its reasons;

(c) a statement that a proposed resolution will be reported to the floor without comment by the Committee.

d. A Credentials Committee, consisting of not fewer than four (4) people, that is responsible for registering all persons attending any meeting of the Convention, assisting the Bishop in determining the applicable level of credentials held by an individual, and making the reports to Convention required in Diocesan Canon I. Members of the Credentials Committee shall be named by Diocesan Council and may include any person deemed suitable by the Council, including employees of the Diocese.

Section 5. Severability. Should any of the Canons of this Diocese be found or declared to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, only the provisions specifically found or declared to be invalid or ineffective shall cease to be operative, and the remaining terms and provisions of the Canons shall continue in full force and effect.
**CANON III**

**Secretary of the Convention**

**Section 1.** The duties of the Secretary shall be to take minutes of the proceedings of the Convention; prepare and distribute the Journal of any meeting of the Convention; preserve the Convention’s Journals and records; attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all property, moneys, books, and papers relative or belonging to the Diocese that may be in the Secretary’s possession. The Secretary shall distribute a copy of the Journal of the Convention to each officer of the Diocese, each chair of a Committee of the Convention, the Diocesan Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, each member of the clergy of the Diocese, each Congregation of the Diocese, and to others who request one in advance. The Journal may be distributed in any format approved by Diocesan Council, including electronic mail or media and conventional publication.

**Section 2.** The Secretary shall transmit to the proper officers a certificate of the election of Deputies to the General Convention and to the Provincial Synod.

**Section 3.** The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that each Congregation and each Member of Convention receive at least thirty (30) days’ prior notice of the time and place appointed for any meeting of the Convention.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be incumbent on the office or as may be provided for by the Convention and shall receive such compensation for services as Diocesan Council may determine.

**Section 5.** The Secretary may, with the approval of the Bishop, appoint one or more persons to serve as an Assistant Secretary.
CANON IV

Standing Committee

Section 1. The Convention annually shall elect to the Standing Committee the number of members as set forth in this Canon.

Section 2. The Standing Committee shall consist of five (5) presbyters and four (4) electors, the term of office of each to be three (3) years. No member, either clergy or lay, shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Neither a current member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court nor a current member of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be eligible for membership on the Standing Committee. Members’ terms of office shall be staggered so that the Convention shall elect annually three (3) members of the Standing Committee. Of those three (3), at least one (1) shall be a member of the clergy and at least one (1) shall be a member of the laity.

Section 3. Qualifications for Office. a. Clergy members must be Members of Convention with the right to seat, voice and vote pursuant to Diocesan Canon I, Section 1.

b. Lay members must be electors of a Congregation and domiciled in the Diocese. A lay member of the Standing Committee is a Member of Convention ex officio, without vote. Provided, however, that a lay member who also serves a Congregation as one of its Lay Delegates is entitled to vote at Convention.

c. If the formation of an Episcopal Election Committee has been assented to by the Convention pursuant to Diocesan Canon XXI, and a member of the Standing Committee, or a member’s spouse, parent or child, permits his or her name to be submitted to the Episcopal Election Committee for consideration as a candidate for bishop as either a nominee or a candidate by petition, the member shall recuse and absolve himself or herself from any discussion, deliberation or vote on any matter coming before the Standing Committee that relates to the Episcopal Election Committee or the Convention to Elect a Bishop until the member, or the member’s spouse, parent or child, is no longer a possible candidate, or until the duties of the Episcopal Election Committee have ended, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. Vacancies in the Committee’s membership, occurring by death or otherwise, may be filled by the Committee until the next annual meeting of the Convention, when the vacancy for the remainder of the term shall be filled by election of the Convention, in addition to the elections required under Section 2 of this Canon.

Section 5. The Committee, at its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Convention, shall choose a President, Secretary, and other officers from among its members. The Secretary shall keep a full record of all transactions of the Committee and shall maintain all documents submitted to the Committee in the performance of its official duties. Five (5) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business after due notice of a meeting is given all members.

Section 6. 1. The Standing Committee shall be a council of advice to the Bishop to be summoned by the Bishop whenever its advice is desired; it may of its own accord advise the Bishop when it considers it needful to do so.
**Canon IV, Section 6 (Continued)**

2. The records of transactions of the Committee kept by the Secretary, and the documents submitted to the Committee in the performance of its official duties, shall be subject at all times to the examination by the Bishop and the Convention. All other proceedings of the Committee shall be strictly confidential unless the Bishop and the Committee shall determine otherwise.

3. The prior written consent and approval of the Bishop and the Committee are required prior to the conveyance, transfer or encumbrance, in whole or in part, of any interest in any real property that has been designed or used for regular services of worship, whether or not consecrated, and that is owned or controlled by the Diocese, or a Congregation, or a Related Organization.
CANON V

Diocesan Council

Section 1. The Diocesan Council, subject to the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese and the direction of the Convention, shall have oversight of the work of the Diocese, and of such other work as may be submitted to it by the Convention of the Diocese. The Bishop shall be executive head of all such work, and the Council shall assist the Bishop in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of that office. A lay member of Diocesan Council is a Member of Convention ex officio, without vote, provided, however, that a lay member who also serves a Congregation as one of its Lay Delegates is entitled to vote at Convention.

Section 2. The Diocesan Council, hereinafter called the Council, shall be the Board of Directors of the Corporation of the Diocese.

Section 3. The Council shall be composed of the following:

a. The Bishop;

b. Any Bishop Coadjutor, any Bishop Suffragan, the President of the Standing Committee, and the Chancellor of the Diocese, ex officio;

c. One (1) presbyter and two (2) electors, each elected by the Convention for a two (2) year term. The terms shall be staggered so that the presbyter and laypersons are elected on alternate years at the annual meeting of the Convention; and

d. 1. one (1) presbyter and one (1) elector from each deanery of the Diocese, who shall be elected at a deanery convocation for a two (2) year term and confirmed by the Convention. The terms shall be staggered so that the deanery elects one (1) person each year.

2. If a new deanery is established, a deanery convocation shall be held within one (1) month to elect members to the Council. The initial term of the presbyter shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Convention. The election of the layperson shall be confirmed at the next annual meeting of the Convention, and the term shall expire at the subsequent annual meeting of the Convention.

e. If the formation of an Episcopal Election Committee has been asserted to by the Convention pursuant to Diocesan Canon XXI, and a member of the Diocesan Council, or a member's spouse, parent or child, permits his or her name to be submitted to the Episcopal Election Committee for consideration as a candidate for bishop as either a nominee or a candidate by petition, the member shall recuse and absent himself or herself from any discussion, deliberation or vote on any matter coming before the Council that relates to the Episcopal Election Committee or the Convention to Elect a Bishop until the member, or the member's spouse, parent or child, is no longer a possible candidate or until the duties of the Episcopal Election Committee have ended, whichever occurs first.

Section 4. a. The Officers of the Diocese shall be the Bishop as President, with any Bishop Coadjutor, any Bishop Suffragan, and the President of the Standing Committee as Vice-President(s). All other officers of the corporation shall be elected by the Council. In the
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absence of the President and Vice-President(s), the Council shall elect one of its members to preside pro tempore. Any and all actions shall be by majority vote of a quorum, which shall consist of one (1) more than one-half (1/2) of the qualified voting members of the Council.

b. At its first meeting after the annual meeting of the Convention, Council shall choose a Secretary who may be, but need not be, a member of the Council. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining all of the documents submitted to or generated by the Council, and shall keep a full record of all transactions of the Council and its committees. The records of the Council, and all papers officially in its possession, shall be subject at all times to the examination by the Bishop and the Convention.

