Bishop: After Opening Prayer, Bishop Scanlan declared the 146th Annual Convention open for business.

The Secretary confirmed that a quorum of 90 Lay and 117 Clergy delegates were present.

The Bishop welcomed Alternates and guests.

The Bishop introduced Barbara McLemore, Chancellor, Tyrone Powell, Secretary, Bonnie Chambers, Treasurer and The Rev. Canon David Lovelace, Dispatch of Business and Parliamentarian.

The Bishop also introduced the Diocesan Staff:
- Canon William Graffius, Canon for Finance and Operations
- The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Dean, Stevenson School for Ministry
- Canon Linda Arguedas, Canon for Diocesan Events & Communications
- Canon Daniel Morrow, Canon for Congregational Life and Mission
- Mrs. Carolyn Joy Patterson, Bishop’s Assistant & Human Resources Administrator
- Mrs. Deborah Robelen, Receptionist & Diocesan Archivist & Registrar
- Mrs. Barbara Hoffman, Financial Assistant

The Bishop introduced the youth, the Diocesan Youth Committee Leadership:
- Courtnie Bettley, St. Paul’s Columbia
- Emma DiPace, St. John’s, Lancaster
- Leah Doyle, Christ Church, Coudersport
- Molly Souders, St. Thomas, Lancaster
- Kyler Torres, St. Paul’s, Columbia

Committee Leadership:
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Mary Ellen Kilp
- Mrs. Theda Tallman
- Mr. Timothy Hanner

The Bishop introduced The Rev. James Jenkins, Deacon, who has recently moved to the diocese and attended Convention as a guest.

A motion to approve the Agenda and the Ballot was approved and seconded.

The following canonical officers were elected until the next annual Convention of the Diocese and until their respective successors are elected:
- Chancellor – Barbara R. McLemore, Esq.
- Treasurer - Ms. Bonnie Chambers
The Chancellor appointed as Vice Chancellor, Charles G. Banks Jr., Esquire.

Canon Lovelace made the following motion:

Whereas, The Rev. Ingrid Andersen, the Rev. Douglas Dailey, the Rev. Joshua Shipman, the Rev. Barbara Seras, the Rev. Canon Robert Schiesler, the Rev. Sarah Weedon, the Rev. James Strader-Sasser and the Rev. Timothy Raasch are all in the geographical bounds of the Diocese and are engaged in ministry approved by the Bishop of this Diocese, but hold canonical status elsewhere in the Church; Therefore it is moved that the previously mentioned priests be granted seat in the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania with the privilege of voice and vote.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Bishop introduced the following New Clergy:
- Timothy Raasch, St. Thomas, Lancaster
- James Strader-Sasser, St. Andrew’s, Lewisburg
- Douglas Dailey, St. Andrew’s, State College
- Ingrid Andersen, St. Luke’s, Mount Joy
- Nelson Baliira, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg, became canonically resident in Central Pennsylvania after many years ministry in the diocese.

The Bishop announced the following Clergy moves and changes:
- The Rev. Canon Nelson Baliira to St. Andrew’s in the City Harrisburg
- The Rev. Regina Barrett to St. John’s, Marietta
- Deposition by Accord of Howard White


The Bishop also introduced postulants and candidates:
- Eric Henry, St. John’s, Carlisle
- Kyle Murphy, Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport
- Michael Nailor, St. Matthew’s, Sunbury
- Katie Pearson, St. Thomas, Lancaster, Seminarian at Sewanee School of Theology, Tennessee
- John Shirley, St. Paul’s, Bloomsburg, Seminarian at General Theological Seminary, New York

The Chancellor explained a segment of the Convention Rules applicable to debate on motions brought to the floor of Convention (Rule II Section 4). The Secretary provided voting instructions and announced the Tellers, as follows:
Mrs. Deborah Robelen, Diocesan Registrar, Head Teller
Mrs. Jane Gable
Mr. Gerry Garber
Mrs. Shirley Wagner
Ms. Kim Morrow
Ms. Cindy Mohr
Archdeacon Jane Miron and The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge will confirm results for the Secretary.

The Rev. Hank Morrow read the Report of the Nomination Committee, nominees as follows:

Standing Committee (elect 2 clergy & 2 laypersons)
The Rev. Chris Pyles, St. John’s, Bellefonte
The Rev. Lauren Schoeck, St. James, Lancaster
The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, St. Andrew’s, Shippensburg
The Rev. Canon Ken Wagner-Pizza, Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport
Mrs. Amy Swiernik, St. Edward’s, Lancaster
Mrs. Sarah Weedon, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg

Council of Trustees (elect 1 clergy & 1 layperson)
The Rev. Patrick Strohl, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Stephen Casey, St. Edward’s, Lancaster
Mrs. Lori Clark Robinson, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg
Mrs. Cheryl Stearn, Trinity, Chambersburg

Disciplinary Board (elect 1 clergy & 2 laypersons)
The Rev. Nelson Kuule Baliira, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg
There were no nominees from the laity

