Proceedings of the 130th Annual Convention The Episcopal Church in Colorado

October 12-14, 2027
Two Rivers Convention Center
Grand Junction, Colorado

Reconciliation and Grace Engaging the World in Love

Opening Eucharist on Thursday, October 12, 2017

Clergy, lay delegates, alternates, and visitors gathered at Three Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction, Colorado on October 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the opening Eucharist with the Right Rev. Robert J. O'Neill of the Diocese of Colorado as celebrant and The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, 26th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church as preacher. Bishop Jefferts Schori spoke of the all-important work to be performed by the Church in the world. Music was provided by the Bennie L. Williams Spiritual Voices of Denver, Colorado, directed by LaDamion Massey. The piano music was provided by Dr. Lydia Morrongiello of Boulder, Colorado. A joyous Eucharist celebration was followed by a reception hosted by St. Matthew's, Grand Junction. The offering collected at the service was designated for the work of the featured speakers at the convention.

Friday Morning, October 13, 2017

General Session # 1 (8:30 - 11:45)

Opening Prayer was offered by the Right Rev. Robert J. O'Neill. The Bishop welcomed all to the convention, thanking them for their leadership and care for the Episcopal Church in Colorado. The goal of the day and half convention will be to learn and strengthen our relationship with God and communities.

The convention will encourage participants to engage the world and be transformed by the world. The Church becomes the church when it is in the world. Self-serving isolationism does not serve the church. This is the church's greatest challenge of the day.

The church is facing challenging issues today. Racism, refugee crisis, growing economic disparity and the environment. What are we being called to do as people of God, moving in a new way. This convention calls us to look at these issues. Allow the Holy Spirit to move in you as you look at these issues. Self-serving isolationism does not serve the church. This is the church's greatest challenge of the day.

Sub-titled, "The Episcopal Church Goes to Camp," the Bishop provided instructions for the day's TED talks, conversations and the App Labs/Workshops which will occur after lunch.

Worship followed the Bishop's instructions. A Worship song was provided by the Spiritual Voices. "Give Me Jesus." Psalm 33 was recited by the leader and worshippers. The Epistle reading of the morning was 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. An additional worship song was provided by the Spiritual Voices, "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land." Prayers for the Church and the People were offered. The convention sang "Lord you give the great commission." Video #1, "Who We Are," was shown. The Gospel, Matthew 25:35 was read.

The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) opened the TED talks. EMM provides aid for refugees through interest, friendship and gifts. In FY 2016 EMM resettled over 5000 people and in FY 2017 about 4,000 will be resettled. EMM changes and saves lives and provides hope.

A ministry of the Episcopal church since 1938. EMM is one of 9 resettlement agencies in the USA. All refugees are resettled through a public/private partnership. Six of the nine resettlement agencies are faith-based. Refugees are defined as those who have been forced to leave their country to escape persecution from war or violence and have received a designation by the UN. There are 22.5 million refugees in the world today; half of whom are children. 65.6 million of them are displaced persons. This is equal to one out of every 114 persons in the world. Every minute of every day, 20 people are displaced. There are three options for the displaced: repatriation, integration, or resettlement. Refugees are people who want to live out their lives in peace and become useful members of society and provide for their families. Refugees are human beings created by God.

Following the Rev. Canon Stevenson's presentation, a transition solo by a member of the Spiritual Voices, "This Little Light of Mine" was

performed. Silence followed and then the anchor scripture, Matthew 25: 37-40, was read.

The Rev. Tawana Davis & The Rev. Dr. Dawn Duval presented about Soul 2 Soul Sisters. They work in the wilderness areas of racial justice, gender identification, and immigration to develop practical approaches for journeying through the wilderness of injustice, to eliminate white supremacy, and accomplish the liberation of all people.

Following their presentation, a transition solo by members of the Spiritual Voices, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" was performed. Silence followed and the Anchor scripture, Matthew 4: 1-11, was read.

Dr. Samuel Mampunza, was the third TED speaker and discussed health care in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). A lack of higher education in the DRC at the time of independence has limited the country in their self-governance. Public health and medical care in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in rural areas, is limited, but is changing due to the efforts of many institutions in the DRC. Only 15% of the doctors in the DRC serve rural areas.

