

# **Proceedings of the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Episcopal Diocese of Colorado**

**October 1-3, 2015  
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## **Proclaiming the Kingdom**

### **Opening Eucharist on Thursday, October 1, 2015**

Clergy, lay delegates, alternates, and visitors gathered at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs on October 1, 2015 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.

In his address, Bishop O'Neill spoke of the all-important work to be held up before the attendees with the beginning of this 128<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in Colorado. This work is "one of the essential marks of mission—to proclaim to those who do not know it the good news of the love that is Jesus in a world that is desperate to know that pure unbounded love." He spoke of evangelism as "one of the three essential and inseparable components of our missional identity as we have articulated it here in Colorado: Proclamation. Discipleship. Servanthood." Bishop O'Neill asked the attendees to consider what "it might take for all of us in The Episcopal Church in Colorado to become more committed to and intentional about the ministry of evangelism." He spoke of "a greater challenge that we all face in our collective work of evangelism. Simply this: proclaiming the good news of God's unconditional love requires substantive engagement with the world around us." The Bishop stated that such work requires our willingness to get out of our comfort zones and engage in the substantive needs of the world, i.e. becoming those lamps sitting on a lampstand giving out light, helping people to see and negotiate their way in the world.

A joyous Eucharistic celebration was followed by a reception hosted by Grace and St. Stephen's. The offering collected at the service was designated for the Colorado Haiti Project.

### **Friday, October 2, 2015**

#### **Morning General Session #1**

The Rev. Melissa Adzima (St. Andrews, Denver) opened the session with prayer. Bishop O'Neill welcomed and thanked the attendees for coming. He thanked The Rev. Andrew Cooley and the parishioners of Grace and St. Stephens for their hospitality at last evening's Eucharist. The Bishop called the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado to order at 8:35 am. He encouraged people to attend the workshops, participate in the worship and find time to be inspired, motivated and equipped. 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. Rebecca Brown, 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 website, and present 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 so ordered.

The Secretary of Convention noted that the Committee to Review the minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention has reviewed and approved the minutes of last year's convention, which were posted on the Diocesan website. He submitted the minutes and asked that the Chair receive them. The motion was so ordered.

The Bishop declared that the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado was organized for business. He introduced The Rev. Scott Turner, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Steamboat Springs and President of the Standing Committee.

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

Worship opened with songs and readings from scripture. The Rev. Ken Malcolm introduced Greg Garrett, author of the book *My Church Is Not Dying*, and guest speaker for the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

Greg Garrett emphasized that the church is not just the building, and that each of us must be released to love, serve and spread the good news beyond our walls. He invited us to live in the present, to be alert to a world where God is incarnate. The importance of proclamation through story telling, of describing how God gets involved in our lives, was described. Especially in times of chaos, it's important to listen. Greg said we should not ask God to bless our work, we should get into the doing of God's work here on earth. The work we do is critical in a broken world, a world full of violence and lonely people. After speaking, Garrett asked convention attendees to engage in table discussion focusing on how we can proclaim the kingdom to others.

At the conclusion of Greg's address and table conversation, the convention entered a time of songs and quiet reflection. The Bishop called attention to the Proclamation Pledge on the tables in front of each person and asked people to read and reflect upon them.

### **Introduction of The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm and the Vision for Faith Formation in Diocese of Colorado**

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm who spoke about the Colorado Diocese's new Faith Formation vision and team. Ken described the effort this past year to imagine creative ways to build relationships and celebrate ministries and communities across the diocese. In January he began conversations with the Bishop about formation and life-long learning, and began assembling a team in the spring. They are Lara Beckwith, coordinator of youth ministry, and Joseph Wolyniak, coordinator of training resources, discipleship and theological education, and retreats. The team began looking at how to create formation opportunities, and what is available online. They wanted to create a platform to help everyone to learn, form, and be transformed in the ways of love and what God is doing. Ken conveyed his excitement in announcing a new faith formation website at <http://faith.episcopal.co/>. The website will contain information on faith formation, liturgical ideas, sermons, blogs, topics to explore, and news across the Anglican Communion. He described their first event, a panel discussion held September 21 on Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, at Iliff School of Theology. The event had 85 attendees, and a video will be made available for congregational teaching. Ken asked attendees to help populate the website by sending suggestions to the Faith Formation team. He plans to travel around the diocese to provide training opportunities in the various regions, as well as identify resources and needs to transform lives.