General Convention Deputies (vote for 4 in each category)
Clergy candidates
The Rev. Veronica Chappell, Trinity Church, Jersey Shore
The Rev. Cn. Nelson Kuule Baliira, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg
The Rev. Patrick Strohl, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Kate Harrigan, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg & St. Stephen’s Episcopal School, Harrisburg
The Rev. Lauren Schoeck, St. James, Lancaster
The Rev. Cn. Stephen Casey, St. Edwards’, Lancaster
The Rev. Cn. Ken Wagner-Pizza, Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport
The Rev. Gina Barrett
The Rev. Cn. Dan Morrow, Canon for Congregational Life and Mission

Lay candidates
Chuck Banks, Esq., St. John’s, Carlisle
Brother David Rutledge, OSF, St. James, Lancaster
Mrs. Lori Clark Robinson, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg
Mrs. Amy Swiernik, St. Edward’s, Lancaster  
Mrs. Cathy Rippeon, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg  
Ms. Bonnie Chambers, All Saints, Hershey

The Secretary announced the Opening of the 1st Ballot. The delegates cast their ballots and the tellers collected the ballots.

The Bishop called Father Sprouse to announce the following Commission On Ministry appointments by Bishop Scanlan:
- The Rev. Robert Schoeck, St. James, Lancaster  
- Mr. Miguel Gonzales, Nativity, Newport  
- Mr. Larry Alexander, St. John’s Carlisle

The Convention delegates affirmed the Commission on Ministry appointments.

A motion to accept the Annual Reports of Program Ministries of the Council of Trustees, as published on the Diocesan website was approved by the Convention delegates.

The Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge and the Rev. Canon David Lovelace made a joint power point presentation on the Stevenson School of Ministry (See Appendix I)

Father J. Patrick Peters welcomed ecumenical guests:
- Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Activities, PA Council of Churches;  
- Deacon Peter Jupin of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg, representing Bishop Ronald Gainer and Father James Lease, the Ecumenical Officer of the diocese; and  
- Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Director of Resource Ministries and the Center for Faith Formation of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA.

Father Chris Pyles led Noon Day Prayers, after which, the meeting recessed for lunch.

After lunch, the Bishop made a special presentation to Canon William (Bill) Graffius, on his retirement as Canon for Finance and Operations, thanking him for his many years of service and ministry to the Diocese, both as Transition Officer, Canon to the Ordinary, and Canon for Finance and Operations. She then reconvened the business session.

The Secretary announced the following election results:

**Standing Committee:**
The Rev. Christopher Pyles, St. John’s, Bellefonte  
The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson, St. Andrew’s, Shippensburg  
Mrs. Amy Swiernik, St. Edward’s, Lancaster  
Mrs. Sarah Weedon, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg
Council of Trustees:
The Rev. Stephen Casey, St. Edward’s, Lancaster
Mrs. Lori Clark Robinson, St. Paul’s, Harrisburg

Disciplinary Board:
The Rev. Canon Nelson Kuule Baliira, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg

General Convention Deputies:

Clergy Deputies
(1) The Rev. Canon Dan Morrow
(2) The Rev. Cannon Stephen Casey
(3) The Rev. Nelson Baliira
(4) The Rev. Kate Harrigan

Alternates
(5) The Rev. Gina Barrett
(6) The Rev. Veronica Chappell
(7) The Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza
(8) The Rev. Lauren Schoeck
(9) The Rev. Patrick Strohl

Lay Deputies
(1) Ms. Bonnie Chambers
(2) Mr. Chuck Banks
(3) Brother David Rutledge
(4) Mrs. Lori Clark Robinson

Alternates
(5) Mrs. Amy Swiernik
(6) Mrs. Cathy Rippeon

The Bishop addressed the Convention (See Appendix II for the full transcript)

The Rev. Canon David Lovelace reminded the delegates of the rules of debate and voting procedures as outlined on the agenda.

The Rev. Canon Stephen Casey presented the Finance Committee report including a statement regarding Clergy Compensation (See Appendix III). The delegates approved a motion to adopt the Finance Committee report and 2017 Budget.

The Vice Chancellor presented the Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee (See Appendix V for outline of changes):

**Proposed Constitution and Canons Resolutions** [See Title IV, Canon II for procedure to adopt amendments to Constitution and Canons]

Constitution:
RESOLVED, that this 146th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania hereby adopts the proposed Amended Constitution of the Diocese, as set
forth in the Draft of July 10, 2016, posted on the Diocesan website, which adoption shall be effective upon its approval at the next Annual Convention of the Diocese. [Must be adopted by a majority of each Order, voting separately, at each of two successive Conventions; Article IX of Constitution]

Canons:
RESOLVED, that this 146th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania hereby adopts the proposed Amended Canons of the Diocese, as set forth in the Draft of July 10, 2016, posted on the Diocesan website, which adoption shall be effective at the close of this Convention. [Must be adopted by affirmative vote of ¾ of delegates present at Convention; vote need not be by Orders; Title IV, Canon II]

The convention delegates approved a motion to adopt the Committee’s proposed modifications to the Constitution and the Canons.

