

# **Proceedings of the 127th Annual Convention Episcopal Diocese of Colorado**

**October 2-4, 2014  
Two Rivers Conference Center  
Grand Junction, Colorado**

## **Claiming the Kingdom**

### **Opening Eucharist on Thursday, October 2, 2014**

Clergy, lay delegates, alternates, and visitors gathered at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Grand Junction on October 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm for the opening Eucharist with the Right Rev. Robert J. O'Neill of the Diocese of Colorado as preacher and celebrant. A joyous Eucharistic celebration was followed by a reception hosted by St. Matthew's. The offering collected at the service was designated for the Colorado Haiti Project.

### **Public Hearings: Friday Morning, October 3, 2014**

The 7:30 to 8:20 am time was set aside for the budget hearing and for a meeting of Partnership Vicars and Pastoral Leaders. At 8:30 am, the convention gathered for General Session #1.

### **Morning General Session #1: Friday, October 3, 2014**

Bishop O'Neill opened the session with prayer. He welcomed and thanked the attendees for coming. He called the 127th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado to order at 8:35 am. The Bishop encouraged people to attend the workshops, participate in the worship and find time here to be inspired, strengthened, and challenged. The Bishop summarized the upcoming business of the convention. He offered his welcoming remarks and expressed gratitude to all of those present: clergy, lay delegates, alternate delegates, and visitors who were in attendance.

Robert C. Fullerton was appointed and ratified as the Secretary of Convention and Larry R. Hitt II, Esq., was appointed and ratified as the Parliamentarian of Convention. The Bishop made the following appointments to the Committees of Convention:

Assistant Secretary of Convention: The Rev. Linda Brown, Deacon, Holy Comforter Episcopal Church.

Committee to Approve Minutes: The Rev. Ali Lufkin, the Rev. Will Fisher, and the Rev. Becky Jones.

Committee for Nominations and the Conduct of Elections: The Rev. Max Bailey of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Longmont, chair.

Committee for Legislation and Resolutions: The Rev. Andrew Cooley of Grace and St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs, chair, with Larry Hitt as a consultant.

The Secretary of Convention reported that a quorum was present in both the clergy and lay orders.

The Bishop requested that Chancellor Larry Hitt summarize the Rules of Convention which were provided on the Diocesan Web Site and presented the Rules for adoption. Larry Hitt summarized the Rules and pointed out specific details throughout. The Bishop moved for the adoption of the Rules of Convention as presented by the Chancellor. The motion was passed by voice vote.

The Secretary of Convention moved that the Agenda, which was included in the packet, be adopted. The motion was passed by voice vote.

The Secretary of Convention noted that the Committee to Review the minutes of the 126<sup>th</sup> Convention has reviewed and approved the minutes of last year's convention, which were posted on the Diocesan Convention website. He submitted the minutes and asked that the Chair receive them. The motion to accept those minutes was passed by a voice vote.

The Bishop declared that the 127<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Colorado was organized for business.

The Bishop acknowledged Jay Swope, President of the Standing Committee.

The Bishop welcomed special guests to the convention: Bishop Jim Gonia (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Rocky Mountain Synod), Fran McKendree (singer/songwriter), the seven new Episcopal Service Corps interns, and two youth from the Colorado Youth Leadership Institute. He thanked the Rev. Hollis Wright and the congregation of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church for their hospitality. He thanked the Rev. Nancy Angle for organizing volunteers for the convention. The volunteers came from parishes throughout the state: St. Matthew's and Nativity in Grand Junction; All Saints, Battlement Mesa; St. John's, Granby; St. Brigit, Frederick; Holy Comforter, Broomfield; St. Thomas, Denver; Intercession, Thornton; and St. Timothy's, Centennial.

The Bishop drew people's attention to the St. John's Bible on display in front of the podium, which had been carried during the Eucharistic celebration at St. Matthew's the evening before. This bible is the first illuminated and hand-calligraphed bible prepared since the invention of the printing press.

At this time the Bishop introduced all of the new clergy who have come into the Diocese since the 126<sup>th</sup> Convention. The attention was given to the screens as he introduced each person:

The Rev. Melissa Adzima is a native of Pennsylvania. She received a B.A. in Spanish from Gannon University and a M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary. After serving a church in Erie, PA for three years, she and her husband, Alan, moved to Longmont for a job opportunity for him. She recently began serving as the Curate at St. Andrew's, Denver. She

has loved exploring all that Colorado has to offer, especially hiking, climbing, and wildlife spotting.

The Rev. Margaret (Timmy) Case moved to Denver from the Diocese of the Rio Grande in New Mexico, where she lived for over 30 years. Deciding it was the perfect time for a big life change, she chose to move to Denver. She now assists at St. John's Cathedral.

The Rev. Mike Fay served in Vietnam in 1969, went to medical school and spent the rest of his career as an orthopedic surgeon, retiring in 1990. In the late 1990s he felt a call to "give something back" and was ordained as a priest on April 1, 2000. He became the priest of a small parish and remained bi-vocational. In November 2013, he answered a call from Ascension in Salida to be a Priest-in-Charge.

The Rev. Will Fisher is a native of Buffalo, NY, and comes to us from serving four years as associate at St. Thomas in Mamaroneck, NY. An alumnus of General Theological Seminary, he currently serves as Vicar of St. Peter's in the Valley, Basalt. Accompanying Will across the country are his wife, Leana, his daughter, Charlotte, and their two miniature schnauzers.