Section 5. Each year each of the deaneries and the Convention shall elect a successor to the Council member whose term of office has expired. An elected member may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any election to fill an unexpired term shall, for calculation to fill an additional term, be counted as a full term. The Council shall fill any vacancy of members elected by the Convention until the next annual meeting of the Convention, unless the seat becomes vacant fewer than six (6) months prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention of the year in which the term expires, in which case Council may, but is not required to, fill the vacancy. A deanery shall hold a convocation to elect a person to fill any vacancy of a member elected by the deanery, unless the seat becomes vacant fewer than six (6) months prior scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention of the year in which the term expires, in which case the deanery convocation may, but is not required to, fill the vacancy. Any vacancy filled by a deanery convocation shall be confirmed at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 6. At the first meeting of the Council following the annual meeting of the Convention, the Council shall meet to organize, elect necessary officers, appoint all necessary committees or agencies to implement the work of the Convention of the Diocese, and fulfill any special mandates or commissions of the Convention. The Council shall meet thereafter at least quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the Bishop or shall be called upon the request of any seven (7) members of the Council. No elected members of the Council may serve at the same time on either the Standing Committee or the Congregational Development Committee.

Section 7. Reports to the Convention. a. At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, the Council shall submit the following reports to the Bishop, the Secretary of the Convention, every clergy Member of Convention, and the secretaries of the congregational councils of every Congregation:

1. an audited financial statement of the affairs of the Diocese for the past year, and

2. a proposed budget for the Diocese, and

3. a schedule showing the proposed apportionment against each Congregation to meet the cost of the proposed budget, and

4. a report of the activities of the Council for the preceding year, and

5. an analysis of the annual reports of the Congregations as made on the form required by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.
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**Section 8. Committees of the Council.** a. The Council shall establish committees as deemed necessary for the execution of its responsibilities. It may enlist the aid of persons not members of the Council to serve on any committee or assist in the performance of any function of the Council. The power of any committee or functionary shall be subject to and limited to the authority of the Council. With the approval of the Convention, the Council may form legal entities to assist the Council in its work and to manage funds, real property, personal property, intangible property, trusts, and to perform any other responsibilities for which the Council is accountable, such entities to have only managerial powers with all actions subject to the formal approval of the Council.

b. The Council shall form the following committees:

1. a Diocesan Finance Committee, which shall be charged with monitoring the fiscal operations of the Diocese and reporting on them to the Council with any recommendations the Committee deems advisable. The Council may choose a Treasurer, who may be, but need not be, a member of the Council, to serve on the Diocesan Finance Committee and perform such other duties for the Diocese as assigned by the Council, and

2. the Convention committees as provided in Diocesan Canon II.

**Section 9.** Only the Council, acting upon recommendation by the Congregational Development Committee, shall have the authority to amend, modify, or suspend any apportionments placed on Congregations.

**Section 10.** The prior written consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council are required prior to the conveyance, transfer or encumbrance, in whole or in part, of any interest in any real property owned or controlled by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization.

**Section 11.** A Registrar shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall serve as an Assistant Secretary of the Council, without vote. In addition to the duties required by the Constitution, the Registrar shall keep the following information, which shall be made available to the Council upon request:

a. a register listing the clergy who are canonically resident in the Diocese, those received and transferred, those ordained, and those suspended or deposed;

b. a register of persons confirmed or received from other Communions;

c. a record of marital judgments and of persons readmitted to the Sacraments in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

**Section 12.** The Council shall elect representatives of the Diocese, who shall be clergy Members of Convention in active service or electors of a Congregation, to:

a. the Synod of Province IV; and
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h. any other corporation, institution, organization, or other body with whom the convention of the Diocese recognizes an official relationship calling for representation from this Diocese, unless election by Convention is required by the Constitution or Canons.

Section 13. The administration of the affairs of the Church Pension Fund in this Diocese shall be the responsibility of Diocesan Council, which shall ensure the performance of all necessary duties in accordance with the rules of the Church Pension Fund.

Section 14. Subject to the approval of the Diocesan Council, the Bishop may appoint such Canons, Archdeacons, fiscal officers, assistants, aides, secretaries and other diocesan staff as may be needed to tend to the administration of the Diocese.
CANON VI

Clergy

Section 1. a. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation in the Diocese shall be either:

1. duly licensed and ordained as a presbyter pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and be in good standing in the Episcopal Church; or

2. a member of the clergy who is an ordained presbyter in good standing with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy.

b. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation has full authority over and responsibility for all matters specified in Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, including, but not limited to:
   1. pastoral care;
   2. worship and music;
   3. Congregational programs;
   4. chairing meetings of the Congregation and the congregational council;
   5. supervising, hiring and dismissing staff;
   6. the spiritual direction and control of all church schools, parish schools, and all other associations and Related Organizations connected with the Congregation;
   7. ensuring compliance with the requirements regarding licensed ministries as provided in the Canons of the Episcopal Church; and
   8. decoration of the Congregation's property and facilities.

c. During any planned absence of the member of the clergy in charge, it is the responsibility of the member of the clergy in charge to arrange for coverage of the Congregation's regularly-scheduled services and other needs for pastoral care. If the member of the clergy in charge is paid wholly or in part by the Diocese, the approval of the Bishop must be received in advance of any absences that are in addition to, or longer than, those specified in any contract or letter of agreement entered into with the member of the clergy in charge.

d. The member of the clergy in charge shall be subject to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese, the pastoral direction of the Bishop, and the laws of the State of Florida.

e. The member of the clergy in charge shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the member of the clergy in charge and the Congregation. The written agreement shall specifically indicate the title and status of the member of the clergy in charge, in accordance with Section 2 of this Canon.

Section 2. The written agreement and relationship between a Congregation and member of the clergy in charge shall specify the title of the member of the clergy in charge in accordance with the following:

a. Rector of a parish: a presbyter who is elected by the congregational council of a parish in accordance with this Canon. A rector shall serve on a permanent basis; any termination of the
Canon VI, Section 2.a (Continued)  
pastoral relationship must be in accordance with the provisions of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended.

b. Vicar of a mission: a presbyter who is appointed by the Bishop with charge and responsibility for a mission. A vicar is eligible to become the rector when the mission becomes a parish.

c. Pastor of a parish: a presbyter who enters an agreement between the congregational council of a parish and the Bishop. A pastor is elected by the congregational council to serve for a specified period of time, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement of all three parties for another specified period of time. The pastoral relationship may be terminated prior to the end of the specified period of time only with the consent of two out of the three parties. A pastor is eligible to become the rector.

d. Priest-in-charge: a presbyter who may be either of the following:

1. A person appointed temporarily by the Bishop under the provisions of Diocesan Canon IX. An appointment under Canon IX shall be for up to one (1) year, and the person appointed is eligible to become a priest-in-charge by agreement as specified in the next paragraph.

2. A person who enters a written agreement between the congregational council of a parish and the Bishop to serve as a long-term interim, with a contract of one to three years, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement of all three parties for another specified period of time. A priest-in-charge is eligible to become the pastor or rector only if such a provision is agreed upon in the initial written agreement with the Congregation.

e. Interim pastor: a presbyter who is trained for interim ministry who enters a contract with the congregational council of a parish to serve for one (1) year, which may be renewed upon mutual agreement for another year while a search is being conducted. An interim pastor shall have a written agreement specifying the person’s roles and responsibilities. With the Bishop’s approval, the interim pastor may become the priest-in-charge, but under no circumstances can the interim pastor become the pastor or rector of that congregation.