The Vice Chancellor presented the Report of the Resolutions Committee and moved the adoption of all resolutions. (See Appendix VI for full Resolutions)

The Bishop called for a motion to approve all announced resolutions. The convention delegates approved the motion to adopt all announced resolutions.

Father Gene Tucker presented a report from the Bishop’s Address Committee. (See Appendix VII for the full resolution). The convention delegates approved a motion to adopt the recommendations outlined in the Bishop’s address.

The Rev. Greg Hinton presented a report on Courtesy Resolutions. (See Appendix VIII for the full resolution).

The convention delegates approved the motion to adopt the Courtesy resolutions.

The next Annual Convention shall be October 14, 2017.

The Secretary called for a motion to destroy the ballots. The convention delegates approved a motion to destroy the ballots.

After a closing prayer by the Bishop, the convention delegates approved a motion to adjourn the 146th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

Prepared by Tyrone Powell, Esq.
The Secretary of Convention
Appendix I – Stevenson School For Ministry Presentation
Last night, you heard a story about me (the beginning of my career as a McDonald’s Evangelist) and you shared stories with each other from your own lives, as connected to our Holy Scripture. …all in an effort to build community and to gain a better understanding of God’s call to us and our identity as disciples of Jesus.

This afternoon… let me share another story: a story of us. In parable form.

**The Kingdom of God is like…**

The Kingdom of God is like… a woman who travels from her homeland because God said, “Go,” and the People said “Come.” When she arrives in this new place, she finds it a delight to the eyes and a feast for the senses: tall, green mountains; wide, generous fields with winding rows of corn; a broad river; sparkling streams … trout, deer… eagles and hawks soaring in the sky; brilliant sunsets of orange and pink and red; hope-filled sunrises of orange and pink and red, cast against the blue-black hills.

The people are kind. And swift to love. They share the bounty of the land as the woman makes her way around: eggs, honey, strawberry jam. Even some homemade wine. They gather with her for worship-singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts (Col 3:16). They wash their children in the waters of baptism, receive, again, the Holy Spirit in services of Confirmation and Reception, and join to witness the miracle of Christ made manifest, again and again, in the holy food of Jesus’ body and blood.

The people and the woman break bread, share table fellowship and they introduce the woman to real bologna, chicken corn soup, a soup with broad noodles called “chicken pot pie”, and the decadence of whoopee pies, Hershey Chocolate and Wilbur’s buds. And it was good.

An affection develops and a trust begins to build and the woman hears about the people’s sorrow: of lost industry, environmental damage, struggling communities, drug epidemics and gun violence in the cities. These concerns are raised up, held up high, and offered with a weariness that begins to wonder from where will their salvation come.

And… it is clear, to the woman, that salvation is in their midst- already- in the faith that they hold in the Lord God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This faith and this power fuel an amazing amount of work: in soup kitchens, in community gardens, clothing drives, and backpack projects. The Spirit is alive in prison visits, nursing home calls, at hospital bedsides and in the halls of St. Stephen’s school. God is active among those gleaning in the cornfields and apple orchards, at the Community Computer Outreach Center in Mt Carmel, in the voices of the children’s choir at St. Andrew’s, York and among the hundreds of souls who find community and salvation in our parish halls in 12 Step meetings. The Spirit of God blows through projects like Transform Jersey Shore. We Share in Marietta. Through the circle of teenagers at a Happening, and in innovative worship on Saturday nights at St. James. In the Beacon Program in Altoona, the Beacon Clinic in Harrisburg, and the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg. Jesus’ hands are
reaching out in new programs like campus ministry in Bloomsburg, in brave building projects like at St. John, York, and in the wilderness hiking ministries of the Northern Tier.

**Our salvation is at hand**- as God opens our hearts with compassion to care for the lost and lonely, the poor in spirit, and those who know not the Lord Jesus, but who receive measures of God's grace in the mission of our Church.

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Here, in Central Pennsylvania. And, the woman... and the people rejoice, together, for the gifts they have been given, for the blessings of God and for the work, still to come.

The end.

But- it's not the end.

It’s really, **just the beginning**...

...the beginning of our time together as I enter the slip-steam of God’s presence among us, here in Central Pennsylvania and work with you to greet the future of God’s Church.

Let me talk a little bit about where we’ve been together, in the last year, and about my hopes for the next steps of our journey together:

In this past year, I have focused on **listening and discernment**.