The Rev. Janet Fullmer is returning to Colorado to serve as Vicar at St. Philip in the Field, in Sedalia. Following ordination, she served as Curate at Church of the Ascension, Denver, and then Rector of St. Paul's. She and her husband Ron are looking forward to Kairos, hikes in the mountains, the Broncos in the Super Bowl, and the Rockies in the World Series.

The Rev. Christopher Johnson is returning from serving as a Program Officer on the Presiding Bishop's staff in New York from 2008-2012. His ministry was primarily focused on Jubilee Ministry support and development as well as helping to frame our church's response to poverty alleviation after the 2008 Summit on Domestic Poverty. Both areas of focus remain foundational to his understanding of ministry today as Rector of St. Raphael's congregation in Security.

The Rev. Mary Hendricks was ordained as a priest in 2006 following a lengthy career in education. She served as a resident Chaplain at The University Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas before accepting a call to serve as Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in McCook, Nebraska. Mary currently serves as Vicar to the congregations of Holy Cross/St. Andrew's, a Lutheran (ELCA) - Episcopal Church in La Junta and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lamar.

The Rev. Sarah Lapenta-H, born in Detroit, MI, served the past three years as the Associate Rector at St. John's Norwood in Chevy Chase, MD. Sarah also worked as an on-call, hospital Chaplain for Johns Hopkins. Prior to her service in the D.C. metro area, Sarah served at St. John's ProCathedral in Los Angeles, CA. Sarah is honored to answer a call to serve as Rector of St. Mary Magdalene's in Boulder, CO.

The Rev. Nancy Malloy was ordained in the Diocese of Colorado in 2000. She served as Chaplain to the University of Colorado, Boulder, and St. Charles in Fort Morgan for 7 years. She moved to Athens, GA in 2008 and served as Associate Rector, and for the last five years served in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, Diocese of Milwaukee. In November of last year, she accepted a call to St. Laurence in Conifer, CO.

The Rev. Ray McKechnie is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serving as the Associate Pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Grand Junction, through an arrangement with American Lutheran Church (also in Grand Junction). Born and raised in Alaska, Ray is thrilled to call Colorado home. He delights in serving God's people and seeing them grow in their relationship with God, sprinkling salt and shining light.

The Rev. Michael McManus was born and reared in West Palm Beach, FL. For the last five years, Michael served as Priest-in-Charge at St. George's Episcopal Church in Riviera Beach, Florida. Michael and Cathleen are enthusiastically answering a call to serve as Rector and wife at the Church of the Transfiguration in Evergreen, CO.

The Rev. Susie Merrin moved from St. Patrick's, Bigfork, in the Diocese of Montana to attend Regis University, Denver. She is in the final stages of completing a MA in Counseling. She has served at Intercession, Thornton, for the past two years as parish administrator, and assisted in Christian formation and pastoral care. In August 2014, Susie was called to serve St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Manitou Springs, as Rector, and says she is delighted to be part of the ministry at St. Andrew's and is looking forward to becoming active in the local community.

The Rev. Benjamin J. Newland graduated from Gonzaga University and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, and began his ordained ministry at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. His call led him through the Dioceses of Connecticut and Olympia before he followed his lovely and talented spouse, Jieun Kim Newland, to Fort Collins, CO. Ben is currently the Assisting Priest for Family Ministry at St. John's in Boulder and Chaplain to the 2-135th Aviation Regiment of the Colorado Army National Guard.

The Rev. Judy Sato recently moved to Colorado from San Jose, California where she worked as Assisting Priest at St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church in the Diocese of El Camino Real. She is not a stranger to Colorado, having received her Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University (Animal Behavior). She accepted the position of Assisting Rector at St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs, which began last December.

### **Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate**

The Bishop introduced the one person ordained as Transitional Deacon in 2014.

The Rev. Josh Shipman was ordained on June 14, 2014. Josh Shipman comes from St. Thomas, Denver and is a seminarian at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. He is also part of the Diocese of Texas' spiritual director training program.

### **Ordained to the Priesthood**

The Bishop introduced those who were ordained to the Priesthood in 2014.

The Rev. Elizabeth Costello serves as Curate at St. John's Cathedral. Previously, Elizabeth served as a Director of Christian Formation at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington, NC, and Youth/Children's Worker at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church in Buckinghamshire, UK.

The Reverend Stephen Spicer is currently serving as Curate to Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston Texas. He is happily married to Amy, his wife of 15 years, and has four children from the ages of three to thirteen.

### **Candidates to the Diaconate**

The Bishop recognized the following:

Nancey Johnson Bookstein is Associate Professor and Director of Physical Therapy Admissions at the University of Colorado School of Medicine where she teaches anatomy. She is a past President of the Board of Directors for St Benedict Health and Healing Ministry in Boulder County and continues to serve as their physical therapist.

David O'Rourke is sponsored by Holy Comforter in Broomfield. He works as a Software Engineer and lives with his wife Becky and children Tommy and Elizabeth in Thornton. He is active in prison ministry and is a volunteer with New Beginnings Church, a Jubilee Ministry that meets inside the Denver Women's Correctional Facility.

Pam Stewart is from St. Andrew's, Denver. She works as a physician's assistant in the area of women's health and has served in that capacity on numerous trips to Haiti.

### **Candidates to the Priesthood**

Alwen Bledsoe was born and raised in beautiful Colorado and now lives here with her husband Chris and daughter Jady. She received her seminary training at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, and graduated in 2011 with an M.Div. with a concentration in Anglican Studies. She is currently the full-time Youth and Family Minister at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Centennial.