Ken spoke of the need for us all to know what stories we are proclaiming and what might be some fresh expressions of vibrant, creative, Christ-centered ministries that are happening in the Diocese of Colorado. He and Joseph Wolyniak have been visiting churches across the diocese and asked them to tell their stories so we all might be inspired and can celebrate together our vibrant growing church. Joseph headed up this project and has done amazing work. They created five videos of these stories and planned to share them during this convention. Ken's dream is to visit every worshipping community in the diocese and create videos that tell stories of transformation.

### **Introduction to St. Andrew's, Manitou Springs Video**

Ken introduced the first video and described it as a story about love, healing, and human dignity. It came from St. Andrew's Church in Manitou Springs, the Sangre de Cristo Region, The Reverend Susie Merrin, Rector.

## **Welcome & Introductions**

The Bishop welcomed special guests to the convention: Fr. Abiade Lozama visiting from Haiti, and the seven new Colorado Episcopal Service Corps interns.

He thanked Mary Beth Shively and Michelle Geurin for organizing all the volunteers for the convention from Chapel of Our Savior, Grace and St. Stephen's, and St. Michael's in Colorado Springs, as well as those from Holy Comforter (Broomfield), Intercession (Thornton), St. Ambrose and St. Mary Magdalene (Boulder), St. Andrew's (Manitou Springs), St. James (Meeker), and St. John's Cathedral.

## **New Clergy to the Diocese**

The Bishop asked The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard to introduce all of the new clergy who have come into the Diocese since the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. Pictures of new clergy were shown on the screen as she introduced each person.

The Rev. Kim Gonia comes to the Diocese of Colorado from the Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA where she says most people are jealous of her new title of Priest-in-Charge. The people of Intercession have graciously invited her to be in ministry with them as together they wonder what God is calling them to do in this place and time. She has lived in Colorado since 1998 except for 3 years in Chicago, and has no plans to ever leave again!

The Rev. Reagan Humber graduated with an M.Div from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, was nominated for holy orders by St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, Calif., and was ordained as a transitional deacon in June 2015. He is expected to be ordained to the priesthood in December 2015 in the Diocese of California. In March 2015, House for All Sinners and Saints, an ELCA congregation, called Reagan as full-time Pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Lin Lilley was ordained in the Diocese of the Rio Grande in 2011 and then completed additional certification in transitional (interim) ministry. For the past 28 months she served as interim Priest-in-Charge and Campus Ministry Chaplain of St. Thomas of Canterbury in Albuquerque. Lin has served the Diocese of the Rio Grande in several positions including three years as chair of the Commission on Ministry. She is now serving as interim at St. Mark's, Durango.

The Rev. Andrew MacBeth is recently retired. He just celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination and 46th year of marriage to his wife, Sybil. His ministry has mostly been in large parishes east of the Mississippi, so coming to St. John the Baptist in Summit County, Colo.,

from Memphis, Tennessee, has been a great new experience. He loves the opportunities for reflection and growth that are part of the interim process.

For The Rev. Chad McCabe it is a blessing for him and his family to be here serving in Colorado at Christ Church Denver. Prior to his current position as Curate at Christ Church he was serving as a transitional deacon at All Saints Church in Chevy Chase, Md., outside of Washington, D.C. He would like to thank Fr. Terry McGugan, the people of Christ Church, and all those in the Diocese of Colorado for embracing his family and supporting them as they serve here in Colorado.

The Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy began as interim dean of St. John's Cathedral on June 1. Pat most recently was Professor of Liturgy at General Seminary in New York City. He also taught at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., the University of Santa Clara, California; and Duquesne University, where he was the director of the ecumenical graduate program in pastoral ministry. He began as a Roman Catholic and was ordained a deacon in that Church. In 1991, he joined the Episcopal Church and in 2001 was ordained to the priesthood.

The Rev. Brian Winter and his wife Cheri are very excited to be at Christ's Episcopal Church in Castle Rock. He just started yesterday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. He has been serving as Rector at St. Chad's Episcopal Church in Albuquerque, N.M., for the last ten years. Before serving at St. Chad's, he was Associate Rector at Trinity on the Hill in Los Alamos, N.M.

The Bishop asked The Rev. Canon Carl Andrews to introduce the newly ordained as well as postulants and candidates.

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

The Rev. Alwen Bledsoe comes from St. Barnabas, Denver and has an M.Div. from Iliff. Alwen is the Youth and Family Minister at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Centennial. She is married to Chris Bergeron and is mother to daughter Jady.

The Rev. Mary Rosendale comes from St. Matthew's, Grand Junction. She entered her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of an M.Div. program at Virginia Theological Seminary. She did her summer internship with retired bishop, The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris.