I’ve visited more than half of our congregations (38) on Sunday mornings, participated in Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations; officiated at 3 Celebrations of New Ministry, led two retreats, attended a Youth Happening event, and, as of last week, have finally made it around to each of our 7 Convocations for "3 Day Immersion Excursion" events. These 3-Day events have been such a gift; they’ve given me a chance for deeper engagement with our laypeople and clergy and, most importantly, have given me a chance to learn about the places in which you live, work and minister. On those 3-Day visits I have gone fly fishing, on a Holy Hike in God’s Country, on tours of prisons, hospitals, a paper mill, the Army War College, and a Transitional Living Center for the formerly homeless. I’ve picked corn in a Gleaning project, eaten dinner with the Amish, visited re-settled Syrian refugees, thrown out the First Pitch at a baseball game, had communion in a Pop-Up Eucharist on the banks of the Susquehanna, gone out in my boots and camo baseball cap to stock trout, visited the Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, held baby lambs one-hour old, and had tea with the oldest parishioner in our Diocese, Mr. Bob McGregor- He’s 103 ½. I’ve heard stories of deep joy and great sadness, of redemption, reconciliation, hope, wonder and commitment to serving God’s mission. I believe that these trips have given me real insight to who we are... and how God is moving among us. The parable... is real.

I’ve tried to reflect some of what I am hearing and learning, back to you- in clergy gatherings, in sermons and in my blog. I began my blog, “Compass Points” last year when I arrived in Pennsylvania. In that year I’ve written weekly entries on Friday mornings and have had more than 33,000 visits in a year. That’s almost 700 visits a week; someone is reading what I am writing!

As you’ve seen reflected in the material for this Convention – and heard at our Convocation meetings- there are some **new initiatives** that I’ve asked us to implement to build our capacity as a diocese, to redirect some of the choices about diocesan Program back to our people, and to strengthen our existing
structures. These changes include adding 3 new laypeople to our Council of Trustees, giving the Assistant Convenors a vote, and inviting the oversight of programs and committees to be conducted by the Trustees. (These will all be addressed in the revisions of the Constitution and Canons)

In the area of staff, we’ve re-defined job portfolios to sharpen the focus on the work at hand including continued commitment to developing clear financial procedures and reporting, a greater emphasis on the formation of children and youth, the capacity to re-develop our website and administer it in-house, new resources to support parishes in the areas of finance, transition ministry, stewardship and community engagement, and dedication to formation for all ages and stages in the Stevenson School. I am grateful to our staff for their dedication and hard work, for their willingness to work with me as we re-shape ourselves to best serve our parishes and for all that they have taught me in the past year. In this coming year, our Staff will participate in 5 staff Development Days as we work on becoming a more collaborative team, dedicated to serving you- and serving God’s mission.

Let me say more about the Stevenson School. I believe that the Stevenson School- and its predecessor, the School for Christian Studies- is one of our diocesan gems. The Christian Life is one in which our relationship with God is continually evolving and ever richer as we study, learn, come together in Community, pray and reflect on our Anglican heritage, the tradition that we have inherited and the way that God moves in us, today. When we commit to a process of formation, we are, essentially, equipping ourselves for mission, claiming responsibility for our call as disciples and inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us as we are sent out, in Jesus’ name. This is hard work. And, we have the school to help us do this work. The Stevenson School for Ministry is shaped to make learning accessible for all of us, and to provide a rich environment in which to grow ever closer to God. The Stevenson School forms lay people. It also forms people for Holy Orders- in the role of deacon and worker-priest. It is an essential resource in a changing church landscape in which congregations look, more and more, for part-time clergy leadership. The Stevenson School can serve, as it continues to develop, as a leading resource for the Church-at-Large as we face the issue of clergy shortages and smaller (but not necessarily fewer) jobs. Our fellow PA dioceses- Northwest, Pittsburgh, Bethlehem and Pennsylvania- and our Lutheran neighbors have all shown an interest in the school and have supplied both faculty, board members and students as the Stevenson School continues to build itself up. We have added the care of Children, Youth and Young Adults under the umbrella of the Stevenson School and are offering institutional support for this very important part of our church family. Mary Ellen & Bob Kilp and Theda & Jon Tallman have been an amazing support and programming team for our Youth in these past years and the Stevenson School is looking to support them in their work, as they partner together, for the good of our children and young people.

Later today you will hear a presentation from the Dean of the Stevenson School, the Very Rev. Robyn Szoke-Coolidge and the Chair of the Board, the Rev. Canon David Lovelace as they describe some of the work ahead for the school in the next three years.

The Spirit is alive and at work in our midst as new projects and programs have started in the past year: a new Social Justice and Equity group that was formed last spring is discovering how they can serve as a networking resource and organizing body for much of the justice work that is already happening in our diocese. A diocesan-wide initiative led by Deacon Loretta Collins has engaged us in aiding re-settling refugees, The Rev. J. Patrick Peters has accepted my appointment as our new Ecumenical Officer and is bringing lots of energy to that role, and a group called The Pool of Bethesda supporting our LGBTQ brothers and sisters has taken shape and meets at St. Paul’s, Lockhaven. You can look for a newly designed website in the not too distant future, a new group has been appointed to help direct the programmatic work of our clergy conference, and I am looking forward to forming still
another group to study the important issue of “Sacramental Accessibility” or, how, in a diocese with small congregations -some without priests- we can ensure that our people can have communion and access to other sacramental rites on a regular basis.