Mary Rosendale is a postulant for the priesthood from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Grand Junction CO. She is an M.Div. student of the class of 2016 at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Jennifer Shadle-Peters is a postulant for the priesthood from the Church of the Ascension and Holy Trinity in Pueblo. She has just begun her study for a Master of Divinity degree at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, where she is attending classes and reading just about every waking hour -- and loving it!

### **Postulants for Diaconate**

Jessie Cannady is from Holy Redeemer, Denver. She serves as an activity assistant for Alzheimer's residents in a nursing home and works in a tutoring program for at-risk youths.

## **Postulants for Priesthood**

David Blankenship is a postulant for the priesthood from Christ Church, Denver, who moved to Colorado to pursue a graduate degree in counseling. He has since gotten the opportunity to see the Anglican Church in Kenya, Peru, Mexico, and England and has a passion to see contemporary culture re-introduced to Christ through the Episcopal Church.

Luke Challis is a Colorado native. He has been put forward by Saint John's Cathedral, and is a postulant currently enrolled in Yale Divinity School seeking an M.Div. at Berkeley Divinity School's Anglican Studies program. Luke is married to Katherine who works in New Haven at a local homeless women's shelter.

Helen Durany grew up in Littleton, moved away for a few years, and came back in 2000. She began attending St. Timothy's in Centennial shortly after returning to Colorado and worked at the Office of the Bishop from January 2008 until May 2014. She is currently attending Yale Divinity School.

## **Candidate for ordination to the Priesthood**

William Stanton is a candidate for ordination from Intercession Episcopal Church and is beginning his second year at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

## **Opening Worship and Keynote Address #1**

The Bishop introduced Mr. Fran McKendree, singer, songwriter and retreat leader, who would lead our singing during convention worship. He started attending the Episcopal Church in New York City, went to Cursillo, and discovered doors opening for using his amazing musical talents. He now serves as retreat leader and teacher.

Worship opened with songs, readings from the Psalms, and a reading from the Gospel of Matthew. The Bishop provided a reflection on discovering God and relationships to each other and creation. He pointed out how Abraham and Sarah served as examples of listening to God and discovering divine blessings. Moses had to turn aside from the burning bush to discover being in the presence of the living God; he had no choice but to listen and discover. The Israelites made their discovery in the wilderness; living in exile, they were God's people. Relationship to God is a continuous process of discovery and transformation. The 12 disciples were always in state of disorder; the two on the road to Emmaus had to have their eyes opened to discover the deep truth; the followers at Pentecost; Paul stricken on the road and discovering the deep love of God. The reality of discovering the Kingdom of God requires one to be open; it may not be seen, but it is there. One must be willing to dig deeper. The gift is waiting; there is something infinitely more to be found. One must be willing to crack it open. For Jesus, the Kingdom of God is reality – here, at hand, within us, among us; it is at the very core and so essential and must be sought by those willing to follow him. It is the discovery and gift of a lifetime. The Church is shifting from an “ecclesio focus” to “missio focus.” What would happen if clergy and lay would be willing to shift our primary focus from church as an institution to prayerful discovery—unearthing, digging up what God is doing already? Challenging our assumptions is always the point of Jesus – going deeper, getting serious. The Bishop pointed out an increase in the proposed

budget for spiritual formation – lifelong spiritual practice, prayer, and formation. People at convention will hear about new configurations of our ministries and practice in the Diocese; for example, growth and reaching out to youth and young adults at Cathedral Ridge. This ministry is not about the Episcopal Church – it's Kingdom work with youth and young adults. Working with nonprofits is fertile soil, reaching beyond ourselves. The world is starving to see a more transcendent existence founded in divine love.

Time of quiet and reflection, prayer: What do you need to let go of to make way for the new?

Roundtable conversation: What do I need to let go of to make way for the new, for what is emerging?

The roundtable conversation was followed by readings and a song.

### **Introduction of Flood Relief video**

The Bishop reminded people of the flooding that took place last year in Colorado and the support the state has received in the wake of the floods. Over \$250K has come from Episcopal Relief & Development, a jewel in our common life. He introduced Hill Grimmitt, the Disaster Recovery Coordinator.

Hill Grimmitt spoke about the coordination taking place in Boulder, Weld and Larimer counties. Bringing about the Kingdom has been expressed in the recovery that is taking place. It has been a huge gift for the Diocese to have interaction with those so affected by the floods. Over \$70,000 in relief support has come directly from the diocese in Colorado. Recovery work is now happening regularly. Hill stated he is willing to work with the congregations to do outreach to communities – responding to and helping to prepare for disaster. He introduced a video on the recovery efforts.

Jay Swope, Chair of the Standing Committee, invited people to take a morning break and to attend the first seminar sessions of the convention at 11:00 am, followed by lunch at 12:20 pm. General Session #2 will promptly begin at 1:30 pm.

### **Afternoon General Session #2**

The Bishop called to order the 127<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 1:32 PM. He introduced the current members of the Standing Committee by asking people to direct their attention to the video screens.