Section 3. Consociate Clergy. In a Joint Congregation, formed in accordance with these Canons, the Congregation may call a person to serve as consociate clergy, who may be a bishop or presbyter in good standing with the Episcopal Church or a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy. Consociate clergy shall be called and appointed utilizing the same search process used for a rector; shall serve independently on a permanent basis; shall be considered to be the member of the clergy in charge as that term is used in the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese with regard to those rights, duties and responsibilities of the Joint Congregation that relate to the Diocese or the Episcopal Church; and shall not be considered an assistant pursuant to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended. Consociate clergy are subject only to the Bishop or the equivalent judicatory authority of the denomination which ordained and supervises the consociate. Consociate clergy shall have the same rights and duties as set forth in Section 1 of this Canon.
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Section 4. a. The member of the clergy in charge of any Congregation is, ex officio, a member of the Congregation’s congregational council and has the right to vote at all meetings. The member of the clergy in charge, or another member of the Congregation’s congregational council designated by the member of the clergy in charge, shall preside at all the meetings of the Congregation’s congregational council and at the annual meeting and special meetings of the Congregation.

b. Clergy Members of Convention have the right to attend and vote at all meetings of the Congregation which they serve.

c. Clergy Members of Convention who are not in charge of a congregation may be granted the right to vote at meetings of the congregational council if this right is granted in the bylaws of the Congregation which they serve.

Section 5. a. In accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, the member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation may appoint one or more assistant clergy. Assistant clergy may be bishops, presbyters, deacons, diaconal ministers, or other members of the clergy in good standing with the Episcopal Church or a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy. Assistant clergy shall serve at the pleasure of the member of the clergy in charge, who shall be responsible for their supervision. The assistant clergy shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the assistant clergy and the Congregation.

b. The member of the clergy in charge of a Congregation may appoint one or more persons in good standing with any nationally recognized Christian denomination, whether in active service or retired, to serve a Congregation to provide assistance with specific, limited ministries such as visitation, education, counseling or other support of the duties of the clergy. Ministerial clergy may serve with or without remuneration or reimbursement of expenses and shall serve at the pleasure of the member of the clergy in charge, who shall be responsible for their supervision. Ministerial clergy who are not ordained and licensed as a bishop, presbyter or deacon, or diaconal minister, or other member of the clergy in the Episcopal Church or in a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy must be licensed by the Bishop prior to undertaking any of the functions or ministries specified in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church as requiring licensure. All clergy appointed under this provision shall have a written agreement with the Congregation governing the relationship between the clergyperson and the Congregation.

c. Clergy who are on the supply lists of the Diocese may be engaged to provide pastoral services on an occasional basis. With the prior approval of the Diocese, a Congregation may engage the services of clergy on supply lists maintained by a denomination with which the Episcopal Church has an agreement for the exchange of clergy.

Section 6. a. No person may serve a Congregation as clergy of any kind without the prior approval of the Bishop in accordance with the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese.

b. In the event a Congregation desires to call a rector, pastor, interim or consociate clergy, the Congregation’s congregational council shall notify the Bishop and comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese.
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Congregation's congregational council and the Diocese shall develop a mutually acceptable plan for calling a person to the position.

c. In the event a Joint Congregation desires to call a rector, pastor or consociate clergy, the Congregation shall notify the Bishop and the equivalent judicatory authority of the other denomination, and comply with the requirements of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese and the governing provisions of the other denomination. The Joint Congregation, the Diocese, and the equivalent authority of the other denomination shall develop a mutually acceptable plan for calling a person to the position.
CANON VII

Congregational Governance

Section 1. Annual Meeting. A Congregation shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation’s bylaws, the annual meeting of the Congregation shall be within one hundred twenty (120) days before or on the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February.

Section 2. Bylaws. a. A Congregation may adopt bylaws for the governance of the affairs of the Congregation. Bylaws that conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of the Episcopal Church shall be void. Unless these Canons grant specific authority to the Congregation to adopt an alternative provision, bylaws that conflict with the provisions of the Constitution or Canons of this Diocese shall be void. Should any of the bylaws of a Congregation be found or declared to be invalid or ineffective for any reason, only the provisions specifically found or declared to be invalid or ineffective shall cease to be operative, and the remaining terms and provisions of the bylaws shall continue in full force and effect.

b. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Congregation present at a properly called and convened congregational meeting is necessary to adopt, amend or repeal any congregational bylaw, unless the bylaws of the Congregation impose a different requirement, in which case the bylaws of the Congregation shall govern.

c. Unless and until a Congregation adopts bylaws in accordance with this Canon, the provisions of these Canons shall govern the affairs of the Congregation.

Section 3. Electors. a. As used in these Canons, an elector is a lay communicant member of a Congregation who is sixteen (16) years of age or over, whose name is duly enrolled as such in the Register of the Congregation, who is regular in attendance at divine services, and who makes stated contributions of record to the general support of the Congregation. A qualified elector of a Congregation is entitled to vote in all congregational elections and on all matters that come before the Congregation for a vote.

b. The vote of no person shall be questioned unless his or her right to vote shall be first challenged by a qualified elector. The bylaws of the Congregation shall provide that, in the event of such challenge, the right of such person shall be passed upon by an independent Qualifications Committee. If the Congregation’s bylaws do not otherwise specify, the Qualifications Committee shall consist of three (3) electors appointed by the member of the clergy in charge, or in the event there is no member of the clergy in charge, by the congregational council, and the findings of the Qualifications Committee shall be final and binding.

Section 4. Congregational Council. a. Each Congregation shall have a congregational council, which may be called a vestry or board of trustees or similar name, according to the choice of the Congregation. To be qualified to serve on the congregational council, a person must be an elector of the Congregation and eighteen (18) years of age or older.

b. The Congregation’s bylaws shall specify the number of persons serving on the congregational council, which must consist of at least five (5) electors. A majority of the members of the congregational council must be selected by the Congregation.
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c. The Congregation's bylaws shall specify the manner the Congregation will use to select persons to serve on the congregational council and as lay Members of Convention. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, selection shall be by election by a majority vote of the members of the Congregation present at a properly called and convened congregational meeting.

d. The Congregation's bylaws shall provide for the orderly succession of persons serving on the congregational council. The bylaws shall provide that those elected to the congregational council shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. The bylaws shall provide for staggered terms of service so that approximately the same number of terms on the congregational council are filled each year in rotation, and that no one person shall remain a member of the congregational council for more than six (6) consecutive years. If a person has served on the congregational council for any portion of six (6) of the previous seven (7) years, the person is not eligible to serve as a member of the congregational council for one (1) year.

e. **Wardens.** The Congregation's bylaws shall provide for the selection of wardens of the Congregation. The Congregation's bylaws shall provide that the term of office for the wardens is one (1) year, and that a person may not serve as a warden for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of wardens shall take place at the first meeting of the congregational council after a congregation's annual meeting, as follows:

1. The member of the clergy in charge shall appoint one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Senior Warden. If the Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge, the members of the congregational council shall select the Senior Warden in the same manner as it selects the Junior Warden.

2. The members of the congregational council shall select one (1) member of the congregational council to serve as the Junior Warden. Unless otherwise provided in the bylaws, the selection of the Junior Warden shall be by majority vote of the members of the congregational council.

f. **Officers.** 1. The congregational council shall annually select a secretary, who need not be a member of the Congregation. The secretary shall ensure that the minutes of congregational council's proceedings are taken and reported, attest to the public acts of the congregational council, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Congregation, perform such other duties as shall be legally assigned, and faithfully deliver into the hands of a successor all books and documents of the Congregation that may be in the secretary's possession.