80% of the residents of the Congo live on less than \$1 per day. Both urban and rural areas lack clean water, electricity, and adequate sanitation facilities. The burdens of daily life fall on the women of the country.

The Congo has been an area of war and conflict for years. Children are used as soldiers; rape is a weapon of war; families are pulled apart and displaced. Many of the educated leave the DRC to find work.

DRC is looking to the future, educating and rebuilding the country. The Protestant University of the Congo is focused on being Christians and then doctors, lawyers, and teachers. We do it for our families, our children, and our friends.

A transition solo was presented by a member of the Spiritual Voices, followed by silence and the anchor scripture: Proverbs 18:15.

Morning Break was taken from 10:35 AM - 11:05 AM

Fishbowl conversation with the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, the Rev. Tawana Davis, the Rev. Dr. Dawn Duval, Dr. Samuel Mampunza, and Dr. Margaret Loewen with the Rev. Nick Myers facilitating followed the morning break.

The group shared stories about their work in the world and how they related to one another even though their stories and work were very different. They discussed their personal engagement in the world; how each is compelled by their faith to do their work; why they continue with their work on an everyday basis and how listening can bring us together.

Administrative announcements were made by the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley concerning lunch and the afternoon App Labs.

A buffet lunch was served from 11:45 – 12:45. App Labs began at 12:50 pm.

Friday Afternoon - October 13, 2017

GENERAL SESSION # 2

Worship for the second General Session began at 2:25 PM. Worship began with prayers and silence. The Spiritual Voices presented "Keep Your Lamps." Psalm 72 was recited. The reading for the afternoon was from Isaiah 58: 6-12. The Spiritual Voices sang "I'm Gonna Sing." Prayers for the people were offered. Following the prayers, the convention sang, "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore."

The Bishop offered a special welcome and thanks to our musicians, pianist, Lydia Morrongiello, from Boulder and the choir, the Bennie L. Williams Spiritual Voices from Denver, directed by LaDamion Massey. LaDamion was invited to say a few words about Spiritual Voices and their music.

The Bishop called to order the 130th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado. With no objections, the Bishop appointed Mr. Rick Parker to be Secretary of Convention. With no objections, the Bishop appointed the Diocesan Chancellor, Mr. Lawrence R. Hitt II (Larry) as Parliamentarian of Convention. With no objections, the following persons were appointed to fill the Committees of Convention: Mrs. Irene Kornelly is appointed Assistant Secretary of Convention; Mr. Mike Orr and Mr. Jim Wolfe for the Committee to Approve Minutes for this Convention; the Rev. Bonnie Spencer as Chair to the Committee for the Conduct of Nominations and the Conduct of Elections; the Rev. Felicia Smith Graybeal as Chair to the Committee for Legislation and Resolutions with Larry Hitt as a consultant.

The Bishop called upon the Secretary of Convention for a report concerning a Quorum and Credentials of delegates. The secretary reported that a Quorum was present of both the Clergy and Lay Orders for this Convention.

The Parliamentarian reported on the Proposed Rules of Convention, which were posted on the Diocesan Convention web page. Chancellor Lawrence (Larry) R. Hitt, II summarized the rules and then the Bishop requested a motion to adopt the Rules of Convention. Following a motion and second, the Rules of Convention were adopted.

Report on the Agenda for the Convention

The Agenda for the Convention, included in all delegate packets was accepted as printed.

Report on the Certification of Minutes from the 129th Convention

The Bishop called on the Secretary for a report on the Certification of the Minutes of the 129th Convention. The secretary indicated that the Committee to Approve the minutes of the 129th Convention has reviewed and approved the minutes of last year's convention which have been posted on the Convention web page. He asked that the Chair receive them. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Declaration that Convention is organized for business

The Bishop declared that the 130th Convention of the Diocese of Colorado is organized for Business.

The Bishop introduced the video: "Firsts: Women Who Are Changing the World" featuring The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. The video was produced by Time Magazine.

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori addressed the convention following the video. She thanked Bishop O'Neill for his support throughout her term as Presiding Bishop. She urged the convention delegates to "Go out, get outside of yourselves, get out of your habits and self-centeredness, and experience the presence of God. Change the conversation in the community. See the image of God around us. She summarized this as "Get up, Get out, and Get lost for Jesus.