The Rev. George Berlin, Rector of St. Philip and St. James

Clergy Representative, Front Range Region

Bob Morse, Parishioner of St. John's Church in Boulder

Lay Representative, Front Range Region

The Rev. Leigh Waggoner, Rector of St. Barnabas of the Valley, Cortez

Clergy Representative, Southwest Region

Allan Conrad, parishioner from St. Matthew's Church in Grand Junction

Lay Representative, Southwest Region  
The Rev. De Freeman, Rector of Chapel of Our Savior in Colorado Springs, Clergy  
Representative, Sangre de Cristo Region  
George Wing, parishioner of Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado  
Springs, Lay Representative, Sangre de Cristo Region  
The Rev. Lyn Burns, Rector, St. Charles the Martyr Church in  
Fort Morgan, Clergy Representative, High Plains Region  
Jay Swope, parishioner, St. John's Cathedral, Denver  
Lay Representative, High Plains Region and President of the Standing Committee  
The Rev. Scott Turner, Rector of St. Paul's in Steamboat Springs  
Clergy Representative, Northwest Region  
Carol Hollowed, parishioner of St. James Church in Meeker,  
Lay Representative, Northwest Region  
The Rev. Twyla Zittle, ex officio, President,  
The Episcopal Church Women of Colorado  
Chuck Thompson, ex officio, Diocesan Treasurer  
Eric Hansen, ex officio, Assistant Treasurer

The Bishop again directed the attention of the people to the video screens as he introduced and expressed his appreciation for the Staff of the Office of the Bishop:

Meg Stern, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
The Rev. Canon Carl Andrews, Canon to the Ordinary and Crisis Action & Disaster  
Preparation Director  
Dianne Draper, Executive Assistant to the Canon of the Ordinary  
The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, Canon Missioner  
Nancy McClung, Congregational Development and Deployment  
Administrator, Diocesan Convention Coordinator  
The Rev. Rebecca Jones, Interim Director of Communications and  
Editor of the Colorado Episcopalian, Diocesan Jubilee Officer  
Roz Greene, Communications Assistant  
Steven Rickard, Development Coordinator  
Pam Greenfield, Controller  
Kay Ward, Accounting Assistant, Archivist  
Tammy Ryan, Director of Operations for Cathedral Ridge  
The Rev. Rebecca Crummey, Director of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps  
Katrina Mattern, Program Coordinator, Colorado Episcopal Service Corps  
Hill Grimmett, Disaster Recovery Coordinator  
Christina Kay, Flood Recovery Case Manager

The Bishop expressed his appreciation to the retiring members and the appointments of new members to the following commission and committees:

***Commission on Ministry***

Thank you to the Retiring Members:

The Rev. Marionette Bennett  
Bob Fullerton  
The Rev. Merle Harrison



The new appointments to the Commission on Ministry are:

The Rev. Cammie Houpt

The Rev. Rich Munsell

### ***Diaconal Council***

Thank you to the Retiring Members:

The Rev. Maureen Beaty (chair)

The new appointment to the Diaconal Council is:

The Rev. James Visgar

At this time, the Bishop recognized Mr. Guy Arnold, chair of the Trusts and Endowments Committee to make a short announcement. Mr. Arnold directed people to look at the brochure in their packets on Trust and Endowments. He said about \$200,000 is available for clergy and laity each year with a focus on health and assistance. Applications should be submitted through the Office of the Bishop.

### **Keynote Address #2 and Worship**

The Bishop invited The Rev. Elizabeth Marie Melchionna to introduce the next major speaker to the convention, Bishop Jim Gonia.

Bishop Gonia's presentation was preceded by song, prayer, and a scripture reading.

Bishop Jim Gonia spoke about life together in the Kingdom and was grateful for the invitation to come. He offered greetings from the Presiding Bishop ELCA and from brothers and sisters in the Rocky Mountain Synod, which covers 4 Episcopal dioceses. The ELCA is in communion with 6 other church bodies, and the closest relationship is with the Episcopal Church: similar liturgies, peace and justice action, military chaplaincy, etc. Bishop Gonia spoke about the importance of incorporating Divine reality into our everyday lives. The Lutheran and Episcopal churches are really made for one another: congregations work hand in hand, they explore partnering opportunities, and participate together in Church Development Institute (CDI) training. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that the Divine language is about we, not self: it's about oneness, unity, calling to live God-given vocations. God-reality is pure gift and not dependent on you or me: all are called. Claiming the Kingdom calls upon our gifts and eager participation. All that we need is already given to us: claiming our gifts and connecting them to others. Giftedness is discovered and expressed 1) in our own unique identity, 2) by paying close attention to those you have in your congregation (celebrate those already among us, don't bemoan those who are not), and 3) by those in your community context (urban, rural, resort, etc.). How can our gifts be called to come alongside what God has already placed in the Kingdom? We are invited to prayer and table discussion to consider, ponder and reflect upon this question:

What new possibilities do we see now that we didn't see when we arrived this morning?

Table discussion was followed by prayer and singing.

## **Introduction of Cathedral Ridge Video**

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, President of the Board of Directors for Cathedral Ridge. The ministry of Cathedral Ridge is emerging since its acquisition by the diocese. Over 7,000 have been served. The property is in need of improvements and TLC. A site evaluation has been done and plans have been created to serve an ever-growing ministry. Over 600 youth were served this past summer. Six full-time positions at the facility are desired. Attendees at convention were invited to think about stories to be written as they watched the video. The Bishop invited the Rev. Ken Malcolm to introduce Ella Gruel (St. Peter's, Basalt) and Tate Fox (St. Gabriel's, Cherry Hills Village) from the first class of the Colorado Youth Leadership Institute to greet the convention. The Colorado Youth Leadership Institute began this year as a 3-year program. Youth who go through the program take new skills, new tools, and new confidence back to their churches and communities and apply them. This is not a program to create leaders – these youths are already leaders. The focus this year is on servant leadership: leading by walking with the people you're leading, and learning how to be a model of servant leadership. The Bishop thanked Ella and Tate for coming to convention. He emphasized to the convention that young people deeply care about their world and long to be part of a community of faith that is engaged in the world. We are invited to enter in and support these young people. The Bishop asked, "Are we all in?"