The Rev. Jennifer Shadle ~~Peters~~ comes from Ascension and the Holy Trinity in Pueblo. She entered her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of an M.Div. program at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.

The Rev. William Stanton comes from Intercession, Thornton. He is in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Iliff pursuing an M.Div. and is doing his internship at St. Mary Magdalene in Boulder.

### **Ordained to the Vocational Diaconate**

The Rev. 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 the ministry's physical therapist.

The Rev. 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.

The Rev. 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. She is now the Deacon at St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver.

### **Ordained to the Priesthood**

The Rev. Josh Shipman graduated with his M.Div. from the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. Josh is now the Priest-in-Charge at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Altoona, Penn.

The Rev. Becky Jones is currently serving as curate at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Denver. Becky remains the Diocese's Jubilee Ministries Officer and is Interim Communications Director. If you've read the News in the Pews and seen the Episcopalian, that is Becky's work!

### **Candidate for Ordination to the 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. She is now a Candidate for the Diaconate.

### **Candidates for Ordination to the Priesthood**

David Blankenship is a candidate for the priesthood from Christ Church, Denver, who moved to Colorado to pursue a graduate degree in counseling. He has since had 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. David is working towards an M.Div. at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Luke Challis is a Colorado native. He has been put forward by Saint John's Cathedral, and is a candidate 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 Marie 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 in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Yale Divinity School.

## **Postulants for Ordination to the Diaconate**

Tim Dunbar is a member of St. John's Cathedral in Denver. Tim serves as Director of Finance and Administration for the Colorado Health Institute. He enjoys reading, writing, live music and biking to work. He and his wife, Jessica, have been married for ten years and have two children, Adilyn, age eight, and Eli, age five.

Gary Stoddard is a member of St. Michael's in Denver since 1959. He recently completed a six month practicum at Church of the Epiphany, Denver. He is doing Clinical Pastoral Education at Littleton Hospital. Gary is married with three grown children.

## **Postulants for Ordination to the Priesthood**

Amy Lythgoe is a member of St. Ambrose, Boulder where she is the part-time middle and high school Youth Minister. Amy also works part-time as a Chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital, Lakewood. She is the single mom of three daughters, Corinne, Celeste and Calista. She enjoys singing, spending time outdoors, laughing, and playing, working, and serving alongside teens and their families.

Terri Colburn is a 2007 graduate of Iliff School of Theology. She is currently employed as a staff chaplain at Lutheran Hospice with patients receiving home hospice care and the acute care inpatient unit. Terri is "owned by 3 dogs!"

The Rev. Scott Turner, President of the Standing Committee, announced a brief break and directed people to the various workshops that were offered beginning at 11 am. He announced that a buffet lunch would be available at 12:15 pm, and that the General Session would begin again at 1:30 pm.

## **Afternoon General Session #2**

The Bishop called to order the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 1:32 PM.

### **Introduction to Trinity, Greeley Video**

The Rev. Scott Turner introduced the second video and described it as a story about servanthood, home and the call of the cross. It came from Trinity Church in Greeley, Front Range Region, The Rev. Jack Stapleton, Rector.

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

Greg Garrett opened the session describing how stories teach us what it means to be human. Stories shape us and can change people's lives. God also speaks to us through our stories. Greg emphasized how important it is to invite people into relationship through our stories. He said there are three archetypal stories: 1) about the lost and found, 2) the sacrificial hero or heroine, and 3) building community. From these archetypal stories come spiritual truths:

1) we are here to be found (e.g. prodigal son), 2) people are called to recognize spiritual truths larger than themselves (e.g. Martin Luther King, Moses, Mary, etc.) and 3) we are who we are because we live in community, that we matter to each other, and we become our very best selves when we find community (e.g., body of Christ). After speaking, Greg invited the convention attendees to spend time sharing their stories in small table groups. At the conclusion of Greg's address and table conversation, the convention entered a time of songs and quiet reflection.

### **Trip to Haiti and Introduction of Fr. Abiade Lozama**

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm who spoke about the trip by the Colorado youth from the Youth Leadership Institute (Cathedral Ridge) to Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti. This trip was notable for the first-time introduction of the Colorado youth from the institute to the Haitian children. A short video of the trip was shown to convention attendees. Ken advised attendees to check out the blogs written by the Colorado youth about their experience in Haiti.