2. The congregational council shall annually select a treasurer, who need not be a member of the Congregation, to perform the duties incumbent upon that office. The treasurer shall furnish a bond of suitable amount. The books and accounts shall be audited annually and at any other time the congregational council may direct. The offices of secretary and treasurer may both be held by the same person.

g. The congregational council shall hold an annual meeting every year. Unless otherwise specified in the Congregation's bylaws, the annual meeting of the congregational council shall be held within two (2) weeks after the annual meeting of the Congregation. In accordance with
Canon VII, Section 4.g. (Continued)
the Congregation’s bylaws and this Canon, at its annual meeting the congregational council shall turn over the affairs of the Congregation to the congregational council with its newly selected members.

h. The congregational council may hold other meetings at the times specified in the Congregation’s bylaws. In all cases, a meeting may be called by the member of the clergy in charge or the Senior Warden. Unless a different number is specified in the Congregation’s bylaws, a meeting of the congregational council may also be called at the joint request of two (2) or 25 percent (25%) of the congregational council’s members, whichever is the greater number. In the case of a Joint Congregation, consociate clergy may also call a meeting of the congregational council. In the sole discretion of the Bishop, the Bishop may at any time call a meeting of the congregational council of any Congregation and preside at such meeting.

Section 5. Responsibilities of the congregational council. a. It shall be the duty of the wardens and congregational council to protect the properties of the Congregation and to see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God and for the administration of the Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church be provided. Unless otherwise provided in the Congregation’s bylaws, in the absence of the member of the clergy in charge, or at the request of the member of the clergy in charge, the Senior Warden shall preside at the meetings of the congregational council and, in the absence of both, the Junior Warden shall preside.

b. It shall be the duty of the congregational council to take charge of the real and personal properties of the Congregation and keep the same fully insured, to provide for the remuneration and reimbursement of the clergy and other ministers and employees serving the Congregation, to prepare a budget providing for the necessary requirements and expenditures of the Congregation, to regulate all its temporal concerns, to keep order in the church during the celebration of Divine worship, and, in general, to act as helpers in whatever is appropriate to laypersons for the furtherance of the Church’s welfare.
**CANON VIII**

**Congregational Registers and Reports**

Section 1. Every Congregation shall maintain a register in which the member of the clergy in charge of the Congregation, or, if there be none, one of the wardens, shall cause to be recorded:

a. Any baptism administered in the Congregation, including the name and date of birth of each person baptized; and, if a child, the names of the child's parents and sponsors.

b. Any celebration and blessing of a marriage and any blessing of a civil marriage performed in the Congregation, including the date, names and addresses of the persons being married or whose civil marriage is being blessed, and the names and addresses of the witnesses to the marriage.

c. Any funeral or memorial service conducted in the Congregation or for a member of the Congregation, including the date and place of the service and, if known, the date and place of the burial.

d. The person performing each of the offices or services listed above shall sign the register entry recording the event.

Section 2. Every Congregation shall maintain a record of the following, which may be maintained in electronic form:

a. All services held in the Congregation, which record shall show the date, time, place, and kind of service held, the number of persons present, and the name or names of those officiating or preaching at the service.

b. A list of all communicants in the Congregation.

Section 3. No later than March 1 of each year, the Congregation shall file an annual report with the Diocese that is signed by the member of the clergy in charge, if any, the secretary of the congregational council, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, and the treasurer of the Congregation. The Congregation's annual report to the Diocese shall include the information as indicated below:

a. a copy of the parochial report filed pursuant to Title 1.6 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended; and

b. a statement as to whether the premiums for the preceding fiscal year to the Church Pension Fund on account of the clergy of the Congregation have been fully paid; and

c. a list of the persons selected to serve on the congregational council for the following year, indicating the names of the persons selected to serve as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, secretary, treasurer or member of the congregational council, together with a list of the persons selected to serve as Lay Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Convention; and
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d. a statement as to whether the diocesan apportionment(s) for the preceding calendar year have been fully paid; and

e. a statement as to the amount of insurance coverage the Congregation has on its real and personal property, and the name of the insurance carrier; and

f. any other information requested by the Bishop, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee or Congregational Development Committee, if the information is requested on or before January 15th of the year the annual report to the Diocese is to be filed, and

g. if available, the annual audit for the previous year required by Diocesan Canon XIV; and

h. for the purpose of enabling the Diocese to provide appropriate assistance to Congregations, an explanation of any problems, irregularities or delays the Congregation has experienced in complying with its canonical obligations.

Section 4. A Congregation has the affirmative duty of notifying the Diocese of any problems, irregularities or delays the Congregation is experiencing that are not of a temporary nature, including, but not limited to, any time the Congregation, for a period of three (3) consecutive months:

a. is unable to meet its financial obligations, including provision for its clergy or other ministers or employees, or payment to the Church Pension Fund; or

b. is unable to pay its apportionment to the diocese; or

c. has a mid-cycle turnover in leadership of more than forty percent (40%) of the persons serving on the congregational council of the Congregation; or

d. is unable to complete an audit that complies with the requirements of Diocesan Canon XIV.
CANON IX

Congregations

Section 1. Definition of a Congregation. As used in these Canons, a Congregation is a community of faith that:

a. accedes to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church, to the Constitution and Canons set forth by General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese without exception, amendment, proviso or addition; and

b. acknowledges and undertakes the responsibility of providing for the remuneration and reimbursement of its clergy, other ministers, and employees; its apportioned share of funding the Program and Budget as agreed at the Convention of the Diocese; the pension premiums for its clergy, and such other expenses as may be normally encountered in the operation of a Congregation; and

c. has been accepted as a Member of the Diocese by the Members of Convention pursuant to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

Section 2. a. Parishes and missions. As used in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, the types of Congregations are as follows:

1. A parish is a Congregation that is financially stable and self-sustaining and able to comply with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph b, of this Canon, and that has an average Sunday attendance of at least fifty (50) people. Subject to the provisions of Section 1, paragraph a. of this Canon, a parish has the right to govern its own affairs and call a rector to serve the Congregation.

2. A mission is a Congregation that has an average Sunday attendance of at least fifty (50) people and that is under the direct authority of the Bishop.

b. A mission that desires to become a parish shall make application to the Congregational Development Committee that includes the following:

1. a resolution passed by the congregational council of the mission approving the submission of the application; and

2. an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow analysis, and any other financial information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop that demonstrates the ability of the mission to be financially stable and self-sustaining and able to comply with the provisions of Section 1, paragraph b, of this Canon; and

3. a narrative history of the worshiping community, including information on the lay leadership and average Sunday attendance, as well as any other information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop.
Canon IX, Section 2.b. (Continued)
4. The Congregational Development Committee shall review the application and undertake any investigation it deems advisable. The Committee shall make a recommendation on the application to Diocesan Council and the Bishop, stating the reasons for the recommendation.

5. If the application is approved by both Diocesan Council and the Bishop at least thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Convention, the application shall be considered for approval at that meeting of the Convention. Otherwise, the application shall be considered at the next meeting of the Convention.

c. A Congregation's status may be changed from that of a parish to that of a mission only in accordance with Section 8 of this Canon.

Section 3. Application to become a Congregation. a. A worshipping community that desires to become a Congregation shall submit an application to the Congregational Development Committee that includes the following:

1. a resolution passed by the people affiliated with the worshipping community undertaking the affirmations in Section 1, paragraphs a and b; and stating whether the application is to become a parish or a mission; and

2. an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow analysis, and any other financial information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council, or the Bishop; and

3. a narrative history of the worshipping community, including information on the leadership and average Sunday attendance, as well as any other information requested by the Committee, Diocesan Council or the Bishop; and

4. a draft of the articles of incorporation to be filed with the State of Florida, or, if an existing corporate entity will be used, a copy of its articles of incorporation and any other incorporation documents, including any amendments, which have been filed with the State of Florida, and any proposed amendments to the corporate filings.

b. The Congregational Development Committee shall review the application and undertake any investigation it deems advisable, including consultation with any Congregations of this Diocese near the applicant. The Committee shall make a recommendation on the application and articles of incorporation to Diocesan Council and the Bishop. If the application and articles of incorporation are approved by Diocesan Council and the Bishop, the application shall be submitted to the Convention for approval. If the Convention votes to approve the application and accept the applicant as a member of the Diocese, within fifteen (15) days the new Congregation shall file with the State of Florida its articles of incorporation or any proposed amendments to its existing articles of incorporation.

