Business meeting
October 4th and 5th, 2019

The 52nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming assembled at Holiday Inn in Rock Springs, Wyoming on October 4th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Randy Lahr, Dubois and Rose Dennis, Casper, provided an opening prayer.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, called the Convention to order and welcomed everyone to Rock Springs. The Bishop offered a big thank you to the Holy Communion for all their hard work on the convention.


**Credentials:**
Credentials Committee Chair, Vivian Watson, Gillette announced there were 50 clergy, 71 delegates and 51 guests and 41 churches represented. She stated there was a quorum.

**Committees:**
The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, then identified the Convention committees:

**Committee on Resolutions**
The Rev. Thomas Ketner, Douglas, Chair
Peter Nicolaysen, Casper
The Rev. Peggy Hotchkiss, Saratoga

**Committee on the Next Convention**
The Rev. Ron Philips, Thermopolis, Chair
The Rev. Melinda Bobo, Pinedale
Guy Carleton, Riverton
The Rev. Temple Heatherly, Casper

**Committee on Nominations and Elections**
Linda McElwain, Cheyenne, Chair
Elaine Woodmansee, Evanston
The Rev. Brian Nystrom, Jackson

**Committee on Credentials**
Vivian Watson, Gillette, Chair
Susan Brewer, Sundance

**Committee on Courtesy**
Chris Jacobson, Rock Springs
Diane Ainscough, Rock Springs
A motion was made to grant seat and voice to all those present. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to have Peter Nicolaysen, Casper, as Chancellor for the Diocese, Jackie Hotle, Casper, as Treasurer for the Diocese and The Rev. Charles Clarke, Atlantic City, as the Secretary of Convention. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to have Jessica Reynolds, Casper, as the Assisting Secretary for Convention. Seconded and carried.

The Rt. Rev John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, invited the Co-Chairs of the Search Committee and the chair of the transition committee to make a report to convention.

The Rev. Linda Anderson, Worland, and Pat Hrnicek, Casper stated that as Co-chairs of the transition committee, that the search and transition committees had meet face to face. Their hope was to have the profile finished soon. Once the profile is finished, the application process will be open for one month. They also stated the committee will keep the diocese informed of their progress.

The Rev. Ron Philips, Thermopolis, Chair of the Transition committee stated that his committee has also started to meet and will keep the diocese informed of their progress.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, thanked the Standing Committee for all their work in forming the search and transition committees.

Convention was recessed until 4:00 pm for the Bishop's Address.

**Bishop's Address:**
The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, presented his annual address to Convention (see Bishop’s Address, appendix A)

After the address the convention was recessed until Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 5th, 2019**

The convention reconvened at 8:30 am.

**Credentials:**
Vivian Watts, Chair, announced there were 60 clergy, 80 delegates, 59 guests, 43 churches represented and we did have a quorum.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie invited Sharon and Dan Smitherman from St. Hubert’s in Bondurant to read a letter to the congregation. The letter was from the members of St. Hubert’s in Bondurant asking to become an independent congregation in the Diocese of Wyoming.

A motion was made to make St. Hubert’s the Hunter in Bondurant, a congregation in the Diocese of Wyoming. Seconded and carried.
Convention was recessed until 2:30 pm

The convention reconvened at 2:30 pm

An opening prayer was provided by Chris Jacobson, Rock Springs.

**Credentials:**
Vivian Watts, Chair, announced there were 60 clergy, 82 delegates, 59 guests, 44 churches represented and we did have a quorum.

A motion was made to dispense of oral reports. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to limit discussion to two minutes per person. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the 52nd annual convention. Seconded and carried

**Nominations:**
Linda McElwain, Cheyenne, Chair, announced the following open committee positions:

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL**
- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) clergy person (3-year term)
- One (1) Youth person (1 year)

**DISCIPLINARY BOARD**
- One (1) clergy person (3-year term)
- One (1) lay person (3-year term)

**GENERAL CONVENTION DEPUTIES/ PROVINCIAL SYNOD FOR 2021**
- Four (4) lay person Deputies
- Four (4) clergy person Deputies
- Four (4) lay person alternates
- Four (4) clergy person alternates

The chair then stated that she would go through each committee to ask for nominations from the floor. The nominations from the floor and other actions occurred as follows:

Diocesan Council: A motion was made from the floor to add Sadie Tillotson, Powell, to the ballot as a youth person. Seconded and Carried. A motion was made from the floor to add Adam Larson, Rock Springs, to the ballot as a youth person. Seconded and Carried A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept Shirley Wildman, Worland and The Rev. Amy Mayes, for the three-year terms by acclamation. Seconded and carried.
Disciplinary Board: A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept The Rev. Amy Mayes, Riverton, and Laura Galloway, Sheridan, by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

Standing Committee: A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept Peter Clark, Sheridan, by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

The first ballot was cast to elect one clergy, person to the Standing Committee, one youth person to Diocesan Council and to elect those going to General Convention.

Clergy:
The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming welcomed the new clergy to the diocese and noted clergy changes over this past year.