Next, Ken introduced Fr. Abiade Lozama, priest at St. Paul's Church in Petit Trou de Nippes. Fr. Abiade extended greetings to the convention from the Diocese of Haiti and thanked Bishop O'Neill for inviting him to come to Colorado for the convention. He spoke of the extraordinary experience having the Colorado youth and Fr. Ken come visit. For them it was a "great and big event." The youth of St. Paul's Church were very thankful to the Colorado parents and church leaders for sending their youth to his parish in Haiti. The Haitian children taught the youth Creole, and the Colorado youth taught them English. Because of their time together, they now have an English school for the Haitian children.

The Bishop reminded people that it was Dr. Ted Lewis who first invited him (the Bishop) to come to Petit Trou. At the time, the Bishop was going to Haiti to do confirmations and had to be coached by a seminary student in how to properly speak French. The seminarian was Fr. Abiade. The Bishop expressed his thanks to the Colorado Haiti Project for the ongoing and deep exchange that has taken place between the Diocese of Colorado and Petit Trou. The Bishop noted that the offering from the Eucharist last evening at Grace and St. Stephen's would be presented to the Colorado Haiti Project. He added that anonymous donors had issued a matching grant challenge to convention attendees to continue giving to the Colorado Haiti Project during convention. A "squabit" hat would be placed near the dais into which attendees could place their donations.

### **Additional Welcome and Introductions**

Bishop O'Neill introduced the current members of the Standing Committee by name and showed pictures of each on the video screens.

The Rev. George Berlin, Rector of St. Philip and St. James, Denver,  
Clergy Representative, Front Range Region

Bob Morse, Parishioner of St. John's Church, 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, Grand Junction,  
Lay Representative, Southwest Region  
The Rev. De Freeman, Rector of Chapel of Our Savior, Colorado Springs,  
Clergy Representative, Sangre de Cristo Region  
Harry Tournay, parishioner of Ascension, Pueblo,  
Lay Representative, Sangre de Cristo Region  
The Rev. Lyn Burns, Rector, St. Charles the Martyr Church, Fort Morgan,  
Clergy Representative, High Plains Region  
Jim Wolfe, parishioner, Good Shepherd, Centennial,  
Lay Representative, High Plains Region  
The Rev. Scott Turner, Rector of St. Paul's, Steamboat Springs,  
President of Standing Committee and Clergy Representative, Northwest Region  
Carol Hollowed, parishioner of St. James Church, 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, and  
Diocesan Convention Coordinator  
The Rev. Rebecca Jones, Interim Director of Communications and Editor of the Colorado  
Episcopalian, Diocesan Jubilee Officer  
Sarah McAfee, Receptionist and Database Administrator  
Steven Rickard, Development Coordinator  
Pam Greenfield, Controller  
Kay Ward, Accounting Assistant, Archivist  
The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm, Canon for Leadership Development and Formation, and  
Executive Director of the Center at Cathedral Ridge  
Lara Beckwith, Executive Assistant to the Canon for Leadership Development and  
Formation  
Joseph Wolyniak, Theological Education and Discipleship  
The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Director of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps  
Hill Grimmett, Disaster Recovery Coordinator

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. Hollis Wright (Chair)  
The Rev. Nick Myers

The new appointments to the Commission on Ministry are:

The Rev. Lucas Grubbs  
The Rev. Kim Seidman (Chair)

### ***Board of Examining Chaplains***

Thank you to retiring members:  
The Rev. Linda Brown  
Selena Billington

The new appointments are:

Jane Daniels  
Dr. Greg Robbins

### ***Diaconal Council***

The Rev. Scott Turner expressed appreciation to the retiring members of the Diaconal Council:

The Rev. Steve Baird  
The Rev. Sally Megeath  
The Rev. Jan Pearson

### **Introduction to St. Peter's in the Valley, Basalt Video**

The Rev. Scott Turner introduced the third video and described it as a story about a spirit-filled community bound together in worship. It came from St. Peter's in the Valley Church in Basalt, Northwest Region, The Reverend Will Fisher, Vicar.

Scott then announced a brief break and directed people to the next set of workshops being offered at 3:45 pm. He announced that the General Session would begin at 4:40 pm.

### **Afternoon General Session #3**

The Bishop called to order the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 4:43 PM. He announced to the attendees that he had received word that The Rev. Rol Hoverstock, former rector of St. John's, Boulder, had passed away the previous evening. The Bishop asked for prayers for the repose of his soul, for his family and for the parishioners of St. John's.

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Brooks Keith and The Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, who spoke to the convention about Cathedral Ridge and the Generation-to-Generation Capital Campaign.

The Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, who serves as Chair of the Board for the Center at Cathedral Ridge, spoke about the diverse groups of people who were at Cathedral Ridge just over the past Labor Day weekend. They included representatives from Black Lives Matter, Tibetan Cranial Society, and the Episcopal Service Corps. Such diversity of groups is an indicator of what is possible to come at Cathedral Ridge. The board is moving out of the “weeds of operations” to working on the vision of what Cathedral Ridge can become. Cathedral Ridge has grown another 10% over the past year. There has been a 50% increase in groups over the past two years. She asked for the convention’s support to build capacity for this facility to grow.

The Rev. Ken Malcolm, Executive Director of Cathedral Ridge, reinforced Ruth’s message about the amazing transformation that is happening at Cathedral Ridge with the kids, with CDI program attendees, with all of us, etc. He thanked everyone for coming to Cathedral Ridge and encouraged people to come see it and be part of it.

The Rev. Brooks Keith serves as Co-chair of the Steering Committee for the Generation-to-Generation Capital Campaign for Cathedral Ridge. The campaign goal is to complete the first phase (\$5M) of \$15 M campaign. So far, \$527K has been raised from 58 donors and 15 congregations. He explained that the campaign has been reconfigured so that the first \$2.0 to \$2.5 M will come from the congregations, then the balance of the “ask” will be with major donors. They plan to take the time needed to generate these funds.

### **Report of the Committee on Nominations & Elections** **Standing Committee Regional Representatives**

The Bishop 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.

Max Bailey reported the nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee are:

The Rev. Mike McManus, rector of Church of the Transfiguration, Evergreen, to be elected as clergy representative, Front Range Region, to a term expiring 2018

The Rev. Terry McGugan, rector of Christ Church, Denver, to be elected as clergy representative, High Plains Region, to a term expiring 2018

Erin Smith, member of St. Thomas, Alamosa, to be elected as lay representative, Southwest Region, to a term expiring 2018

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

The Bishop thanked retiring members of the Standing Committee:

The Rev. George Berlin, Front Range Clergy  
The Rev. Lyn Burns, High Plains, Clergy  
Allan Conrad, Southwest Region, Lay

Max Bailey continued with his report on elections for treasurer and disciplinary board members as follows.

### **Treasurer Election**

He noted that Mr. Charles Thompson has been selected for re-election as the Diocesan Treasurer. The Bishop entertained a motion to re-elect Mr. Charles Thompson for the post of Diocesan Treasurer by acclamation. The motion was so moved and seconded. All delegates approved the motion by voice vote.

### **Disciplinary Board**

Max announced that the names of the following nominees are given to serve a full term on the Disciplinary Board, to expire December 31, 2017:

Rick Parker, All Saints, Loveland  
The Rev. Elizabeth Marie Melchionna, St. John's Cathedral, Denver

The Bishop noted that since no other nominations had been submitted prior to the deadline, he would entertain a motion to elect these people to the Disciplinary Board by acclamation. The motion was seconded and was passed by voice vote.

### **Report from 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the UN's Commission on the Status of Women**

The Bishop gave an introduction for the next two speakers, Lelanda Lee and Helen Abyei. He noted that in July 2014, the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations granted the Episcopal Church special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Because of this status, the church was able to send an official statement and an official delegation of 20 to the 59th annual gathering of the UN's Commission on the Status of Women in March of 2015. He said that Colorado was proud to field two of those gifted delegates -- Helen Abyei from the Sudanese Congregation worshipping at Saint John's Cathedral in Denver and Lelanda Lee from St. Stephen's in Longmont. The Bishop said that he joined Helen and Lelanda in encouraging convention attendees to be in conversation with them regarding how to support the advancement of equality for women and girls, who provide crucial leadership in families and communities throughout the world. This support to women and girls is essential for lifting people out of poverty and to build Community everywhere. The Bishop added that the work accomplished through Episcopal Relief & Development with women in developing countries has significant socio-economic impact.

Helen Abyei, who is South Sudanese and a naturalized American citizen, spoke first and expressed her gratitude to Bishop O'Neill, The Rev. Janet Fulmer, The Rev. Lyn Burns, and Anita Sanborn for providing her with the financial support she needed to attend the UN meeting. She said that women are united by similar issues and concerns, the same stories,

and similar desires for better life: education, healthcare, justice, equal rights, voices to be heard, etc. Mothers and children are victimized and stigmatized in an unending vicious cycle of violence, rape, and abuse. She asked, “When will abuse end?” Helen expressed what she has learned to South Sudan leaders and appealed to them in their peace talks to address these concerns. The issues and suffering of women are common throughout the world and must have urgent solutions. Women must be able to participate in peace making. She said that her eyes have been opened wide by this event in New York. She will pass this experience along to her sisters here.