Section 4. If a Congregation believes its mission would be better served by moving to a new location or operating an additional facility in a new location, the Congregation shall submit a proposal to the Congregational Development Committee. The Committee shall consult with the Congregation to ensure the proposal is fiscally and programmatically sound, and that any other Congregations of this Diocese within ten (10) miles have been given adequate opportunity to comment on the proposal. The Committee shall make a recommendation regarding the proposal to Diocesan Council and the Bishop, which shall have final authority over whether to
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approve the proposal. This provision does not require a Congregation to obtain prior approval for temporary or occasional use of facilities.

Section 5. Joint Congregations. a. With the prior approval of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council, a Congregation may enter into an agreement for joint ministry with a worshipping community affiliated with a denomination with which the Episcopal Church is in full communion. The agreement for joint ministry may range from routine sharing of facilities to full corporate merger. Each proposal for joint ministry shall be negotiated separately in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the governing provisions of the denomination of the other worshipping community.

b. A Congregation that has entered into an agreement for joint ministry pursuant to this Canon shall retain its membership in the convention with all of the same rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties.

c. A worshipping community that desires to become a Member of the Diocese as a joint congregation also affiliated with another denomination with which the Episcopal Church is in full communion shall simultaneously comply with Sections 2 and 4 of this Canon.

Section 6. Congregational support. a. The Bishop and Diocesan Council are responsible for monitoring the general state of affairs of the Congregations of the Diocese and to provide appropriate resources, assistance, guidance, oversight and support to all Congregations. This may be of any type approved by the Bishop, including, but not limited to, consultation, mediation, financial assistance provided in accordance with this Canon, deployment of deacons, temporary assignment of clergy or a lay minister, and, in the case of a mission, the removal or replacement of one or more members of the congregational council.

b. The Bishop, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of Diocesan Council, shall make a referral to the Congregational Development Committee for appropriate analysis, recommendation and advice when the Bishop becomes aware that a Congregation may need extraordinary assistance, guidance or support, based on:

1. information received in an annual or special report received pursuant to Diocesan Canon VIII; or

2. information received in a statement from the member of the clergy in charge, warden, or congregational council of the Congregation, whether written, oral, electronic, or other form; or

3. a failure to file required reports with, or failure to pay its apportionment to, the Diocese in a timely manner; or

4. a failure or refusal to comply with the terms of a judgment rendered according to the provisions of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, relating to the pastoral relationship between the member of the clergy in charge and the Congregation or congregational council; or

5. under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Bishop.
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c. Any Congregation that fails to file an annual audit by the deadline specified in Diocesan Canon XIV, or pay its full year’s apportionment within thirty (30) days after the final annual due date, shall be referred by the Bishop to the Congregational Development Committee without the concurrence of Diocesan Council.

d. Upon receiving a referral, the Congregational Development Committee shall undertake an inquiry to determine the condition of the Congregation, the background and causes for its current situation. The Committee shall make a report to the Bishop and Diocesan Council regarding its analysis and recommendations to resolve the issues facing the Congregation.

e. If the recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee is that a referred Congregation receive financial assistance or extraordinary supervision from the Diocese in order to continue operating in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church or of this Diocese, and the Bishop and Diocesan Council both approve the recommendation, the Congregation, whether a parish or a mission, shall be considered a Supervised Congregation until Diocesan Council removes the designation.

1. A Supervised Congregation shall be under the guidance of the Congregational Development Committee and the Bishop on a year-by-year basis, as determined and approved by Diocesan Council. During this period, the Committee shall consult with and guide the Supervised Congregation in all facets of its mission, including its leadership and fiscal stability, and any other considerations, with the mutual goal of enabling the Supervised Congregation to become financially stable, self-supporting, and able to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese. During this period, a Supervised Congregation receiving financial assistance from the Diocese is not to be assessed an apportionment share, although the discipline of tithing to the Diocese is to be encouraged.

2. The Bishop shall have the primary responsibility for oversight over all Supervised Congregations. If the Supervised Congregation does not have a member of the clergy in charge of it, the Bishop shall have the authority to appoint a priest-in-charge or a lay minister to serve the Congregation temporarily and, in the Bishop’s sole discretion, to remove any appointed person.

3. With the prior approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, a Supervised Congregation, in consultation with the Congregational Development Committee, may call a person to serve as the member of the clergy to be in charge of the Congregation, using the usual Diocesan call process. The stipend and other compensation of a member of the clergy or a lay minister appointed or called to serve a Supervised Congregation, as well as any other financial assistance deemed advisable, shall be established by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Council in consultation with the Congregational Development Committee.

4. The term Financial Assistance, as used in this Canon, does not include any diocesan or other funds awarded, granted or otherwise given to a Congregation, that were not part of the analysis and recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee made pursuant to this Canon.

5. A Supervised Congregation may be removed from that status upon the recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee and the approval of Diocesan Council and the Bishop.
Canon IX, Section 6. (Continued)

f. Upon approval of Diocesan Council and the Bishop, the status of a parish may be changed to that of a mission if the parish has been a Supervised Congregation for at least the three (3) prior consecutive years and the Congregational Development Committee reports that it is not likely that within the next six (6) months the Congregation will become financially stable, self-supporting, and able to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of Convention voting at a meeting of the Convention shall be necessary to change the status of the parish to a mission.

Section 7. Suspension or dissolution of a Congregation. a. A Congregation may be suspended from membership in the Convention, or its membership in the Convention may be terminated and dissolved, only upon an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of Diocesan Council and ratified by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of Convention voting at a meeting of the Convention, and based only on grounds provided in this Canon.

b. Grounds for suspension or termination of membership in the Convention are:

1. a Congregation requests suspension or termination of membership in the Convention by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of record of the Congregation in a properly called and convened congregational meeting; or

2. the Congregational Development Committee recommends suspension or termination of a Supervised Congregation’s membership in the Convention because that Congregation is unable to become stable and self-sustaining, or because it is unable to operate in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese, and that suspending or terminating the congregation’s membership is in the best interests of the mission of the Diocese; or

3. a Congregation, in a duly called and convened congregational meeting, votes to rescind its accession to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church, or to the Constitution and Canons set forth by General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition, or to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese without exception, amendment, proviso or addition.

c. The title to all real and personal property of a Congregation whose membership in the Convention has been suspended, or terminated and dissolved, shall immediately vest in the Diocese.
CANON X

Associated Worshiping Communities

Section 1. To encourage new church plantings and the creation of innovative fellowships to engage in the mission and ministry of the Church, any group of at least twelve (12) persons may apply to the Congregational Development Committee to form an Associated Worshiping Community.

Section 2. In the application to the Congregational Development Committee, the persons forming the Associated Worshiping Community shall affirm that: they accede to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church; to the Constitution and Canons set forth by General Convention without exception, amendment, proviso or addition; and they submit to the authority of the Diocese and its Constitution and Canons without exception, amendment, proviso or addition.