Welcome & Introductions

The Bishop warmly welcomed the special guests to the convention, The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, The Rev. Tawana Davis, the Rev. Dr. Dawn Duval, the Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, Dr. Samuel Mampunza, Mr. James Horan from Lutheran Family Services, the Rev. Abiade Lozama, his wife Djempscie, and his 2 children (Abdjie & Fills), Mr. Buck

Blanchard (Staff Officer for Global Mission Development for The Episcopal Church).

Ms. Allison Duvall (Church Relations Program Manager with Episcopal Migration Ministries) and our 6 new Episcopal Service Corps Interns: Christopher Canan, Olivia Collette, Erin Lammott, Anthony Suggs, Emily Eldridge and Kristen Kettle, our guests from Navajoland and the Bennie L. Williams Spiritual Voices.

The Bishop thanked Rich Paul who organized all the volunteers who are making things run smoothly for the next 2 days. Volunteers were from: St. Matthew's, Grand Junction; Nativity, Grand Junction; St. Stephen's, Longmont; St. Luke's, Westcliffe; All Saint's, Loveland; St. Matthias, Monument.

The Bishop invited the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley to introduce new clergy to the diocese.

New Clergy to the Diocese

The Rev. Barbara Bassuener

Barbara's early training was as an attorney working on environmental legislative issues for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. She came to Colorado to serve as an Interim Rector at St. Luke's, Denver.

The Rev. Laura Beck

Laura moved to Colorado from her home state of Oklahoma in February, 2017. Her parents grew up in Colorado, so it was a blessing to her to return to a state where she spent many happy summers with her grandparents. She is the new rector at St. Matthias, Monument.

The Rev. David Dill

David grew up in Birmingham, Alabama. After working as an editor in the documentary film world in Washington, DC, he was ordained in 2008. He has served churches in Boston, Massachusetts and Decatur, Alabama before being called to serve as Priest in Charge at Chapel of Our Saviour in Colorado Springs.

The Rev. Cynthia Espeseth

Cynthia grew up in Colorado, but spent the last 27 years in the Seattle area and was ordained in the Diocese of Olympia 16 years ago. God, family, and All Saints, Loveland called her back to Colorado where she serves as the Rector.

The Rev. Jerre Feagin

Having served in the Diocese of Western NY (Buffalo) for 39 of 44 years as a priest, Jerre and his wife moved to Loveland to be near their daughter's family in Fort Collins. He served the last 5 years in Western New York as the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Support.

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt

Lise spent much of her ministry in New England (Western MA, MA, and NH). She returned to Colorado to help her siblings take care of their elderly father, and to figure out her next steps in ministry and creation justice work.

The Rev. Alena Lamirato

Alena is a Denver native who last served St. Luke's ELCA in Buffalo, Wyoming. She is excited to be back in Colorado serving Peace in Christ Episcopal-Lutheran Ministry in Elizabeth, CO.

The Very Rev. Richard Lawson

Richard is married to Katherine Lawson, and they have two children, Adaline and Evans, who attend East High School in Denver. Richard was called to be the Dean of Saint John's Cathedral from Grace-St. Luke's Church & School in Memphis, where he served for seven years as Rector.

The Rev. Emily Lukanich

Emily wanted to be in a place where God's kingdom was breaking through in amazing ways and Colorado was the perfect fit for her. She is now serving as an assistant at Transfiguration, Vail.

The Rev. Joseph Mazza

Joe Mazza moved here from Jacksonville Florida and the Diocese of Florida where his primary ministry was among the homeless. He has family here and says it is a joy to be closer to them. He continues to minister among the Denver homeless population.

The Rev. Katie Pearson

Katie Pearson, a transitional deacon, has been serving Saint John's Cathedral as Assistant for Pastoral Care since July; she will be ordained a priest on December 8th of this year in Central PA. Katie is a graduate of Sewanee and Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

The Rev. Mark Ricker

Mark is a cradle Episcopalian and a second-career priest. His first 'call' was in Northern Wisconsin. He is happy to now be in the Diocese of Colorado. He is the 'Partnership Priest-in-Charge' in Grand County,

where he serves at Cranmer Chapel in Winter Park, St. John's in Granby and Trinity in Kremmling.