The Bishop invited the Rev. Brooks Keith to speak to the convention about Generation to Generation. The Rev. Brooks Keith encouraged the convention to go "all in" -- youth, adults and children – and participate in the \$5 million capital campaign to help renovate and grow Cathedral Ridge. He referred people to a brochure and letter from the Bishop on the tables explaining the vision. Packets are available to take to each congregation. He asked for convention attendees to pray for the campaign, take home the materials, give feedback, and invite members of the team to visit. He introduced members of the fundraising steering committee (lay and clergy) and the Kellogg Organization that was hired to assist with the campaign. Peter Kellogg spoke of leadership and philanthropy, and how God has opened the door for this opportunity.

Jay Swope announced a brief break and invited delegates to visit the resource studios and vendor booths. The final general session for today will resume at 4:00 pm.

## **Afternoon General Session #3**

The Bishop called to order the 127<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 4:10 pm. Jay Swope introduced Larry Hitt, Chair of General Convention Deputation.

### **Report on General Convention Resolutions**

Larry Hitt gave a Report on Resolutions of the 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention. He informed the convention about two items: 1) 45 resolutions were introduced and they have been placed on the diocesan website; 2) Resolution A059, a revision to the *Book of Common Prayer* passed this past General Convention which must be read to this convention before the next

General Convention in 2015. This resolution will be read again at the 78th General Convention before final passage.

Bob Fullerton, Secretary, read in full Resolution A059, proposed changes to the *Book of Common Prayer*.

**Report of Conduct of Nominations & Elections**  
**Standing Committee Regional Representatives**

Jay Swope recognized the Rev. Max Bailey, chair of the Committee of Nominations and Conduct of Elections to report on the nominees for regional representatives to the Standing Committee.

The Nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee are:

Jim Wolfe, to be elected as lay representative, High Plains Region, to a term expiring in 2017

Scott Turner, to be re-elected as clergy representative, Northwest Region, to a term expiring in 2017

Harry Tournay, to be elected as lay representative, Sangre de Cristo Region, to a term expiring in 2017

Jay Swope asked for all those in favor of the nominees for regional representatives to the Standing Committee say aye, opposed no. The nominees were elected by voice vote.

The Bishop thanked retiring members of the Standing Committee:

George Wing, Secretary

Jay Swope, President

He also thanked the Rev. Elizabeth Randall who served for 3 years as Chaplain to the Standing Committee. The Bishop explained that the first half day when the Standing Committee meets they always spend time in prayer and reflection.

The Rev. Max Bailey continued with his report on elections of the Disciplinary Board:

The nominees for a full term on the Disciplinary Board to expire December 31, 2017, are:

Jeanne Berryman (re-elect)

The Rev. Stephen Wilson (re-elect)

Jay Swope entertained a motion to elect the nominees to the Disciplinary Board by acclamation. A motion was given and seconded. He called for a voice vote and the motion was carried.

**Introduction of the Chair of Legislation and Resolutions Committee**  
**First Introduction of Proposed Resolution**

Jay Swope recognized the Rev. Andrew Cooley, Chair of the Legislation and Resolutions Committee with the report on the proposed resolution.

The Rev. Andrew Cooley, Interim Rector, now serving Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs, said the committee on resolutions has met and considered Proposed Resolution # 1: The Charter of Compassion Resolution and recommends adoption as proposed.

Jay Swope stated Proposed Resolution #1 has been moved by committee, and therefore it does not require a second.

The Rev. Cooley continued: The title of this resolution is "The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado Supports and Affirms the Charter for Compassion, and Commends the Charter to Its Ministries and Congregations for Study and Deliberation." He invited the chair to recognize the Rev. Paul Garrett, St. Barnabas, Denver, one of the proposers to speak first to the resolution.

Jay Swope stated that the Proposed Resolution #1 is before the convention.

The Rev. Paul Garrett spoke in favor of the resolution: the world is in desperate need for compassion in respond to violence and suffering. The prodigal son and Good Samaritan are models of compassion. The resolution calls for compassion to emerge in a non-sectarian fashion and to actualize the Golden Rule in every action of our life.

The Chair recognized Lelanda Lee, St. Stephen's Longmont, lay deputy to General Convention. Lelanda Lee spoke in favor of the resolution because it calls us to be sacramental and to live into our baptismal covenant. The resolution is in line with the fourth Anglican Mark of Mission.

Jay Swope asked if there was anyone who would like to speak further on the resolution. Hearing no response, he asked if there was any further discussion. No one offered to speak, and Mr. Swope asked for a voice vote on the resolution. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Rev. Cooley noted that this was the conclusion of his formal report.

Jay Swope turned the chair back to the Bishop.

The Bishop spoke of the creation of a Faith Formation Team. A number of people indicated interest in being part of the team at last convention. The team met in March and put together a working definition and recommendations how to support that work in the Office of Bishop. The recommendations included creating three full-time positions.

### **Recognition for Service**

The Bishop told the convention about special people and their service: Don and Sally Hicks and Bishop Jerry and Ann Winterrowd.

The Bishop announced that Don and Sally Hicks had left a legacy of \$1.1 million given in thanksgiving for the service of Bishop Jerry and Anne Winterrowd, with the funds to be

used specifically for Spiritual Formation in the Diocese of Colorado. The Hicks Trust has been established for the purpose of promoting substantive, transformative spiritual formation in the Diocese of Colorado.