Section 3. Prior to providing its consent and support, the Congregational Development Committee shall consult with at least one (1) Congregation geographically close to the applicant, and must consult with any Congregations of the Diocese located within ten (10) miles of the applicant's proposed primary location for worship. This consultation shall be for the purposes of determining the ways that an existing Congregation might support the Associated Worshiping Community with prayer, resources and fellowship. The application of the Associated Worshiping Community shall be approved provided it receives the positive recommendation of the Congregational Development Committee, and the approval of the Bishop, Diocesan Council, and at least one (1) of the Congregations with which the Congregational Development Committee consulted during the application process.

Section 4. The Bishop shall report to the annual meeting of the Convention regarding the Associated Worshiping Communities that have been formed during the previous year, and the nature of the ministry of each.

Section 5. a. An Associated Worshiping Community shall be under the direction of the Congregational Development Committee and the Bishop for five (5) years. During this period, the Congregational Development Committee shall consult with and guide the Associated Worshiping Community in its mission and ministry, including the choice of a name, formation of a congregational council, fiscal stability, and any other considerations, with the mutual goal of enabling the associated worshiping community to become a Congregation. During the five (5) year period, the Associated Worshiping Community is not to be assessed an apportionment share, although the discipline of tithing to the Diocese is to be encouraged.

b. If the Associated Worshiping Community has not become a Congregation at the end of five (5) years, the Congregational Development Committee shall make a recommendation to the Bishop and Diocesan Council as to whether the Associated Worshiping Community should remain in that status on a year-to-year basis, become a supervised congregation, or should have its relationship with the Diocese terminated. The determination as to the status of the Associated Worshiping Community shall then be made by the Bishop with the approval of Diocesan Council.
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Section 6. The Bishop shall be in charge of and have the primary responsibility for oversight over all Associated Worshiping Communities, with authority to appoint a member of the clergy or a lay minister to serve them and, in the Bishop’s sole discretion, to remove any appointed person. The stipends and other compensations of a person appointed to serve an Associated Worshiping Community, as well as any other financial assistance deemed advisable, shall be established by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Council in consultation with the Congregational Development Committee.

Section 7. Except for membership in Convention, which is limited to electors belonging to Congregations, all of the rights, duties and responsibilities of electors under these Canons are equally applicable laypersons affiliated with an Associated Worshiping Community including, but not limited to, eligibility to serve in the various diocesan offices and positions.
CANON XI

Deaneries

Section 1. The Diocese shall be divided into deaneries, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the Bishop with the advice of Diocesan Council. The presiding officer of each deanery shall be a Dean appointed by the Bishop for a maximum term of three (3) years. The deanery convocation shall be composed of:

a. all clergy Members of Convention who are located in the deanery. Clergy who reside in one deanery but serve a Congregation in another deanery are members of the deanery in which the Congregation is located; and

b. the lay Members of Convention from each Congregation located in the deanery; and

c. one (1) elector selected by the congregational council of each Congregation located in the deanery.

Section 2. Each deanery convocation shall meet at least thirty (30) days, and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days, prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting of the Convention, and may also meet any other time at the call of the Dean or of the Bishop.

Section 3. The purpose of each deanery shall be to afford opportunity for the clergy and laity to come together for conferences, to initiate works and activities at the deanery and Congregational levels, to promote the work and Mission of the Church, to identify nominees for the various diocesan offices and positions, to consider resolutions and other matters coming before a meeting of the Convention, to elect persons to serve on Diocesan Council in accordance with Canon V, Section 3.d., to elect persons to serve on an episcopal elections committee in accordance with Canon XXI, Section 2., and to carry out the work of the Diocese within the deanery.
CANON XII

Ecclesiastical Trial Court

Section 1. Governance. All proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court in and for the Diocese of Southwest Florida shall be conducted according to the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Members and Organization. a. The Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall consist of five (5) clergy Members of Convention and four (4) electors of Congregations.

b. At each annual meeting of the Convention, three (3) persons shall be elected to serve on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court for a term of three (3) years. Persons elected shall be from each order as required to maintain the required make up of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court.

c. Vacancies occurring within the membership of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, whether permanent or temporary as the result of a successful challenge, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the court. A person elected to fill a vacancy must be from the same order as the person being replaced. Vacancies must be filled within three (3) months of notification of the vacancy unless sooner required by other provisions of the Canons of the Episcopal Church and this Diocese.

d. Within two (2) months following the annual meeting of the Convention the members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall elect from among themselves by majority vote one (1) person to serve as Presiding Judge for a one (1) year term.

e. Within three (3) months following the annual meeting of the Convention the members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court shall appoint an attorney licensed to practice in the state of Florida to serve as Church Attorney for a one (1) year term.

f. All persons elected or appointed under this section are eligible to be re-elected or re-appointed upon the expiration of their terms.

g. If the Ecclesiastical Trial Court is in session at the time of the annual meeting of the Convention, any new members elected to the Court shall not take office until the Court has concluded any trial then pending. Until the new members have taken office, the time requirements of subsections (d) and (e) shall be suspended.

h. Neither a current member of the Standing Committee nor a current member of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be eligible for membership on the Ecclesiastical Trial Court.

Section 3. Canons of the Episcopal Church. The mode and manner of making charges, securing presentments, and of conducting trials shall be as prescribed by the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference.
CANON XIII

Committee on Constitution and Canons

Section 1. The Bishop shall appoint a Committee on Constitution and Canons, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council. The purpose of the Committee is to make and review proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese. The Committee shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than nine (9) people who shall serve in staggered three (3) year terms. At least three (3) of the Committee members shall be clergy Members of Convention, and at least three (3) shall be electors. The Bishop may appoint persons to serve any unexpired terms that become vacant, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council.

Section 2. All matters relating to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, including any proposed changes, shall be referred to this Committee for consideration.

a. The Committee on Constitution and Canons is authorized to sponsor a resolution to adopt one or more proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons. All such resolutions shall comply with the procedures in Diocesan Canon XVIII.

b. If the Committee determines that a proposed amendment to the Constitution or Canons should be reworded or made to conform to the Constitution and Canons, the Committee may work with the proponent of the proposed change to draft a mutually acceptable substitute proposed amendment. If a mutually acceptable substitute cannot be agreed upon and the proponent submits the proposed amendment in a resolution to the Convention, the Committee may submit an alternative proposed amendment, and both proposals shall be considered by the Convention.
CANON XIV

Business Methods and Practices

Section 1. It shall be the duty of all custodians of trusts and permanent funds maintained by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization, to deposit the same in trust with a trust company or bank with trust powers or with the Diocese. Diocesan custodians shall provide a full and detailed report on each fund at the annual meeting of the Convention, and custodians for Congregations and Related Organizations shall provide a full and detailed report of each fund at the annual meeting of that entity's congregational council.

Section 2. Audits. a. The fiscal records of every Congregation and every Related Organization shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant or an audit committee approved by the Congregation's congregational council for the purpose of determining whether the accounts fairly reflect the performance of the duties and obligations of the entity audited. If a Congregation or Related Organization uses an approved audit committee, the committee shall be formed in compliance with guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council. Every auditor or approved audit committee performing their duties pursuant to this Canon shall prepare an audit report that shall be made in accordance with the format and guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council.

b. Every auditor or approved audit committee performing their duties pursuant to this Canon shall file the annual audit report with the Bishop not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the report, but in no event later than September 1 of each year. The report filed with the Bishop shall include any memoranda issued by the auditor or approved audit committee regarding internal control, allocation and accounting for receipts and disbursements or other accounting matters, together with a summary of action taken or proposed to be taken to correct deficiencies or implement recommendations contained in such memoranda.