The Rev. Justi Schunior

The Rev. R. Justice Schunior came from the Diocese of Washington where she served as associate rector of St. Mark's, Capitol Hill for six years. She moved to Colorado with her husband Andrew to be Rector of St. Thomas in the Park Hill neighborhood of Denver.

The Rev. Alfred Miller

Al is currently serving as the newest Chaplain at St. Anne's Episcopal School in Denver. Al spent the last fifteen years teaching in Oregon and Internationally. He also had the opportunity to work with our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Lebombo in Maputo, Mozambique.

The Bishop's invited the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley to introduce newly ordained and current postulants and candidates.

Ordained to the Priesthood

The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley introduced those who were ordained to the Priesthood on June 17, 2017.

The Rev. Teresa Colburn

Teresa was raised up by St. John's, Cathedral, Denver.

The Rev. Helen Durany

Helen was raised up by St. Timothy's, Centennial.

The Rev. Amy Lythgoe

Amy was raised up by St. Ambrose, Boulder and is currently serving at St. John's, Boulder.

Ordained to the Diaconate (no distinctions between deacons)

The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley introduced those who were ordained as Deacons on June 17, 2017.

The Rev. Anthony Christiansen

Anthony was raised up by St. Peter and St. Mary, Denver and is serving at St. James, Wheat Ridge.

The Rev. Jan Head

Jan Head is being raised up by Church of the Nativity, Grand Junction. She is currently in Seminary at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN.

The Rev. Rich Paul

Rich Paul was raised up by St. Matthew's, Grand Junction where he is currently serving.

The Rev. Kaye Piper

Kaye Piper was raised up by St. John's, Granby where she is currently serving.

The Rev. Dawn Shepler-Hamilton

Dawn was raised up by Church of the Holy Redeemer, Denver and is currently serving as a Hospice Chaplain in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Rev. Matthew Stone

Matt was raised up by St. Stephen's, Longmont. He is currently serving at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan, Texas.

The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley invited all Candidates for Ordination to stand and be recognized: Tory Moir, Melissa Kean, Camie Dewey, David Blankenship.

All Postulants were invited to stand and be recognized: Travis Ables, Ron Miles, Michele Simmons.

The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley thanked the volunteers from St. Matthews who made the convention possible.

Video #2

Bishop O'Neill introduced the second video featuring Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs. 10 years ago, the congregation was locked out of their church. Since returning to the property the church has come together and now shares their love and caring with the community. They are a growing and thriving community.

The Bishop introduce the new Canon at St. John's Cathedral and some of the new mission initiatives in the church that highlight the new and unique ways that the church has become a part of the community of Colorado.

The Bishop introduced the new mission Partnership with the Latino sisters and brothers in Colorado and the Latino Mission Developers: The Rev. Quirino Cornejo and The Rev. Cesar Hernandez. Their work is made possible by working with the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA and with 3 of the 5 regions from The Episcopal Church in Colorado.

The US is the 2nd largest Latino Country in the world. Latino population is projected to be 25% of the population in the US by 2045. The Partnership will provide formation and leadership for clergy and lay leaders who are currently serving the Latino/Hispanic church and will be serving them in the future. The mission of the Partnership is to preach the Gospel to the Latino/Hispanic community while conserving their culture and traditions.

Video #3

The Bishop introduced the third video, "Quest," about the youth programs and their mission in the church.

The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey updated and provided a vision to the convention on the Youth Programs. She introduced the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps and Elizabeth Cervasio, Director of Children and Youth Ministry.

Elizabeth Cervasio explained that the youth and young adult programs provide a sanctuary that is safe and consistent; a place set apart for youth with no judgement. They are rooted in the radical love and forgiveness of Jesus. The programs provide an invitation to young people into the work of caring, love, and involvement in the world and provide a foundation for faith.

Annika Lewis talked about the importance of the youth programs in her life.

The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey talked about the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps and Erin Lammott talked about the importance of the Episcopal Service Corps in her life.

Afternoon Break - 4:09 - 4:30 pm

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GENERAL SESSION # 3 (4:35 - 5:10 PM)

Call to Order

Bishop O'Neill called the 130th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado to order once again.

The Bishop introduced the Homeless Initiative for the St. Francis Center Apartments at Cathedral Square North and The Very Rev. Richard Lawson & Mr. Bob Fullerton.