The Bishop presented plaques to:

**Warren Hicks**

by the Bishop and Diocese of Colorado  
in recognition of Don and Sally Hicks' Spirit of Generosity  
commemorating the ministries of Bishop Jerry and Ann Winterrowd

3 October 2014

*"There are varieties of gifts but one Spirit..."*  
—1 Corinthians 12:4

And to:

**Whitney Hicks Heim**

by the Bishop and Diocese of Colorado  
in recognition of Don and Sally Hicks' Spirit of Generosity  
commemorating the ministries of Bishop Jerry and Ann Winterrowd

3 October 2014

*"There are varieties of gifts but one Spirit..."*  
—1 Corinthians 12:4

And to:

**Bishop Jerry and Ann Winterrowd**

by the Bishop and Diocese of Colorado  
in recognition of and in thanksgiving for  
the impact your ministries have had on the Hicks family

3 October 2014

*"There are varieties of gifts but one Spirit..."*  
—1 Corinthians 12:4

The Bishop expressed his thanksgiving and offered prayers for Bishop Winterrowd and his wife, Ann, and for the service of Don and Sally Hicks.

**Bishop's Cross presentation**

The Bishop invited Jay Swope to the lectern and presented him with the Bishop's Cross for his service to the diocese. The Bishop recognized the many ways in which Jay Swope has served at the Cathedral and for the diocese (especially for his five years as President of the Standing Committee) and thanked him for all he has done.

### **Offering from Last Evenings Eucharist**

Over \$3,000 had been given at the Convention's Opening Eucharist and the Bishop recognized the generosity of attendees. The funds will be given to the Colorado Haiti Project.

### **Introduction of Colorado Haiti Project video**

The Bishop introduced Sharon Caulfield, Vice Chancellor and President of the Board of Directors for the Colorado Haiti Project (CHP). This is the CHP's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. She noted that the Colorado Haiti Project was formed after visits from clergy to Haiti, and she thanked all those who have supported the work. The work is transformational in Haiti and here in the Diocese of Colorado. She pointed out the difference between CHP and other NGO's – sustainability, building relationships and partnerships. She introduced David Hintch, the new Executive Director of the CHP. She invited people to join her in January for their next trip to Haiti. Sharon Caulfield introduced the Colorado Haiti Project video.

The Bishop commended Colorado Haiti Project for the work that they do.

### **Announcements**

Jay Swope gave a couple of announcements about the events on Saturday. The Spirit of the Valley 5K Race at St. Matthew's will begin at 8:30 am, and breakfast will be served after the race. Bus transportation will be available for race participants and spectators from Two Rivers Parking Lot. They will begin picking people up at 7:30 am. Buses will return folks to the Convention Center beginning around 9:30. He asked that people allow themselves plenty of time to arrive back at Two Rivers by 10:45 am. He said there are many events happening downtown on Saturday morning and reminded all present about the new map and directions for getting to the parking lots set aside for convention attendees. He also encouraged people to carpool. The next seminar session would begin at 10:45 am, with General Session #4 beginning at 12:15 pm. Box lunches would be available. He also asked people to be aware of their hotel check-out times and make arrangements accordingly.

Jay informed the convention of the passing of Barbara Frey, wife of former bishop William Frey and that sympathy cards would be available for signature during the reception that follows.

The Bishop invited people to attend the reception featuring wine and food following adjournment.

There was a closing song.

The convention adjourned for the evening at 5:10 pm.

## **SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4, 2014**

Convention attendees participated in the Spirit of the Valley 5K Walk/Run/Roll and breakfast at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The race began at 8:40 am and had over 100 participants of all ages from the convention, congregation and community.

The Second Seminar Session was scheduled from 10:45am – 12:00 noon. This was followed by a Box Lunch Break with the General Session # 4 commencing at 12:15 pm.

### **AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION #4**

Fran McKendree led singing of "Amazing Grace" with Bishop O'Neill playing the piano, Scott Joplin style.

The Bishop called the convention to order at 12:35 pm. Bishop recognized the Rev. Peter Munson who spoke about his dream from God to walk across the country, speak the Gospel and raise funds for those in need. He is starting small and walking intentionally to his church, St. Ambrose in Boulder, and looking for other parishes and people to support him in this walking ministry.

### **Colorado Episcopal Service Corps**

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Rebecca Crummey who spoke to the convention about the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) being in its second year. She noted the Corps has grown and now has two houses in Colorado: one in Denver and the other with St. Paul's Church in Steamboat Springs. St. Paul's raised funds to support a house for three years. Three interns serve at various ministries in the Denver area and are living in community at St. Columba House. Four are living in Centennial House in Steamboat Springs – the first year for this house. She shared what she had learned in the first year, how it has been good to live and grow with this program, and how transformative the experience has been for the interns and for those who helped with the program. The Rev. Catie Green has joined her as a partner with the Corps. She showed a video of the interns who had served this past year and what they planned to do next year. Rebecca introduced the seven interns, each spoke about why he/she is in the ESC. Rebecca identified a number of ways in which parishes and parishioners can be involved with ESC, including preaching, adult education and youth groups.

The Bishop introduced Larry Hitt for remarks from the General Convention Deputies.