There’s a lot to do.

This year’s focus on **Storytelling and Discipleship** is critical for us as a diocese. You’ve heard me talk about my **3-Year Plan**: Year One of Listening and Discernment, Year Three of Shaping a Vision and Direction together, and Year Two – *this year*- of Deepening our Understanding of Ourselves as Disciples of Jesus. (**Discernment, Discipleship, Direction**) I believe that this middle year in the 3-Year Plan is crucial. We need to understand who we are today and how God is calling us today to participate in God’s mission. The way that we are Church is changing. We need to understand not only the institutional and systemic changes around us, but the personal identity-oriented changes that bear on our participation in God’s mission. Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry talks about the Jesus Movement. He talks less and less about buildings… and more about God’s people on mission. Fulfilling Jesus’ command to love. Bishop Curry’s new tag line for the Jesus Movement is this: “The Jesus Movement- loving, liberating and life-giving.” (X2) He affirms that our call is to be about Jesus’ work in this world, especially in the areas of evangelism, racial reconciliation, environmental stewardship. How do we do that, as individuals? How are we joining the Jesus movement as disciples? How are we called to be loving, liberating and life-giving agents of the Jesus Movement?

I hope that in this next year, we will spend time thinking about this and finding our **individual senses of purpose** refreshed by dwelling on God’s Holy Word- connecting our Story to God’s Story.

The key to understanding of God’s call to us, of finding our place in the Jesus Movement, is by **returning to the source- The Word-** for refreshment.

Last night we made a start, **connecting our stories to God’s story** and with the help of some resources handed out at this convention (a small booklet in your packet) and a regular practice of this kind of discernment among your clergy, I hope that we can, together, grow in our understanding of who we are as Jesus’ disciples.

We can do great things together, standing with Jesus. We are already doing great things, together, in Central Pennsylvania.

May we continue to be strengthened, care for one another and rejoice in all that we have received from God.

**The parable is true.** The Kingdom of God is like a woman… who found a people… and received- in this place- grace upon grace.
My report of the Finance Committee of the diocese, since the last time we met in convention a year ago in Altoona, I would describe as being one of quiet but steady consolidation, building on the work we began two or three years ago. Working in close cooperation with Bishop Scanlan, the President of the Standing Committee and the Council of Trustees, the members of the Finance Committee have worked faithfully to improve the level of transparency and accountability at all levels. The Canon to the Ordinary, Bill Graffius - who I might add works tirelessly on your behalf - in his report to Convention has set out in some detail much of the work of the finance committee in the past year, which needs no further elaboration on my part. However, it is appropriate, I believe, to comment on two initiatives the Finance Committee has begun since we last met in convention.

The first initiative is the forming of a sub-committee to consider the calculation of the Fair Share in the Diocese. If there is one thing we can all agree on, that is the Fair Share is not “fair.” That being said, making the Fair Share “fair” is not as simple a task as it may seem, and many sincere attempts have been made in the past to correct that anomaly. But the undeniable fact is that for the diocese - and by the “diocese” I mean all of us - we need funding, and the bulk of that funding comes from us, the congregations that make up the diocese. Yet, the nature of the diocese has changed significantly over the years, an increasing number of parishes unable to sustain a full-time priest, matched by an increasing number of parishes seeking financial assistance from the diocese to support their ministry, are just two elements adding to the dilemma of what makes the Fair Share, “fair,” and which need to be considered. The sub-committee, drawn from around the diocese, has made the sensible decision to takes its time as it considers these things. In other words, we are not looking for a “quick fix” but rather an appropriate assessment of how we can reasonably meet the financial needs of the diocese.

Another initiative of the Finance Committee is the formation of a group to consider how congregations can better meet the requirement of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church with regard to financial audits. We are sensitive that this is no simple task, therefore we are working towards reasonable financial practices that recognize the nature of the parish and the requirement of the diocese and church at large. Both the initiatives on Fair Share and Parish Audits also intersect with Bishop Scanlan’s commission on the revision to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, and the Finance Committee has played an integral role in the work of that commission.

It only leaves me to extend, on your behalf, my sincere thanks to all the members of the finance committee, and the members of the Fair-Share and Audit sub-committees, for their work and their dedication in serving our Bishop and diocesan staff, and you, the people of this diocese. They are the plebs sancta Dei - the Holy Common People of God, and to God in Christ I give thanks for them all.