St. Francis Center in Denver, a Jubilee Ministry in Denver for over 35 years, serves 752 homeless in Denver per day. The program also helps people transition to employment and access housing.

Bob Fullerton talked about the construction of St. Francis Center Apartments at Cathedral Square North. The apartments will open in December 2017 and provide supportive services to help each resident succeed in independent living. Apartments will be 500 square feet each and fully furnished.

Very Rev. Richard Lawson indicated that this will be a great place for the rehabilitation of people and souls.

Video #4

The Bishop introduced video#4 about the "laundry of love" program at Christ Church in Canon City. The program provides a place where the homeless can wash their clothes at no cost and their "Need Some, Take Some, Have Some, Leave Some" program.

The Bishop introduced the next mission initiative, Race Task Force, headed by Mr. Darren Armstrong & the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley. The Race Task Force tackles the issues of racism in the church and in Colorado.

Darren Armstrong talked about his experience in Mississippi as a black child in the 3rd grade in 1968.

Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley talked about her experience in Mississippi as a white child in the 2nd grade in 1968.

Their experiences were ever so different, living in two worlds, side by side.

Currently a disparity in education, median income, poverty level, unemployment, percent uninsured, percent incarcerated exists in Colorado and this country. How do we address institutional racism (deliberate or indirect), structural racism (the accumulation over centuries), and white privilege (unearned benefits and advantages and often unacknowledged)?

It's time to get up, get out, and get lost.

Video #5:

The Bishop introduced video #5 about St. Timothy's in Centennial. It highlighted the love within the church and the families. Our church is our family and our home.

Bishop O'Neill introduced the Colorado Haiti Project as the recipient of the Ted Lewis Award for Excellence. The Ted Lewis Award for Excellence was presented to the Rev. Abiade Lozama and Colorado Haiti Project board chair, Ms. Jackie Martin who along with other board members will present this award to Rev. Abiade.

The Bishop announced that on Saturday morning from 7:30-8:30 the budget hearing will be in the Whitewater Room and the Partnership Vicars & Pastoral Leaders will meet in the Adobe/Escalante Room. Seminar session #2 will begin at 8:45. General Session #4 will begin at 10:30. At the conclusion of convention there will be box lunches available.

Please be aware of your hotel check-out time and make arrangements accordingly.

Bishop O'Neill welcomed and recognized St. Peter's, Basalt in their transition from mission to parish status. A celebration for and by St. Peter's, Basalt Celebration followed.

The Bishop extended an invitation to the Bishop's Reception held at the convention center.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 14, 2017

App Labs # 2 were held from 8:45am - 10:00am.

Morning Break - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

General Session # 4 (10:30 am - 12:05 pm)

The Bishop called to order once again the 130th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

The Bishop made a few announcements concerning a found item, a raffle ticket for summer camp at Cathedral Ridge and a Verger conference in May 2018.

A moment of silence was held to prepare for our final worship.

Morning worship opened with an anthem sung by the Spiritual Singers.

Psalm 146 was said by the convention attendees.

The Epistle for the day was Ephesians 2:13-22.

The Spiritual Singers sang another anthem, "There's a Great God."

Prayers of the people were offered.

The convention sang, "We Are Marching in the Light of God."

The Bishop thanked the Spiritual Voices.

The Bishop introduced another of the Mission Initiatives of the Church: advocacy and empowerment in the world.

Mr. Anthony Suggs, Advocacy and Social Justice Coordinator, a Colorado Episcopal Service Corps Intern, talked about advocacy and social justice as a work of faith. Advocacy seeks to go to the source of social problems and address them through policy changes, community organizing and institutional restructuring. It is more than just charity, it is working for change.

Rev. Krista Dias and Rev. David Dill talked about a program of advocacy at Chapel of Our Saviour in Colorado Springs that addresses human trafficking and the survivors of trafficking.

Video #6

The Bishop introduced video #6 about St. John's Cathedral and community.

The Bishop introduced Mr. Buck Blanchard, Staff Officer for Global Mission Development for The Episcopal Church.

Mr. Blanchard talked about the mission development of The Episcopal Church throughout the United States and the world; connecting people to the world, wherever they are. Get up, get out, get lost. Don't be scared, don't be scared. Say "yes" to the work of the church in the world, not "yes, but." You are called by God to do this work.