Section 3. All buildings and personal property owned by the Diocese, a Congregation, or a Related Organization, shall be insured with a reliable insurance company for an amount that complies with guidelines established by the Diocesan Finance Committee and approved by Diocesan Council. If appropriate insurance for real property cannot be secured within three (3) months of the date the property was acquired or the previous insurance policy ended, an application for an exemption from this requirement may be made to Diocesan Council. Any exemption granted shall expire one (1) year from the date Diocesan Council granted the request. Upon application, Diocesan Council may, in its discretion, renew the exemption.

Section 4. The Bishop and Diocesan Council shall have authority to call for reports, including financial reports, from every Congregation or Related Organization.

Section 5. Treasurers, congregational employees and custodians, other than banking institutions, who have custody of funds that exceed $500 during a fiscal year, shall be adequately bonded.

Section 6. All deeds, mortgages, hypothecations, assignments or other documents executed on behalf of the Congregation shall be signed by the member of the clergy in charge and the
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Senior Warden. If there is no member of the clergy in charge, both wardens and the secretary of the congregational council shall sign.

Section 7. a. Congregations that maintain a columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden shall establish written policies regarding remains interred or maintained on the Congregation's property. These policies must be given, in writing, to all people at the time they arrange for the use of the Congregation's columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden. At a minimum, the policy must address the following:

1. In the case of a columbarium, the policy shall state the Congregation's expectations regarding refunds should the remains be removed by a representative of the deceased or if the Congregation ceases to maintain the columbarium and intends to return the remains to a representative of the deceased.

2. In the case of a memorial garden, the policy shall state that cremated remains placed in the ground in a memorial garden, whether or not the remains are placed in a container, are presumed to be unrecoverable in the future. The policy shall require people, at the time they arrange for the use of a memorial garden, to acknowledge, in writing, the non-recoverability of the remains, and to release the Congregation from any responsibility for attempting to locate or remove the remains in the future.

b. If a Congregation intends to cease maintaining a columbarium, cemetery or memorial garden, it shall immediately notify the Bishop.
CANON XV

Commission on Ministry

Section 1. The Commission on Ministry of this Diocese shall consist of twelve (12) voting members, of whom six (6) shall be presbyters, two (2) shall be deacons, and four (4) electors. Members shall be appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by Convention. Terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. Terms shall be staggered with one-third (1/3) of the members being appointed annually. In the event of a vacancy, the Bishop shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term. A person may serve two consecutive terms. He or she will then be eligible for reappointment after a period of one (1) year. In addition, one (1) member of the Standing Committee shall serve as liaison to the Commission on Ministry with seat and voice but without vote. This person shall be appointed by the Standing Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the Commission on Ministry shall be those prescribed in the Canons of the Episcopal Church, as amended, and such other duties relating to the ministry of this Diocese as shall be assigned by the Bishop.

Section 3. The Commission on Ministry shall make a written report of its activities for the past year available at the annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. No voting member of this Commission may serve on the Standing Committee during his or her term of office.


**CANON XVI**

**Schools**

**Section 1.** No school providing secular education for young people equivalent to that provided by kindergartens or any of the first twelve grades of the public school system and claiming to be with or under the control, auspices or approval of this Church shall be established by any Congregation or Related Organization without first obtaining the consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. No school shall be operated or maintained by any Congregation or Related Organization without the continued approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

**Section 2.** The Bishop and Diocesan Council are authorized to make and provide minimum standards and requirements for the establishment, the approval, and the recognition of schools established and operated under the authority of this Canon, including reasonable probationary periods. If any school fails to meet the standards and requirements, the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council shall cease immediately.

**Section 3.** The Bishop and Diocesan Council may require reports from all schools established and operated under the authority of this Canon, specify the information to be disclosed by such reports, and shall have the right to inspect, or cause to be inspected, such schools at any time.


**CANON XVII**

**Council on Deacons**

**Section 1.** The Bishop shall appoint a Council on Deacons for the Diocese to serve as an advisory body to the Bishop to oversee, study, and promote the life, work and ministry of the diaconate.

a. Subject to the approval of the Bishop, the Council shall oversee the Diocese's program concerning the diaconate. This shall include study and recommendations regarding the discernment of a vocation to the diaconate, formation of deacons, letters of agreement between deacons and Congregations, general issues and policies concerning diaconal deployment, and education of clergy and Congregations on the appropriate role and scope of activity of deacons serving in a Congregation.

b. The Council may make recommendations to the Commission on Ministry regarding recruitment, discernment and formation of people as deacons.

**Section 2.** The Council on Deacons shall consist of the following: a. Nine (9) members who are appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by the Convention. Three (3) members shall be clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters in active service; three (3) clergy Members of Convention who are deacons; two (2) electors of a Congregation; and one (1) lay member of the Commission on Ministry. Members of the Council appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve a three (3) year staggered term, with one (1) presbyter, one (1) deacon and one (1) layperson beginning a term each year. Vacancies between annual meetings of the Convention shall be filled by the Bishop for the unexpired term; and

b. the Archdeacon, who shall serve *ex officio* with the right to vote; and

c. up to two (2) additional deacons, who shall be appointed by the Bishop to a one (1) year term, which may be renewed.

**Section 3. a.** At the first meeting of the Council after the annual meeting of the Convention, the members of the Council shall elect a convener from among the members confirmed by Convention. A person may not serve as convener for more than one (1) year, nor more than once.

b. The duties of the convener shall be to call regular meetings of the Council and give notice of the meetings to the members. In addition, the convener is responsible, in consultation with the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry, for identifying the issues and matters that need to be considered by the Council and reporting back to them the actions and recommendations of the Council.
CANON XVIII

Resolutions

Section 1. A resolution shall be considered at a meeting of the Convention on the agenda as determined by the Bishop, provided the proposed resolution is:

a. sponsored by a Member of Convention, or a deanery convocation, or a committee, commission or council established under the authority of these Canons; and

b. consistent with the provisions of the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of this Diocese; and

c. submitted in writing to the Diocese’s primary office; and

d. received at the Diocese’s office at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled opening of any annual or special meeting of the Convention; and

e. provided by the Diocese to the Members of Convention at least thirty (30) days before the scheduled opening of any annual or special meeting of the Convention.

f. For purposes of this section, the sponsor or Diocese may provide the text of a proposed resolution by any means reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the intended recipient, including electronic mail or media, facsimile, printed material, and correspondence. Except as provided in Section 2 below, no resolution shall be considered by the Convention if the requirements of this Section have not been met.

Section 2. a. A proposed resolution that does not comply with Section 1.c or 1.d of this Canon nonetheless may be considered by the Convention if, at a meeting of the Convention, a motion to consider the proposed resolution is approved by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of both the clergy and lay Members of Convention, voting separately.

b. A proposed resolution that does not comply with Section 1.c, 1.d, or 1.e of this Canon, and which arises from any business properly before a meeting of the Convention, including the Bishop’s address, may be considered as an Emergency Resolution. A motion to consider an Emergency Resolution at the current meeting of the Convention must be approved by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of both the clergy and lay Members of Convention, voting separately. If the motion to consider an Emergency Resolution fails, pursuant to Article IV of the Diocesan Constitution, the Bishop may call a special meeting of the Convention to consider the Emergency Resolution, in which case the provisions of Section 1.c and 1.d of this Canon shall not apply.

Section 3. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese shall be put in the form of a resolution and shall be considered only in accordance with these Canons, including Diocesan Canon XIII.
Section 1. a. No organization associated with the Diocese or a Congregation, including, but not limited to, a school, orphanage, retirement facility, rehabilitation center, or other institution, corporation, or any other legal entity in which the Diocese or Congregation has any interest, shall be formed until it first shall have obtained the consent of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. Any entity formed under the authority of this Canon is a “Related Organization” as that term is used in these Canons. This provision does not apply to normal investment activities in the public financial market.

b. The chief executive officer of any Related Organization formed by the Diocese shall be selected only with the prior approval of the Bishop.