Sincerely,

The Rev’d Canon Stephen C. Casey
Finance Committee Chair
Appendix IV
DIOCESE OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

2017 BUDGET
Appendix V

Constitution & Canons Highlights of Changes:

Constitution:

- Article III, Sec. 2: Failure to file parochial report or pay Fair Share can result in loss of vote at Convention
- Article III, Sec. 3: Chancellor is appointed by Bishop (no vote of Convention required) and expressly represents Bishop
- Article V, Sec. 3: Standing committee’s functions conformed to ECUSA canon
- Article VI: Election on GC Deputies must take place at least 12 months prior to Convention, to comply with ECUSA canon
- Article VII: Terminology change, “parishes” to “congregations”, so as to include missions

Canons

- Title I, Canon III, Sec. 2: Some changes in membership of Council of Trustees—drops Diocesan administrative officers, registrar. Adds assistant Convocation conveners as members of Council.
- Title I, Canon III, Sec. 5: Changes membership on Finance Committee to include Canon for Finance and Operations, three members appointed by Bishop and three appointed by Council
- Title I, Canon III, Sec. 6: Adds to powers of Finance Committee (1) power to prescribe good financial practices for Diocese and congregations, (2) power to determine whether congregation may use audit committee or independent audit, and (3) power to create and Investment Subcommittee
- Title I, Canon III, Sec. Specifies sequence of budget process (to confirm to present practice)
- Title I, Canon III, Secs. 6 & 7: Abolishes present “Program Committee” of Council and provides that Council can create such other committees as it deems advisable from time to time
- Title I, Canon VII: Creates a Diocesan Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Title II, Canon II: Changes deadline for filing of parochial reports to March 1
- Title II, Canon IV: Strengthens and clarifies “Imperiled Parish” canon and clarifies procedure for dissolution of parish
- Title II, Canon VII: New canon providing for the creation and governance of “Missions” in the Diocese

- Title III, Canon I: Revises composition and method of appointment of Commission on Ministry (Bishop appoints all members, to serve at Bishop’s pleasure)

- Title III, Canon II: Clarifies responsibility of congregations for clergy compensation and benefits

- Title III, Canon III: Clarifies membership and functions of Ecclesiastical Disciplinary Board

- Title IV, Canon II: Clarifies procedure for amending constitution and canons

- Rules of Order of Diocesan Convention: Clarifies deadlines for submissions to Convention and procedure for election of Deputies to General Convention
Appendix VI

Resolutions

2016 RESOLUTION 1    ADVOCACY FOR FOOD MINISTRY

"Resolved, that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania affirm the work and ministry of "Feed My Sheep," a diaconal Diocesan ministry of networking, collaboration and resourcing; and be it further

Resolved, that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania encourage congregations throughout the Diocese to engage in advocacy for food ministry through participation in local food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, gleaning, and educational programs; and be it further

Resolved, that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania encourage and support efforts by the Diocese and its congregations to advocate changes in public policy, including prayer, letters and personal visits with lawmakers to help poor and hungry people, particularly utilizing the Feed My Sheep Ministry and the Social Justice Committee.

EXPLANATION

The 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, in Resolutions A091 and D095, called on dioceses to “deepen our understanding of the moral, cultural, and environmental relationships associated with food systems: and to “deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues and food-related environmental effects in our communities”, encouraging creative projects and advocacy.

A091 Affirm Work for Food Ministries and Food Security

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, that the 78th General Convention affirm the work and projects being carried out across the Church in food ministry, including food pantries, feeding programs, community gardens, educational programs, and advocacy for programs that provide healthy, culturally appropriate food; and be it further

Resolved, that the 78th General Convention encourages the further development of Native and Indigenous community food programs, such as the program in Navajoland Area Mission that maintains and teaches traditional growing methods and food preparation techniques; and be it further

Resolved, that the 78th General Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our understanding of the moral, cultural, and environmental relationships associated with food systems, through educational programs focused on: sustainability, equity, cultural diversity, and accessibility of all people to healthy food; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to deepen our commitments as Christian communities to address food insecurity, food-related health issues, and food-related environmental effects in our communities and nations, through new and creative community, regional, and ecumenical projects, such as school and community gardens, church garden tithing to food banks, involvement with migrant worker and farm worker ministries, and food-worker organizing; and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention call on dioceses, congregations, and all the baptized to increase our involvement in advocacy for the development and maintenance of sustainable; equitable; culturally appropriate; and accessible food systems.

D015 Encouraging Advocacy for Hunger Relief
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That dioceses, parishes, and faithful Episcopalians are called to advocate changes in public policy to help poor and hungry people; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention congratulate Bread for the World (BFW) for forty years of effective, non-partisan Christian public policy advocacy to make U.S. government rules and policies work better to combat hunger and poverty; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention commend BFW’s objective to change public policy in order to end extreme poverty and hunger in the United States and worldwide by 2030; and be it further Resolved, That the 78th General Convention recognize that BFW’s current advocacy efforts, including prayer, letters, and personal visits with lawmakers by committed Christians, are a faithful path for our dioceses, congregations and people to follow as Christian advocates for the poor and hungry.

Submitted by The Rev. Canon Kate Harrigan, Chair, The Central Pennsylvania Deputation to the 78th General Convention,
Resolved, that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania adopt and affirm The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation adopted at the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and endorsed by the 78th General convention of the Episcopal Church, commending the ministry of Christian Formation in The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the 146th Convention of Diocese of Central Pennsylvania endorse the vocational importance of inviting, inspiring, and transforming all people, lay and ordained, in the Christian Faith through developing, encouraging, enhancing and engaging the work of the Stevenson School for Ministry to support and provide resources to parishes to live out their comprehensive and collaborative lifelong Christian Formation ministries for all ages and stages that reflect and embody The Charter.

