

**Proceedings of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention  
The Episcopal Church in Colorado  
Walking the Way of Love**

**October 3-5, 2019  
Denver, Colorado**

**Opening Eucharist: Thursday, October 3, 2019  
Christ Church, Denver**

Lay delegates, clergy, alternates and visitors were invited to Christ Church – Denver for the opening Eucharist of the convention. The Right Rev. Kimberly D. Lucas served as preacher and celebrant. Bishop Lucas spoke to Walking the Way of Love and the future of the Episcopal Church in Colorado. At the conclusion of the Eucharist Christ Church hosted those gathered in a festive reception.

**General Session #1: Friday, October 4, 2019  
Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver Colorado**

Bishop Kimberly Lucas called the first session of the convention to order at 8:33 am.

Organization of the Convention

The following actions were taken to organize the convention:

- Without objection, Chuck Theobald was appointed Secretary of the Convention and Diocesan Chancellor Lawrence R. Hitt II was appointed Parliamentarian of Convention.
- The Bishop appointed The Rev. Rich Paul as Assistant Secretary of Convention.
- Canon Mike Orr, Jim Wolfe, and Carl Peterson were appointed as the Committee to Approve the Minutes of Convention.
- The Rev. Nancey Bookstein was appointed as Chair of the Committee for the Conduct of Nominations and the Committee for the Conduct of Elections.
- The Rev. Wendy Huber was appointed as Chair of the Committee for Legislation and Resolutions. Larry Hitt was appointed consultant to the Committee.
- The Secretary reported that a quorum was present in both the Clergy and Lay orders for the convention.
- The Bishop called upon the parliamentarian for a report on the Proposed Rules of Convention. Mr. Hitt described the rules, which had been posted on the Convention web page. The Bishop asked for a motion to approve the rules. The rules were adopted as read.
- The Secretary moved the adoption of the agenda as printed. The agenda was adopted.
- The Secretary stated that the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> Convention had approved the minutes of that convention as posted. He requested the chair receive those minutes. Without objection, the minutes were received.

The Bishop declared the 132<sup>nd</sup> Convention organized for business.

The Bishop invited the delegates to take a moment to prepare of the morning worship service.

Bishop Lucas' Opening Address

Following the worship service, the Bishop presented her opening address. She noted some of the ways the world is changing around us and around the church. She spoke of our connections across the diocese, and across the Church. She described how specific congregations in the diocese are responding in their communities, and thereby discerning how to live their baptismal covenant. Care of the earth, diversity inclusion, and suicide prevention are each a specific focus of individual churches. When you see a need, look for best practices and support one another. “Learn, borrow, steal, bend it, mold it, shape it. Take what you need and leave the rest!” she exhorted the delegates. “Things will be more difficult before they get better. But Christ is with us.”

#### First Keynote Address: Contagious Church in Secular Society

Following her remarks, the Bishop introduced The Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons, Director of Evangelism at Virginia Theological Seminary for the first keynote address. Drawing on popular literature and the experience of our everyday lives, Dr. Lyons emphasized that being an evangelist means being a listener, not being an extrovert. We must see Christ in each of those we meet. “What kind of disciple will you be?” she asked.

#### Video #1: St. John’s – Ouray

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Lucas Grubbs from St. John’s to introduce the first video. He described St. John’s and its place in the community. When you think of the mountains, you think of Ouray. St. John’s is a sacred space for mountain prayer. The video will be posted to the diocesan web site and can be viewed at [youtu.be/u5aR\\_FYEM8](https://youtu.be/u5aR_FYEM8).

#### General Convention Deputy Elections

The Bishop called on Chancellor Larry Hitt regarding the nominations for general convention deputy. Mr. Hitt announced that, despite extending the deadline twice, there were not enough nominations to elect four deputies and four alternates in each order. He asked the convention to recommend the 133<sup>rd</sup> convention in 2020 hold an election to fill the remaining alternate positions.

The Bishop then introduced The Rev. Nancey Bookstein, chair of the nominations committee to introduce the nominees for General Convention deputy. In alphabetical order, the nominees were introduced.

#### *Clergy Nominees:*

- The Rev. Melissa Adzima, St. Andrew’s, Denver
- The Rev. Tory Moir, St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder
- The Rev. Nick Myers, St. Timothy’s, Centennial
- The Rev. Debbie Shew, St. Mark’s, Durango
- The Rev. Brian Winter, Christ’s Episcopal Church, Castle Rock

#### *Lay Nominees:*

- Zoe Cole, St. Luke’s, Denver
- Larry Hitt, Good Shepherd, Centennial
- Erica Hein Pomerenk, St. Thomas, Denver
- Scott Michael Pomerenk, St. Thomas, Denver

- Chuck Theobald, Grace & St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs
- George Wing, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs
- Jim Wolfe, Good Shepherd, Centennial

Rev. Bookstein described the method of election. Delegates marked their ballots and were collected by the committee for tabulation.

