

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extend its thanks and gratitude to members and staff of St. Mark's, Erie, for all their labors on behalf of this convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania express thanks to those friends who have maintained a prayer vigil throughout the proceedings of this Convention, especially the Episcopal Church Women and St. John's, Franklin and Trinity, New Castle's chapters of the Daughters of the King.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania express thanks to the Rev. Canon Scott Slater for helping us enter our arena and begin daring conversations on future mission possibilities. We convey our thanks to Canon Slater for sharing with us his many gifts and his sense of humor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania extends its greetings to our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Bethlehem. We convey our prayers for discernment as the Diocese of Bethlehem continues their process of calling a new bishop. We have enjoyed and appreciated our shared ministries and the forging of new relationships. We look forward to our continued relationship and wish the diocese the best in its future ministry.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 107th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania send greetings to the Diocese of Western New York through their bishop, the Rt. Rev. William Franklin, and the delegation that has accompanied him to this gathering. We convey our appreciation for the Diocese of Western New York's willingness to join us in re-imagining the Church and look forward to our continued conversation.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, gathered in Erie, Pennsylvania for its One Hundred and Seventh Convention on November 10, 2017 remembers with gratitude the life and witness of the following servants of God:

The Rev. Lawrence C. Donahue died on July 31, 2017 at Bradford. He was born July 9, 1941 in the Bronx, NY. Ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1970, he served as a Curate at St. Raphael's Church in East Meadow, NY from 1970 to 1976. He was received into the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Long Island in 1978 and subsequently served two parishes in that diocese until 1998 when he made a major cultural journey from the East Coast to the mountains and forests of Northwestern Pennsylvania when he became Rector of Church of the Ascension in Bradford.

He served in Bradford until his retirement in 2007 and, after retirement, at Christ Church, Meadville. He is remembered as a faithful pastor, priest, and colleague. Fr. Larry is survived by Patricia, his wife of over 34 years, as well as three step-children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Dr. Janice E. Duncan died in Greenville on July 29, 2017. She was born on December 20, 1942 in New Castle. Responding to a call to ordained ministry, she graduated from Grove City College and from the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee). Following ordination, she served in several congregations in the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania and later in the Diocese of Central New York. She brought a willingness to raise challenging questions of spirituality and mission to her ministry.

She enjoyed cooking, baking, and writing music and loved Mickey and Minnie Mouse. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Daniel L. Duncan, who joined her in ordained ministry, serving as a Deacon. They were married in 1972 and Deacon Dan died in 2011. She is survived by six children and two foster children as well as twenty-four grandchildren and eight great grand-children.

James F. Thorsen died on December 29, 2016 in Hendersonville, North Carolina at the age of 86. He was born in Garner, Iowa and was the spouse of The Rev. Dr. Marilyn E. Thorsen who died in 2003. Dr. Thorsen served as a priest in our diocese at St. Francis, Youngsville and from 1997 through her retirement in 2001, and after retirement at Trinity Memorial, Warren. James is survived by one daughter, a step-son, and two grandchildren.

The Convention directs the Secretary to appropriately communicate the actions of this resolution to the principal survivors and stands in a moment of silence to commend to God's mercy this person and all other members and friends of our diocese who have died since our last convention.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*