Larry reported that he and the Rev. Kim Seidman are co-chairs for the deputation. The General Convention will be June 25 - July 3, 2015 in Salt Lake City. He introduced the deputies:

- The Rev. Bethany Myers
- The Rev. Kim Seidman
- The Rev. Chris Johnson
- The Rev. Lyn Burns

Lelanda Lee  
Larry Hitt  
Zoe Cole  
George Wing

Clergy Alternates

The Rev. Scott Turner  
The Rev. Ken Malcolm  
The Rev. Paul Garrett  
The Rev. Michael Briggs

Lay Alternates

Jack Finlaw  
Christine Burke  
Chuck Theobald  
Erica Hein

The Rev. Kim Seidman reported that Presiding Bishop Katherine Schori will be retiring, and a joint nominating committee has been identified. A survey will be released on the qualities and characteristics sought for a Presiding Bishop. Nominations will be accepted by September 30, 2014 for bishops, no older than 62, to serve a full 9-year term. Bishops are being contacted to submit applications and five will be presented in May 2015. It is expected that the crosier for the new Presiding Bishop will be passed about this time next year.

Larry Hitt said a task force had been formed at the last General Convention to explore dimensions of marriage, including pastoral needs of same-sex marriages (in states that permit it) and of adults in long-term relationships, and to develop tools for theological reflection including a study guide called “Dearly Beloved” on the General Convention website.

The task force for re-imagining the Episcopal Church is developing a plan for restructuring the church at all levels. The task force conducted surveys and collected information. The website <http://reimagnetec.org/> has a report on the website with an invitation for feedback. Its final report is due in November. The heart of the reimagining is what can be let go, what can be discovered, and what could be new. Prayers are needed as the church reimagines its new structure.

Larry Hitt advised people to contact the Rev. Lyn Burns about requests for the delegation to visit congregations.

**Report on Diocesan 2013 Financial Statements and Proposed 2015 Budget**

Jay Swope recognized Charles Thompson, the Treasurer of the Diocese, who presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**Audited Financial Reports of 2013**

Charles Thompson noted that the diocese is financially healthy. It ended the year 2013 with a small amount in excess. He expects to end the year 2014 with about \$50K of revenues in excess of expenses. He added that the percentage of giving has been increasing. The trends



are positive with 62 parishes now giving at the 10% level; the average giving to the diocese for all parishes in the diocese has increased to 8.7%. Expenses are up for 2014, and he expects a 4.2% increase for 2015. He noted that two expense categories are increasing: Faith Formation (2.5 times increase) and Diocesan Outreach (additional \$10K for Episcopal Service Corps, Sudanese ministry and Jubilee Ministries). Charles Thompson recognized Pam Greenfield, Controller, for her 20 years of service to the Diocese of Colorado.

Jay Swope asked for a motion to receive the Audited Financial Reports of 2013 which were posted on the Diocesan website. A motion was received and seconded. There was no discussion, and the convention voted to accept the audited financial statements.

### **2015 Budget Presentation**

Jay Swope again recognized Charles Thompson, Treasurer for the Diocese, who presented the proposed 2015 Budget. A hearing on the proposed 2015 budget had been held the previous day.

Jay Swope asked for a motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2014. A motion was made and seconded. There was one comment from the floor.

The Rev. Diana Peters suggested there is a great unmet need in the Diocese. She noted the excess funds from 2013 and 2014, and asked for funding for Hispanic ministry. She said the need is great and there are no funds to support it. She asked it be considered for next year's budget.

The convention voted to accept the 2014 budget.

### **Recognition of Canons Andrews and Blanchard**

The Bishop recognized the work of the Rev. Canon Carl Andrews for his support of the Bishop's Office and how he makes everything work well. He also recognized the work of the Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard and her work with congregations and CDI.

### **Courtesy Resolutions**

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Andrew Cooley for a report on Courtesy Resolutions which reads as follows:

Be it resolved that this 127th Convention of the Diocese of Colorado:

- Extends its greetings to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby.
- Extends its greetings to our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori.
- Expresses its profound gratitude to Bishop O'Neill, for his faithful service to us and the wider church, and pledge our continued support and prayers for him as he enters his 12th year of service; and sends its greetings and warm wishes to his wife, Ginger.

- Sends its greetings and warm wishes to retired Bishops: the Rt. Rev. Jerry Winterrowd and his wife Ann, and The Rt. Rev. William Frey with deepest condolences regarding his wife Barbara's recent passing.
- Gratefully acknowledges the communication from Adrian Miller, the Executive Director of the Colorado Council of Churches who writes: "I bring you greetings as you gather for your 2014 Diocesan Convention in Grand Junction, Colorado. The CCC's mission is "Walking Together in Faith, Working Together for Justice," and we are proud that the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado is one of our covenanting denominations. In addition, some churches within the diocese have become covenanting congregations. Jesus Christ called us to be one, and our social justice work is stronger because you are a part of us. The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado is blessed with powerful people of faith, and we are eager to hear more about what you have in store for the rest of this calendar year and 2015. Have a blessed annual gathering, and thanks for all that you do to enrich Colorado's sacred community.
- Gives thanks for the Mission Partnership it shares with the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and for Bishop James Gonias who has so generously shared his time, vision and wisdom at this convention.
- Expresses its gratitude to the Bishop's staff for their devotion, faithfulness and generosity of spirit in supporting the ministry of this diocese.
- Expresses its profound gratitude and good wishes to those clergy who have retired in the last year: The Rev. Sally Munroe, The Rev. Larry Bradford, The Rev. Judy Schneider, The Rev. Ephraim Radner, The Rev. Andy Kline, The Rev. Diana Peters, The Rev. Winnie Mitchell, The Rev. Bobbie Girardin, The Rev. Sarah Freeman, The Rev. Marcia Stackhouse, The Rev. Tom Long; and extends its gratitude to The Rev. Ed and Sarah Morgan and The Rev. Canon Bert and Joanne Womack for their work and leadership bringing the retired clergy and spouses together on a regular basis.
- Expresses its greetings and prayers to our Postulants and Candidates for Ordination: Helen Durany, David O'Rourke, Alwen Bledsoe, Luke Challis, Nancey Bookstein, Pam Stewart, Mary Rosendale, Jennifer Shadle-Peters, David Blankenship, William Stanton and Jessie Cannady.
- Expresses its congratulations and prayers to those ordained in the previous year: to the Priesthood - The Rev. Elizabeth Costello, The Rev. Steven Spicer; and to the Transitional Diaconate – The Rev. Josh Shipman.
- Welcomes with joy and gratitude those clergy who have moved to this diocese: The Rev. Nancy Malloy, The Rev. Mary Hendricks, The Rev. Will Fisher, The Rev. Judi Sato, The Rev. Timmy Case, The Rev. Michael McManus, The Rev. Janet Fullmer, The Rev. Sarah Lapenta-H, The Rev. Jim Visger, The Rev. Ben Newland, The Rev. Melissa Adzima, and The Rev. Andrew McMullen; and also the many lay members who have joined this diocese.
- Welcomes and offers its blessings and gratitude to the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps: Megan Cox, John Putnam, Kristen Henry, Anne Holleman, Michael Mazzarella, Chris Barton and Weslie Detwiler.
- Holds in its prayers and expresses deepest appreciation to the families of those clergy and lay leaders who have died this last year and offers profound gratitude for their ministries; Remembering especially The Rev. John Pahl, The Rev. Bob Welch, The