Lelanda summarized the visit she and Helen had to the UN where issues discussed included gender equality and human trafficking. She noted that there is a wide gap in gender equality between males and females. There has been a collective failure between member states to address these issues. Statistics show high levels of abuse, lack of equal rights, and lack of equal pay. Problems continue in the stereotyping of women and feminization of poverty. Lelanda noted the urgency in raising the consciousness of faith communities and holding elected officials accountable. She noted that there are multiple root causes of gender inequality and how women are the first to be impacted with global climate change. Human trafficking is a global issue with 209 million victims worldwide and 55% of them are women and girls.

The Bishop concluded this presentation by encouraging convention attendees to invite Helen Abyei and Lelanda Lee to visit their congregations to share their stories.

Before concluding the General Session for the day, the Bishop made several announcements. He said that two meetings will be held Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:30. The budget hearing will be held in the Gold Camp Room and the Partnership Vicars and Pastoral Leaders will meet in the Fremont Room. Seminar Session #3 will begin Saturday morning at 8:45. He reminded people that General Session #4 will begin at 10:30 am; and at the conclusion of convention, there will be box lunches available. He asked people to be aware of the hotel check-out time and to make arrangements accordingly.

The Bishop extended an invitation to convention attendees to come to the Bishop’s reception that evening. Convention was adjourned at 5:46 pm.

## **Saturday, October 3, 2015**

The budget hearing and the meeting of the Partnership Vicars and Pastoral Leaders took place from 7:30 to 8:30 am. The Third Seminar Session occurred from 8:45 – 10:00 am, followed by General Session # 4.

### **Morning General Session #4**

The Bishop called the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention to order at 10:35 pm and opened the proceedings with prayer. He gave a few brief announcements and reminded people about the matching funds for the Colorado Haiti Project and to put their donations in the “squabbit” hat.

The Rev. Scott Turner, President of the Standing Committee, announced the availability of jump drives pertaining to the Year of Resilience information for congregations.

The Bishop also told the convention attendees that Bishop Andudu of the Kadugli Mountains, Sudan sent his thanks to the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado for support to him and his people. Bishop Andudu is now working on his master's degree through Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA., and his family has finally arrived in the US from Uganda. Bishop O'Neill asked that the attendees please keep Bishop Andudu and his people in our prayers.

### **Introduction to St. Barnabas in the Valley, Cortez, Video**

The Bishop introduced the next video – a story of food, and beauty, and neighbors from the Southwest Region, St. Barnabas in the Valley, Cortez, Leigh Waggoner, Rector.

### **Report from Deputation at General Convention**

The Bishop introduced Larry Hitt and The Rev. Kim Seidman, co-chairs for Colorado Deputation, to give their remarks about General Convention.

Larry Hitt introduced the members of the Colorado deputation to General Convention and had them stand. They are as follows:

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 Diocesan Convention attendees expressed their appreciation to the deputation through a round of applause. Larry briefly described the election of the new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, and the process for interviewing the candidates for Presiding Bishop. The new Presiding Bishop will be installed on November 1, 2015. General Convention approved

a \$3M budget for evangelism and funds to be allocated for anti-racism effort. The number of standing commissions was reduced from 14 to 2. There was a strong resolution passed for the church to look at seminaries and seminarians and the economics of seminary education.

The Rev. Kim Seidman stated that General Convention approved two resolutions pertaining to same sex marriage. She read the resolutions. One was the Declaration of Intent, which preserves language in the Canon that clergy may decline solemnization of same sex marriage. Three rites will be available November 1 that are gender neutral. She said that there will be very little change from what the Diocese of Colorado currently does. Guidelines are being updated and will be available to congregations. The next General Convention will be in 2018 in Austin, Texas. The Colorado deputation to General Convention will be elected at the Diocesan Convention in 2016. She encouraged attendees to the Diocesan Convention to consider running for the General Convention deputation next year.

### **Worship and Keynote Address #3**

Greg Garrett introduced this last session of reflection and worship by talking about change. Author Phyllis Tickle has written about the Great Emergence as a time of change that seems to occur in the church about every 500 years. The typical human response to change is to see it as a crisis, but change can be a marriage of danger and opportunity. Danger evokes the fight/flight response; whereas opportunity speaks to the possibility of change, growth and renewal. Sometimes we don't change until we see a crisis or threat. Greg drew from John 21, Peter's interaction with Jesus, as an example of how we are supposed to respond to the Jesus story. The Episcopal Church is not dying, but it is changing. We need to tell our own personal stories and make it known to others how God is moving in our lives. Greg asked, "What are the three favorite things about your church?" He gave examples of stories of how people are reaching out beyond the pews to connect with others (e.g. "Laundry Love", "Ashes to go"). What matters is how we are reaching into the world to connect with others. He asked the convention attendees to reflect on ways they connect with others during their small group table conversations. At the conclusion of Greg's address and table conversation, the convention entered a time of songs and quiet reflection.