*Ordained to the Diaconate*
Nancy Fees, October 4th, 2019
Lisa Gomez, October 4th, 2019
George Harty, October 4th, 2019
Jennie Ketner, October 4th, 2019
Kristin Lee, October 4th, 2019
Kenli Lowe, October 4th, 2019

*Ordained to the Priesthood*
Wendy Owens, March 23, 2019
Linda Anderson, April 13, 2019
Lara Gilbert, June 20, 2019
Bonnie Deyo June 29, 2019
Carey-Lea Dmytriw, July 5, 2019
Peggy Hotchkiss, July 12th, 2019

*Clergy Received*
Ronald A. Johnson, Diocese of Southwest Florida, February 11, 2019

*Clergy Transferred*
Carol Peterson, Diocese of Texas, May 9, 2019
Bette March, Diocese of Montana, June 4th, 2019

*Clergy Deceased*

*Clergy Retired*
The Rev. Stephen Askew, Laramie, December 31, 2019
Clergy Renounced
Raymond Price, June 14, 2019

Budget:
Jackie Hotle, Treasurer of the Diocese, and Jessica Reynolds, Comptroller, introduced the 2020 budget to convention and stated that a hearing had been held in the workshop on Friday afternoon. For those that did not attend they would answer any questions.

A motion to accept the budget as presented was made. Seconded and carried (See Program and Budget for a copy of the approved budget).

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie thanked Jackie Hotle and Jessica Reynolds for all her hard work. Jill Smylie, Bishop Spouse, gave a presentation inviting the women of the diocese on the 3rd annual back packing trip. The trip will take place July 12th-15th, 2020 in the Big Horns. She also announced that Tracy and Liz Swanson will be sponsoring this year’s trip.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming asked for a moment of personal privilege to thank Jill Smylie for all her work around the diocese, as well as her support.

Resolutions:
The Rev. Tom Ketner, Douglas, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, and Peter Nicolasyen, gave the report of the resolutions committee and announced that there were 2 resolutions.

Resolution #1: Canon Revision (See Appendix)
This resolution was presented by Peter Nicolaysen.

A motion was made to approve the resolution as written. Seconded and Carried.

Resolution #2: Freedom to call, Freedom to Elect (See Appendix)
The committee invited the Rev. Jim Shumard, Casper, to come up and present the resolution. He explained that if passed, this would be a resolution that our Diocese would submit this to General Convention. He believes that age should not be limited.

The Rev. Warren Murphy, Cody, asked about the parameters of this resolution. He was in support of the resolution and believes that this should be discussed at General Convention.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, explained that if passed at General Convention, this resolution would allow those who enter Holy Orders later in life would have longer to contribute to their pensions.
A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented. Seconded and carried.

**Reports:**
Rachael LaBaue, gave a report from the Cathedral Home for Children.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, stated that he had met with members of the Cathedral Home for Children board and they are exploring ways to work together.

**Education for Ministry and IONA:**
The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, presented those who had graduated the IONA school with gifts.

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, announced the names of those who had graduated from EfM.

**Bishop Appointments for 2020**
The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie, Bishop of Wyoming, announced his committee appointments:

- **Commission on Ministry**
  The Rev. Charles Clarke, The Rev. Doug Wasinger and Marcy Tepper

- **Ecumenical Officer**
  The Rev. Warren Murphy

- **Episcopal Relief and Development**
  The Rev. Sydney Johnson

- **Music and Liturgy**
  The Rev. Megan Nickels

- **Wyoming Interfaith Network**
  The Rev. Warren Murphy

The Rt. Rev John S. Smylie thanked Megan Nickels and stated that she is a gift to the Diocese and he has never met someone with her liturgical gifts.

**Letters:**
The Rev. Charles Clark read a letter from The Rev. David Duprey.

**Committee on Next Convention:**
The Rev. Ron Philips, Thermopolis, invited everyone to the 54th Annual convention in Casper on September 18th-20th, 2020. He stated that convention will work a little different. The business of Convention will take place on Friday the 18th, the Electing convention on the 19th and Eucharist on Sunday morning. He reminded everyone that those elected as delegates to convention will also serve as the delegates to the electing convention.

**Nominations:**
The Rev. Linda McElwain, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reported that Sadie Tillotson, Powell had been elected to serve a 1-year term on Diocesan Council.

The Rev. Linda McElwain, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reported that the Rev. Susan Dyer, Saratoga, has been elected to serve a 3-year term on Standing Committee.

The Rev. Linda McElwain, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reported that the following had been elected to serve at General Convention and they were presented in the order in which they were elected:

Clergy: The Rev Melinda Bobo, Pinedale,
The Rev. Brian Gross, Laramie,
The Rev. Joel Dingman, Casper
Lay: Steve Nickles, Powell.

A motion was made to elect those going to general convention by plurality. Seconded and carried.

The second ballot was cast to elect those going to General Convention.

The Rev. Linda McElwain, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reported that on the second ballot the following were elected to general convention in the following order:

Clergy: The Rev. Bobbe Fitzhugh, Douglas
The Rev. Chris Galagan, Cody
The Rev. Bernadine Craft, Rock Springs
The Rev. Carole Buckingham, Kaycee

A third ballot was cast to elect the one remaining clergy to general convention.

The Rev. Linda McElwain, Chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reported that The Rev. David McElwain, Cheyenne, had been elected as the final alternate to general convention.

The Rev. David McElwain, Cheyenne, provided the closing prayer.

A motion was made to close the business meeting. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at____.