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Kim Seidman and Mr. Larry Hitt to speak about General Convention.

The Rev. Kim Seidman and Mr. Larry Hitt gave their report on the preparations of the delegation for General Convention in July 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Report of the Committee on Nominations & Elections

Standing Committee Regional Representatives

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Bonnie Spencer, Chair of the Committee of Nominations and Conduct of Elections, to report on the nominees for regional representatives to the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Bonnie Spencer reported on nominations and elections.

The Nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee are:

Mr. Harry Tournay, Member of Ascension, Pueblo to be reelected as lay representative, Sangre de Cristo Region, to a term expiring 2020 (3 yrs. Canon 6 sec 3) The Rev. Charles Brumbaugh Rector of St. John's Breckenridge to be elected as clergy representative, Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2020 (Canon 6 sec 3)

Mr. Jim Wolfe, member of Good Shepherd, Centennial to be re-elected as lay representative, High Plains Region, to a term expiring 2020 (Canon 6 sec 3)

The Bishop asked that all those in favor of the nominees for regional representatives to the Standing Committee say aye, opposed no. The nominees were elected.

The Bishop thanked the Rev. Scott Turner for his service on the Standing Committee.

Bonnie Spencer continued with her report on elections for disciplinary board members:

Disciplinary Board The nominees for a full term on the Disciplinary Board to expire December 31, 2020 (3 yrs. canon 7A), are:

Mr. Andrew Folkerth, Good Shepherd, Centennial The Rev. Wendy Huber, St. Barnabas, Glenwood Springs

Since no other nominations were submitted prior to the deadline, the Bishop entertained a motion to elect these people to the Disciplinary Board by acclamation.

The Bishop expressed his appreciation to the retiring members and the appointment of new members to the following commissions and committees:

Commission on Ministry

The Bishop thanked the departing members for the commission on ministry:

- 1. The Rev. Kim Seidman
- 2. The Rev. Sally Brown
- 3. Mr. Mike Gross

- 4. Ms. Luz Escalera?
- 5. Mr. Socorro Escalera?

The new appointments to the Commission on Ministry are:

- 1. The Rev. Wendy Huber
- 2. The Rev. Nancey Bookstein
- 3. The Rev. Cesar Hernandez
- 4. The Rev. Krista Dias
- 5. Ms. Lena Sewell

Board of Examining Chaplains

Thank you to the following who have served on the BOEC

The Rev. Ted Howard

The new appointments are:

The Rev. Gary Brower

The Rev. Merrie Need

The Bishop thanked Ann Fleming for serving as both Regional Missioner in the Sangre de Cristo region and in the Office of the Bishop as Missioner for Transition Ministry and Congregational Development. He appointed the Rev. Rich Munsell as the new Regional Missioner for the Sangre de Cristo region.

Report on Diocesan 2016 Financial Statements and Proposed 2018 Budget

Financial Reports of 2016 and Vote

The Bishop recognized Mr. Charles Thompson, the Treasurer of the Diocese to present the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Thompson first presented the 2016 Audited financial report for approval. Mr. Thompson then presented the proposed Budget for 2018.

The Bishop asked for two motions on the two pieces of business to conduct at this time, the first of which was the reception of the Audited Financial Reports of 2016, notice of which was emailed to all delegates and posted on the Diocesan Website. Is there a motion to receive the Audited Financial Reports of 2016?

The Bishop requested a second. The Bishop asked if there was any discussion. Being none, the vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

The Bishop indicated that the second order of business was approval of the 2018 budget. The proposed 2018 Budget was posted on the Diocesan website, and was discussed at the Budget hearing. A motion to adopt the proposed budget for 2018 was made and seconded. There being no discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion approved.

Bishop: Is there a second?

Bishop: Is there any discussion. There was no discussion.

The Bishop recognized Chuck Thompson for his tireless work as Treasurer for the Diocese of Colorado.

Video #7

The Bishop introduced video #7 about St. Aiden's Episcopal Church in Boulder.

Bishop O'Neill recognized the Rev. Felicia Smith Graybeal for a report on Courtesy Resolutions.