At the conclusion of worship, The Rev. Scott Turner offered recognition of the Bishop O'Neill's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Colorado. The Bishop thanked the convention for this recognition and their applause.

The Bishop thanked Greg Garrett, the convention's keynote speaker, for his time and care in being with the convention. The Bishop also thanked the music team for their wonderful music.

### **Introduction to Intercession, Thornton Video**

The Bishop introduced the last video. The story is of a community that lives "One Bread and One Body" every day from the High Plains Region, Intercession Church in Thornton, the Rev. Kimberly Gonia, Priest-in-Charge.

## **Report on Diocesan 2014 Financial Statements and Proposed 2016 Budget**

The Bishop recognized Charles Thompson, the Treasurer of the Diocese, who presented the Treasurer's Report.

Charles reported good news on the finances of the Diocese. He said it is healthy, and real progress has been made in the past few years. Through pledging and control of expenses, the Diocese now has a positive operating fund balance. In 2014, the Diocese ended up with \$150K in excess. Annual pledging has increased to \$1.8M, which translates to an 8.8% average parish level of giving. The \$1.1 million Hicks charitable trust has been designated for faith formation, and the current convention has seen evidence of the efforts of this program. Copies of the 2014 audit are available by contacting Pam Greenfield, Controller, in the Diocesan Office. He said that a flat budget is being proposed for 2016. The use of trusts has increased and the Episcopal Service Corps budget has increased. Charles asked if there were any questions from the floor, and there were none.

The Bishop asked for a motion to receive the Audited Financial Reports of 2014 which were emailed to all delegates and 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.

The Bishop then asked for a motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2016. A motion was made and seconded. The convention voted to accept the 2016 budget.

## **Proclamation Pledge**

The Bishop recognized The Rev. E.J. Rivet from the floor. E.J. offered comments on the Proclamation Pledge and presented a challenge to the convention attendees to 1) sign the pledge and 2) to replicate it and give copies out to their respective congregations. The Bishop expressed his thanks for this suggestion and asked that we take the Proclamation Pledge seriously.

## **Courtesy Resolutions**

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

Be it resolved that this 128<sup>th</sup> 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. This convention expresses its deep gratitude for her faithful service, her prayerful presence, and her guidance this past three triennia;
- Extends its greetings to our Presiding Bishop Elect, The Right Reverend Michael Curry;
- Welcomes with great joy our special guest Fr. Abiade Lozama visiting from Haiti.



- 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 13th 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;
- Expresses our gratitude to Dr. Greg Garrett for sharing his time, wisdom and insight with this convention;
- Expresses its gratitude to the Bishop’s staff for its 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. Bill Henwood, The Rev. Karen Henwood, The Rev. Rick Meyers, The Rev. EJ Rivet;
- Expresses its greetings and prayers to our Postulants and Candidates for Ordination: Jessie Cannady, David Blankenship, Luke Challis, Helen Durany, Tim Dunbar, Gary Stoddard, Amy Lythgoe, Terri Colburn;
- Celebrates with and offers its prayers to those ordained in the previous year: to the Priesthood – The Rev. Josh Shipman, The Rev. Becky Jones; to the Transitional Diaconate – The Rev. Alwen Bledsoe, The Rev. Mary Rosendale, The Rev. Jennifer Shadle, The Rev. William Stanton, and to the Vocational Diaconate- The Rev. Nancey Bookstein, The Rev. David O’Rourke, and The Rev. Pam Stewart;
- Welcomes with joy and thanksgiving those clergy who are new to this diocese: The Rev. Kim Gonia, The Rev. Reagan Humber, The Rev. Dr. Lin Lilley, The Rev. Andrew MacBeth, The Rev. Chad McCabe, The Rev. Dr. Patrick Malloy, The Rev. Brian Winter; and joyfully welcomes all lay members who are new to our diocese;
- Welcomes and offers its blessings and gratitude to the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps Interns: David Burman, Courtney Kotowski, Alaska Lam, Andrew Watson, Brittany Casavant, Georgianna Hicks, Harlowe Wang;
- 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. Robert Walker, The Rev. Howard “Buzz” Ebright, The Rev. Rol Hoverstock, The Rev. Bill Minnis, The Rev. Leon Wilkins;
- Expresses its deepest gratitude to those who faithfully, diligently and tirelessly helped with the planning and implementation of the Convention; especially The Rev. Scott Turner, Standing Committee Liaison & Convention Co-chair; Robert Fullerton, Convention Secretary and The Rev. Linda Brown, Assistant Secretary; Lord High Chancellor Larry Hitt, Parliamentarian; our guest speaker, Dr. Greg Garrett, Professor at Baylor University and author of “My Church is Not Dying”; Worship Leader De Freeman, and musicians Sally Hybl, Vincent Lemoine, Mary Anne Lemoine, Bonnie Linder, and Chapel of our Saviour Bell Choir; Adam Pierson- AV Coordinator Extraordinaire; The Rev. Andrew Cooley, Grace and St. Stephen’s, and all who made possible the Opening Eucharist; the various seminar presenters; the various committee chairs and members of Convention; The Bishop’s staff, including The Rev. Colonel Canon Carl Andrews, The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard, Meg Stern, Sarah McAfee, The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm, Joseph Wolyniak, Lara Beckwith, The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Pam Greenfield, Kay Ward, Dianne Draper, Br.