Section 2. No natural or legal entity shall use the name of this Diocese or any Congregation of this Diocese, or claim to be a Related Organization, without first having obtained the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council and being organized in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The following provisions shall be included in the articles of incorporation or other documents forming and governing the Related Organization:

a. any amendment of the Related Organization’s charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizing or governing documents shall be subject to the approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.

b. no real property, the title to which is held by or for the use of the Related Organization, shall be encumbered, sold, alienated, transferred or conveyed without the prior consent and approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council. No approval given hereunder shall confer any actual or implied authority on the Related Organization to impose any liability on the Diocese or to subject the Diocese to any liability.

c. a stated purpose of a Related Organization shall be to promote the moral and spiritual values of the Christian tradition as professed by the doctrines of the Episcopal Church.

Section 3. The Convention annually shall elect persons who are clergy Members of Convention or electors of a Congregation for the following:

a. Any open terms or offices to be filled by representatives from this Diocese as specified by the charter, articles of incorporation or by-laws of Bishop Gray Inns, also known as the William Crane Gray Inn for Older People.

b. Any open terms or offices to be filled by representatives from this Diocese as specified by the charter, articles of incorporation or by-laws of the University of the South (Sewanee) to serve as trustees of that institution.
CANON XX

Congregational Development Committee

Section 1. The Bishop shall appoint a Congregational Development Committee, subject to confirmation by Diocesan Council. The Committee shall consist of one (1) clergy Member of Convention from each deanery and one (1) elector of a Congregation located in that deanery. Members of the Committee shall serve in staggered terms of three (3) years. The President of the Standing Committee shall be a member of the Committee ex officio, without vote.

Section 2. The Committee is charged with assisting the Bishop in guiding, supporting, advising and strengthening Congregations and Associated Worshipping Communities. The Committee has the authority to perform all actions necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties assigned to it by these Canons. To enable the Committee to fulfill its responsibilities and duties, every Congregation, Associated Worshipping Community and Related Organization shall cooperate with the Committee in every way possible and permit the Committee to inspect and copy its records.

Section 3. The Committee shall meet with the Bishop and provide background, assistance, recommendations and advice related to its duties and responsibilities and provide information and recommendations to the Bishop, diocesan staff, Chancellor, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council related to anything that comes to the attention of the Committee while undertaking its responsibilities under these Canons.

Section 4. The Committee shall report to Diocesan Council and the Convention at least annually.

Section 5. At the first meeting of the Committee following the annual meeting of the Convention, the Committee shall organize, elect necessary officers, and appoint all subcommittees necessary to implement the work of the Committee.
CANON XXI

Episcopal Election Committee

Section 1. Whenever the Bishop Diocesan requests the election of a Bishop Coadjutor or a Bishop Suffragan and the Convention assents, an Episcopal Election Committee shall be formed under the authority of the Convention.

Section 2. The Committee membership shall be selected as follows:

a. Each deanery shall meet in convocation to elect one (1) clergy Member of Convention who is a presbyter, and one (1) elector of a Congregation located in that deanery. In addition, one (1) alternate for each position shall be elected; the alternates shall hold the same qualifications as the elected member. Should an alternate die or resign prior to beginning service on the Episcopal Election Committee, the deanery shall meet in convocation to elect a replacement with the same qualifications.

b. The Bishop shall appoint seven (7) additional people, who must be clergy Members of Convention, either presbyters or deacons, or electors of a Congregation. The Bishop shall also appoint at the same time a first, a second and a third alternate, any of whom may hold any of the permissible qualifications.

Section 3. The Committee shall be responsible for the entire episcopal election process, including:

a. conducting a self-study of the Diocese;

b. developing a process for screening and selecting candidates in order to ensure that all persons to be considered by the Convention to Elect a Bishop are qualified to hold the position;

c. developing procedures for receiving names for consideration;

d. interviewing potential nominees;

e. presenting to the Convention a slate of qualified nominees from which a Bishop may be elected;

f. developing procedures for receiving names to appear on the ballot by petition after the Committee's slate has been finalized;

g. completing background checks for all candidates whose names will appear on the ballot, whether by nomination or petition;

h. organizing the introduction of all of the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot, whether by nomination or petition, to the diocesan community; and
**Canon XXI, Section 3 (Continued)**

1. With the advice and consent of the Standing Committee, establishing the procedures to be used at the Convention to Elect a Bishop pursuant to Article XVIII of the Constitution of the Diocese.

**Section 4.** At its first meeting, the Committee shall elect one (1) presbyter and one (1) layperson to serve as co-chairs of the Committee. The Committee may elect other members to serve in various capacities as it deems appropriate. Within two (2) months of its first meeting, the Committee shall develop a proposed budget, which shall be given to the Diocesan Council for approval or modification.

**Section 5. a.** A member of the Committee must resign immediately in the following situations:

1. Upon permitting his or her name to be submitted for consideration as a candidate for Bishop in this Diocese, whether by nomination or petition;

2. Upon the member’s spouse, parent or child permitting his or her name to be submitted for consideration as a candidate for Bishop in this Diocese, whether by nomination or petition.

**b.** If a member of the Committee dies, or resigns for any reason, the alternate for that person’s position shall immediately begin service. Alternates appointed by the Bishop shall serve in the order of their appointment. If an alternate from one of the deaneries begins service on the Committee and then dies or resigns, no additional alternate for that position is provided for in these Canons.

**Section 6.** If the Diocese should be without a Bishop Diocesan, the above provisions shall be followed under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority, insofar as applicable, for the nominating process for a Bishop Diocesan.

**Section 7. a.** The duties of the Committee shall end when the meeting of the Convention to Elect a Bishop at which the election for a Bishop was held is adjourned. If that election is for any reason invalid, a new Episcopal Election Committee shall be formed by the Convention of the Diocese at its next meeting.

**b.** No member of an Episcopal Election Committee shall be eligible to serve on a subsequent Episcopal Election Committee unless at least five (5) years have passed since the date the previous Convention to Elect a Bishop was convened pursuant to Article XVIII of the Constitution of this Diocese.
CANON XXII

Diocesan Review Committee

Section 1. Establishment. The Diocesan Review Committee in and for the Diocese of Southwest Florida shall perform the duties and responsibilities specified for such committees by the Canons governing ecclesiastical discipline adopted by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as from time to time amended, which are incorporated by reference, and all proceedings of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be undertaken in conformity with those Canons.

Section 2. Members. Members of the Diocesan Review Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Convention. The Committee shall consist of two (2) clergy Members of Convention who are presbyters, one (1) clergy Member of Convention who is a deacon, and two (2) electors of Congregations. All terms shall be three years and staggered among the orders as equally as possible. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Neither a current member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, nor a current member of the Standing Committee, shall be eligible for membership on the Diocesan Review Committee.

Section 3. President. The Committee shall elect a President from among any of its members to serve a one (1) year term, which is renewable. The election shall be held within two (2) months after the annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. Challenges. In any particular case, any member of the Committee may be challenged for cause, either by the Church Attorney or by a Respondent. The members of the Committee who are not challenged for cause shall determine the relevance and validity of such challenges, and their determination shall be final and non-appealable. If the challenge is granted, or if a member of the Committee voluntarily asks to be excused from consideration of a particular case, Diocesan Council shall name a person from the same order to fill the vacancy for the consideration of that case only.

Section 5. Vacancies. If a person permanently resigns from the Committee, the Diocesan Council shall name a qualified person from the same order to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the Convention, when an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.