Explanation:
The Episcopal Church engages in God’s mission through the ministry of all its members, which is dependent on the formation and education of all ages – children (0-12), youth (13-18), young adults (18-35), adults (over 35) and older adults. For The Episcopal Church to achieve its objective in the Diocese of Central PA a comprehensive and coordinated lifelong formation plan needs to be available to our congregations and diocese. The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation, as set forth in Resolution A082 of the 76th General Convention offers a comprehensive design directly related to the Second Mark of Mission to “teach and nurture”. The making of disciples is central to the mission of every congregation. Each one of us needs to know our story and the “story” of being an Episcopalian to have it inculcated into our lives if we are to present our congregations as a way to live out the Gospel to others in a believable way. The Charter for lifelong Christian Formation uplifts the need for continuing education and resources. We are especially mindful that congregations often lack significant resources for Christian Formation and Education. Through the Stevenson School for Ministry we are the Diocese can develop ways to live out the Charter through academic information and formational materials and resources to put our faith into action.

A046
Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 78th General Convention direct the Executive Council to oversee the establishment of an online resource list and library of materials and programs for licensed lay leadership in small congregations; and be it further

Resolved, That every diocese be interviewed to determine if there are any local internal resources that may be appropriate to be included in the resource list so that each diocese may provide leadership formation for all licensed lay ministries through a variety of methods appropriate to the need of the diocese; and be it further

Resolved, That a report by the Executive Council be made to The Episcopal Church by June 30, 2016 so that access to information may be distributed to the wider Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget, and Finance to consider a budget allocation of $100,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

A082
Resolved, That the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church adopt the following text as The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation:
Lifelong Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

"I have called you friends..." - John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INVITES all people:

- To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service.
- To hear the Word of God through Scripture, to honor church teachings and continually to embrace the joy of Baptism and Eucharist, spreading the Good News of the risen Christ and ministering to all.
- To respond to the needs of our constantly changing communities, as Jesus calls us, in ways that reflect our diversity and cultures as we seek, wonder and discover together.
- To hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people, placing ourselves in the stories of our faith, thereby empowering us to proclaim the Gospel message.

"...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit..." - John 15:14-16

Through The Episcopal Church, God INSPIRES all people:

- To experience Anglican liturgy, which draws us closer to God, helps us discern God’s will and encourages us to share our faith journeys.
- To study Scripture, mindful of the context of our societies and cultures, calling us to seek truth anew while remaining fully present in the community of faith.
- To develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ.
- To prepare for a sustainable future by calling the community to become guardians of God’s creation.

"...I am giving you these commands that you may love one another..." - John 15:17

Through The Episcopal Church, God TRANSFORMS all people:

- By doing the work Jesus Christ calls us to do, living into the reality that we are all created in the image of God and carrying out God’s work of reconciliation, love, forgiveness, healing, justice and peace.
- By striving to be a loving and witnessing community, which faithfully confronts the tensions in the church and the world as we struggle to live God’s will.
- By seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context.
- By holding all accountable to lift every voice in order to reconcile oppressed and oppressor to the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And be it further

Resolved, That we affirm that Christian Faith Formation in The Episcopal Church is a lifelong journey with Christ, in Christ and to Christ; and be it further

Resolved, That

1. We urge each diocese to read and study the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and to live it out locally.
2. We urge the seminaries and other institutions concerned with formation and education and leadership in The Episcopal Church, to engage the charter as a tool to advance their support for persons in their Christian Formation.
3. We urge The Episcopal Church’s Evangelism and Congregational Life Center to commit staff during this triennium to communicate, advocate and implement the charter,
and report progress to the Standing Commission on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education before the 77th General Convention.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of $30,000 for the implementation of this resolution during the 2010-2012 triennium.

Submitted by
The Rev. Canon Kate Harrigan, Chair—The Central Pennsylvania Deputation to the 78th General Convention,
WHEREAS the Rt. Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan has come among us, telling us her story;  

AND WHEREAS, in the thirteen months since her consecration, Bishop Audrey has learned our story, taking part in three-day Immersion Excursions in each of our seven Convocations;  

AND WHEREAS the Bishop has boldly lived among us, and has discerned the truth that salvation is on our midst already, and now offers us a vision for proclaiming our story in God’s story, declaring that the Kingdom of God is at hand here in Central Pennsylvania;  

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, knowing that we find in the pages of Holy Scripture the well spring of God’s story, commit ourselves to learning God’s story, in order that we can link our story to God’s, and can boldly live that story in the world.  

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will equip ourselves for the living out of our story and God’s by diligent, faithful and lifelong learning, taking advantage of the resources of the Stevenson School for Ministry, to the end that the laity may be more edified and strengthened in their Christian walk, and that deacons and worker-priests may be formed and trained to serve God’s people.  