Steven Rickard, The Rev. Rebecca Jones; and all the wonderful volunteers; including those from: Chapel of Our Saviour, Grace and St. Stephen's, & St. Michael's from Colorado Springs; Holy Comforter, Broomfield; Intercession, Thornton; St. Ambrose, and St. Mary Magdalene from Boulder; St. Andrew's, Manitou Springs; St. James, Meeker; and St. John's Cathedral; and the other members of Convention Planning Team; the Hotel Elegante, especially Rick Rhody, Director of Conference Services; Volunteer Coordinators Mary Beth Shively and Michelle Geurin, Evan Mann from Other Wordly Productions and Eric Murphy from Five Star Audio-Visual, and its 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 added his thanks to keynote speaker, Dr. Greg Garrett. He also thanked all those who have served the Diocese in the past year, particularly those who have worked on committees and whose terms of service were ending. He expressed his thanks to the efforts of the convention planning team, specifically:

- The Hotel Elegante staff, especially Rick Rhody; audio/visual assistance especially Adam Pierson; and Eric Murphy from Five-Star Audiovisual
- The Rev. Scott Turner, Standing Committee Liaison & Convention Co-chair
- Larry Hitt, the Diocesan Chancellor
- Robert Fullerton and The Rev. Linda Brown, as secretary and assistant secretary for all of their work.
- Meg Stern for managing the exhibitor booths, acting as stage manager, and coordinating the volunteers.
- The Rev. Andrew Cooley for overseeing the legislation and resolutions committee.
- Dianne Draper for her leadership in the coordination the workshops and seminars.
- Sarah McAfee who managed all aspects of the registration process.
- The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm and Joseph Wolyniak; and Evan Mann from Other Wordly Productions for the production of the videos
- The Rev. Rebecca Jones for creating the seminar booklet and for her help with communications.
- Pam Greenfield who manages all the financial aspects of convention.
- The Rev. Andrew Cooley, Anna Johnson, and David Watts who coordinated the Convention Eucharist at Grace and St. Stephen's, The Rev. De Freeman who coordinated all the worship during this convention. The musicians, Bonnie Linder,

Vincent Lemoine, Mary Anne Lemoine, Sally Hybl, and the Chapel of Our Saviour Bells

- Nancy McClung the convention coordinator
- The Rev. Colonel Canon Carl Andrews for keeping the entire office of the Bishop up beat and sane as they prepared for this Convention, and to The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard for her tireless work with congregational and leadership development for this entire diocese.

### **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.

*Bishop:* Let us pray: O God, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works of your church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to us your workers a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you on earth and in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Closing /Adjournment**

The Bishop gave his closing thanks and imparted a blessing on the convention attendees. He gave thanks for everyone’s support to the Colorado Haiti Project. [Note: almost \$7,900 was raised for the Colorado Haiti Project between the offering at Thursday evening Eucharist and the matching grant challenge/donations to the “squabbit” hat.]

The Bishop then invited a motion and a seconded one to adjourn this convention. They were so received and all voted in favor of adjournment.

The Diocesan Convention of 2015 was adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Linda Brown  
Assistant Secretary to Diocesan Convention

Robert C. Fullerton  
Secretary to Diocesan Convention

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