Rev. Scott Frantz, The Rev. Art Latta, The Rev. Sally Hicks, The Rev. David Bergesen, Bev Wolfrum, the Rev. Robert Hewitt, and Barbara Frey.

- Gives thanks for the generosity of The Right Reverend Jerry Winterrowd, retired Bishop of Colorado, and his wife Anne Winterrowd;
- Gives thanks to The Rev. Warren Hicks and Whitney Hicks Heim for their spirit of generosity commemorating the ministries of Bishop Jerry and Ann Winterrowd.
- Joins Bishop O’Neill in honoring Jay Swope, the recipient of the Bishop’s Cross, and gives thanks for his service to this diocese.
- Expresses its gratitude to those who helped with the planning and implementation of the Convention; especially Jay Swope, Standing Committee Liaison & Convention Co-chair; Bob Fullerton, Convention Secretary and the Rev. Linda Brown, Assistant Secretary; Chancellor Larry Hitt, Parliamentarian; our guest speaker, The Rt. Rev. Jim Gonia, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA; Our Worship Leader and preacher Fran McKendree, and musician Sally Neel; The Rev. Hollis Wright and all who made possible the Opening Eucharist and the Saturday morning 5K; the various Seminar Presenters; Ella Gruel & Tate Fox, Colorado Youth Leadership Institute participants; the various committee chairs and members of Convention; the Bishop’s staff, including the Rev. Colonel Canon Carl Andrews, Adam Pierson, AV coordinator; Nancy Angle, volunteer coordinator, Meg Stern, Roz Greene, Pam Greenfield, Dianne Draper, The Rev. Rebecca Jones; the Rev. Cammie Houpt; and all the wonderful volunteers; including those from St. Matthew’s & Nativity in Grand Junction; All Saints, Battlement Mesa; St. John’s, Granby; St. Brigit, Frederick; Holy Comforter, Broomfield; St. Thomas, Denver; Intercession, Thornton; St. Timothy’s, Centennial and the other members of Convention Planning Team; and the Two Rivers Convention Center, especially Jamie Daugherty, and Sheryl Thompson; the Visitors Convention Bureau, especially Kristin Lynch; Snob Productions, especially Jeremy Utter, and extends its most profound gratitude to Nancy McClung, Most Excellent Convention Coordinator.
- Joins together in giving thanks to God and to all who, in serving God, make it possible to claim the kingdom.

The Bishop ordered the adoption of the courtesy resolutions.

### **Further Acknowledgements and closing remarks**

The Bishop would like to thank again Bishop Jim Gonia. He also thanked the Rev. Hollis Wright and the parishioners of St. Matthew’s. He also thanked the Rev. Lucas Grubbs for organizing the convention’s worship and Sally Neel for her musical abilities.

He especially thanked Fran McKendree for his wonderful gift of music.

### **Commissioning of those appointed or elected at this Convention**

The Bishop invited those elected to diocesan offices or appointed to Committees and Commissions to please stand for their commissioning. He led the commissioning as follows: *Bishop:* You have been called to a special ministry in this diocese. Will you as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence? If so, signify by saying “I will.”

*Members:*       ***I will.***

*Bishop:* Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this diocese? If so, signify by saying “I will.”

*Members:*       ***I will.***

*Bishop:* Regard, O God, our prayers, and confirm with your heavenly benediction on your servants whom we admit today into their variously elected or appointed offices; that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer you a service acceptable to your divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Bishop:* In the name of God and of this Diocese here duly assembled, I admit you to your elected or appointed office.

### **Closing Prayers and Benediction / Adjournment**

The Bishop invited all who are able to rise for closing prayer.  
Jay Swope gave the closing prayer.

There was a closing song, and the Bishop gave a blessing for the convention attendees.

The Bishop invited a motion to adjourn this convention and a second. All voted in favor of adjournment.

The Diocesan Convention of 2014 was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Linda Brown  
Assistant Secretary to Diocesan Convention

Robert C. Fullerton  
Secretary to Diocesan Convention