The Committee on the Bishop’s Address respectfully request that this 146th Convention accept and adopt these resolutions in response to our Bishop’s Address.  

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Marion Schwartz  
The Rev. Gene Tucker
Appendix VIII

Courtesy Resolutions 2016
The Report of the Committee on Courtesy Resolutions
for the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
October 15, 2016

Be it Resolved that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania adopt these following courtesy resolutions to be submitted into the record of this 146th Convention:

On the Right Reverend Audrey and Glenn Scanlan
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its thanksgiving to The Right Reverend Audrey Scanlan and her husband Glenn as they for their ministry among us, with our prayers for the blessing of our Lord upon them, their family and their ministry in Jesus’ name in our midst.

Hosts
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its gratitude to Saint Edward’s Church, Lancaster: to the Rector, The Reverend Canon Stephen Casey, Senior Warden Dr. Peg Riley, Junior Warden Mr. Mike Patrone, the Vestry and congregation for hosting the Eucharist, and also to members of the Diocesan ECW for serving as volunteers and Tellers of the Election, and the Diocesan Liturgy and Music Committee for their planning of the Eucharist at Convention.

Canon Linda Arguedas and the Convention Planning Committee
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its gratitude to Linda Arguedas and the Convention Planning Committee and ECW Volunteers in coordinating the convention with the staff: Linda Arguedas, Diocesan Staff; Jane Gable, St. Luke’s, Altoona; Amy Swiernik, St. Edwards, Lancaster; Debbie Robelen, Diocesan Staff.

And express its gratitude to the staff of the Spooky Nook Convention Center for their hospitality during convention.

On Youth Presence at this Convention
BE IT RESOLVED that this 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania extend its thanksgiving for the youth presence in our midst during this convention: Courtnie Bettley – St. Paul’s, Columbia; Emma DiPace – St. John’s, Lancaster; Leah Doyle – Christ Church, Coudersport; Molly Souders – St. Thomas, Lancaster; Kyler Torres – St. Paul’s, Columbia, and its thanksgiving to the leaders of the Diocesan Youth Committee who accompanied them: Mary Ellen & Robert Kilp; Theda Tallman; and Timothy Hanner.

The Right Reverend Nathan and Mary Ellen Baxter
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its affection and appreciation to The Right Reverend Doctor Nathan D. Baxter and Mary
Ellen Baxter with our prayers for their health, strength and joy in their life together during their retirement, wishing them abundant health, strength and joy in the years to come.

The Right Reverend Michael and Betty Creighton
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its affection and appreciation to The Right Reverend Michael and Betty Creighton in their retirement, wishing them abundant health, strength and joy in the years to come.

The Right Reverend and Mrs. Charlie and Alice McNutt
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its affection and appreciation to The Right Reverend Charlie McNutt and Alice McNutt, who continue to share in the life and ministry of this diocese while in retirement, offering our prayers for abundant health, strength and joy in years to come.

On the office of the Presiding Bishop
BE IT RESOLVED that this 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania extend its greeting and thanksgiving to our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Curry with our prayers for God’s blessing in his ministry among us.

Greetings extended to the President of the House of Deputies
BE IT RESOLVED that this 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania extend its greeting to The Reverend Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, in thanksgiving for her ministry to the Church and continued prayers for God’s blessing in her ministry.

On Ecumenical Partnerships
Thankful to Almighty God for the strides that have been made in ecumenical dialogue, BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania express its greetings to our Ecumenical Partners, more especially to:

Barbara J. Collins and the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA
Bishop James S. Dunlop and the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA
Bishop Jeremiah J. Park, Bishop of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, and our brothers and sisters in Christ in this Conference
The Right Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg
The Bishops and people of the Moravian Church in North America
And to the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, Janet A. Gulick, interim Executive Director

offering to all these, our brothers and sisters in Jesus, our prayer with our Lord that we all may be one.

New Clergy

On Clergy New to the Diocese
BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania extend its welcome to clergy new in our diocese since the last convention, who are:

The Rev. Ingrid Andersen, St. Luke’s, Mount Joy
The Rev. Jim Strader-Sasser, St. Andrew’s, Lewisburg
The Rev. Douglas Dailey, St. Andrew’s, State College
The Rev. Nelson Kuule Baliira, St. Andrew’s in the Valley, Harrisburg, who received his canonical residence after many years’ ministry.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention extend our prayers for God’s blessing in their ministry in Christ’s Name among us.

Memorial Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED that the 146th Convention of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania remember with thanksgiving those who have served in our diocese and have gone before us into God’s nearer presence, more especially those whom we recollected previously today in the reading of the necrology list of the Diocese, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the names of those there recollected today be read into this resolution for publication in the 2016 Journal of the Diocese more particularly remembering these clergy who have served in our midst: The Rev. John Edson, The Rev. John Naegele, and The Rev. Hilary Smits.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Canon Gregory P. Hinton+, chair
Courtesy Resolutions Committee