Courtesy Resolutions for the 130th Diocesan Convention

Be it resolved that this 130th 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 Michael Curry. This convention expresses its deep gratitude for his faithful service, his prayerful presence, and his guidance this past year;
- Gives joyful thanks for our special guests The Rev. Dr. Dawn Duvall, The Rev. Tawana Davis, Dr. Samuel Mampunza, The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson and his wife Joy, The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Mrs. Allison Duvall, The Rev. Abiade Lozama, the former priest at St. Paul's Petit Trou DeNippes, Haiti, The Rev. Chan Anaya, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of New Mexico, Visitors from St. Christopher's Mission: Ms. Margaret Benally, Mr.

- Walter Shorty and the Rev. Kay Rohde. Mr. Buck Blanchard, Staff Officer for Global Mission Development for The Episcopal Church.
- 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 15th 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 the staff and volunteers at Cathedral Ridge for their faithful work and their hospitality in supporting ministries within our diocese and beyond;
- Expresses its profound gratitude and good wishes to those clergy who have retired in the last year: The Rev. Nina Churchman, The Rev. Doug Dunn, The Rev. Alex Howard, The Rev. Stephen Wengrovius, The Rev. George Berlin, The Rev. Jim Gilchrist, The Rev. Mary Hendricks, The Rev. Deb Angell;
- 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. Donald Royce Hickman, The Rev. Gary Goldacker;
- Expresses its greetings and prayers to our Postulants and Candidates for Ordination: Mr. Travis Ables, Mr. Ron Miles, Ms. Michele Simmons, Mr. Tory Moir, Ms Melissa Kean, Ms Camie Dewey, Mr. David Blankenship;
- Celebrates with and offers its prayers to those ordained in the previous year: to the Priesthood The Rev. Teresa Colburn, The Rev. Helen Durany, The Rev. Amy Lythgoe and to those ordained to the Vocational Diaconate The Rev. Anthony Christiansen, The Rev. Jan Head, The Rev. Rich Paul, The Rev. Katherine Piper, The Rev. Dawn Shepler, the Rev. Matthew Stone, and Welcomes with joy and thanksgiving those clergy who are new to this diocese: The Rev. Barbara Bassuener, The Rev. Emily Lukanich, The Rev. Joseph Mazza, The Rev. David Dill, The Rev. Mark Ricker, The Rev. Laura Beck, The Rev. Richard Lawson, The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, The Rev. Rebecca "Justi" Schunior, The Rev. Cynthia Espeseth, The Rev. Alena Lamirato, The Rev. Katie Pearson, The Rev. Jerre

Feagin, The Rev. Alfred Miller 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: Christopher Canon, Olivia Collette, Erin Lammott, Anthony Suggs, Emily Eldridge and Kristen Kettler;
- Gives thanks to the Regional Missioners of the Episcopal Church in Colorado, The Rev. Scott Hollenbeck missioner of the Northwestern Region, The Rev. Doug Neel missioner of the Southwestern Region, Ann Fleming missioner of the Sangre de Cristo Region, The Rev. Chris Ditzenberger missioner of the High Plains Region, and The. Rev. Nancy Malloy, missioner of the Front Range Region;
- Expresses its deepest gratitude to those who faithfully, diligently and tirelessly helped with the planning and implementation of the Convention; especially Rick Parker, Convention Secretary and Irene Kornelly, Assistant Secretary; Chancellor Parliamentarian Larry Hit, Worship Leader, The Rev. Bruce Swinehart, and musician, Ms Lydia Morrongiello, and LaDamion Massey and the Bennie L. Williams Spiritual Voices. AV Coordinator Extraordinaire, Mr. Adam Pierson; all who made possible the Opening Eucharist; The Rev. Rich Paul as Volunteer Coordinator, and volunteers from St. Matthew's, Grand Junction, Nativity, Grand Junction, St. Stephen's Longmont, St. Luke's Westcliffe, All Saints, Loveland and St. Matthias, Monument, Evan Mann and Jeff Riley from Other Worldly Productions and David Wall and Amy Gibson from SNOB Productions and employees of Two Rivers Convention Center.
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Closing / Adjournment

The Bishop thanked all in attendance for taking time to be at this convention and seeing where the spirit of God can take you on your journey.

The convention was closed with prayer.

Box lunches are available to be taken with you on your trip home or eaten before your departure.

The Diocesan Convention of 2017 was adjourned.