#### Living into Our Baptismal Covenant: Care of Creation

The Bishop called on Rev. Nature Johnson of the Church of the Nativity in Grand Junction to speak on their work to provide care to the world. Rev. Johnson described the need for sources of water, food, shelter and the absence of toxic chemicals. The Church of the Nativity offers a service of the blessing of the animals each month. Growing from this ministry, they have provided spay and neuter clinics and no-cost vaccinations. Most of those who come are unchurched yet are our siblings in Christ. God's love is so vast that not a sparrow falls from the sky without his noticing.

Following some announcements and invitations, the first general session concluded.

#### **General Session #2: Friday, October 4, 2019 Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver Colorado**

The Bishop called the second general session to order at 1:15 pm. She asked for a point of privilege prior to the scheduled worship service.

Quoting the Gospel of Matthew, the bishop recognized the volunteers, and especially from the Episcopal Service Corps. She asked that all volunteers and hotel staff be treated with kindness and generosity of spirit.

The session then proceeded with the second worship service.

#### Second Keynote Address: What We Know About How Disciples Grow

The Rev. Lyons described the importance of having a catechumenal metabolism (see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqC6suKD1PU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqC6suKD1PU)). Using the example of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, she noted that no matter the size of your church, individual members can only really know fifty to eighty people. Leaders, especially vestry members, must be brought to an Owned faith. We must seize those moments of inquiry and transformation.

#### Video #2: Summer Camps

The Bishop introduced Elizabeth Cervasio to introduce the video from Cathedral Ridge. Summer camps at Cathedral Ridge can be transformational experiences. Life changing moments happen at camp. Faith begins to bloom. The video will be posted on the diocesan website and can be viewed at [youtu.be/kXBNpfkF6vI](http://youtu.be/kXBNpfkF6vI).

#### Staff and Standing Committee Introductions

The Bishop introduced the staff from the Office of the Bishop:

- Nancy McClung, Executive Assistant to the Bishop
- The Rev. Canon Alex Dyer, Canon to the Ordinary
- Dianne Draper, Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary
- Mike Orr, Director of Communications, Editor of Colorado Episcopalian
- Pam Greenfield, Comptroller
- Kay Ward, Accounting Assistant, and Archivist
- The Rev. Canon Greg Foraker, Missioner for Faith Formation
- Tracy Methe, Faith Formation & Development Coordinator
- Elizabeth Cervasio, Director of Children and Youth Ministry
- Janet Choyce, Executive Assistant for Transition, Event Coordinator
- The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Executive Director of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps
- Anthony Suggs, Missioner for Advocacy & Social Justice
- Weston Morris, Organizer for Community Justice
- The Rev. César Hernández, Latino Mission Developer
- The Rev. Quirino Cornejo, Latino Mission Developer
- The Rev. Kim Seidman, Vicar and Executive Director of Cathedral Ridge
- Paul Alexander, Missioner for Development & Financial Stewardship
- Buck Blanchard, Missioner for Outreach & Mission

The convention greeted the staff with warm and enthusiastic applause.

The Bishop then introduced the members of the standing committee:

- Bob Morse, parishioner at St. John's Boulder - lay representative Front Range Region
- The Rev. Nature Johnston, Rector of Holy Nativity, Grand Junction - clergy representative, Southwest Region
- Ken Rogers, parishioner from St. Patrick's, Pagosa Springs, lay representative, Southwest Region
- The Rev. Krista Dias, Director of Community Life, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs - clergy representative, Sangre de Cristo Region
- Harry Tournay, parishioner, Ascension, Pueblo - lay representative, Sangre de Cristo Region
- The Rev. Terry McGugan, Rector, Christ Church, Denver - clergy representative, High Plains Region
- Jim Wolfe, parishioner, Good Shepherd, Centennial - lay representative, High Plains Region
- The Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh, Rector, St. John's, Breckenridge - clergy representative, Northwest Region
- Jan Johnson, parishioner, St. Peter in the Valley, Basalt - lay representative, Northwest Region
- Chuck Thompson, ex officio, Diocesan Treasurer

#### Introduction of the Canon to the Ordinary and Special Guest Bishop Daniel Edwards

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Canon Alex Dyer as the new Canon to the Ordinary. Alex comes from St. Thomas Dupont Circle in the Diocese of Washington, where he served as Priest in Charge. He has served in a variety of different roles across the church including as a missionary in Cairo, Egypt working with Sudanese refugees and deputy to General Convention. He's served numerous parishes in New York City and Connecticut.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Edwards recently moved to Colorado in retirement from the Diocese of Nevada, where his episcopate was marked by growth, reconciliation, community engagement, and increased diversity, particularly Latino and Indigenous Ministries. He now lives in Denver with his wife, Linda. He has already been active in our diocese, serving as the sabbatical priest for St. Aidan's in Boulder, leading the Cathedral's parish retreat, and creating opportunities for advocacy and engagement for parishioners.

Bishop Lucas noted that Bishop Edwards is now serving as Interim Rector at Holy Comforter in Broomfield and asked that the convention offer him a seat with voice at this convention. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### Introduction of New and Returning Clergy

The Bishop welcomed the following clergy to the diocese:

The Rev. Doug Bleyle - Doug, Jennifer and Paxton Bleyle join us from the Diocese of the Rio Grande, where Doug served as Vicar of St. Stephens in Espanola and Diocesan Coordinator for Urban Indigenous Ministries. The Bleyle's are excited about serving St. Barnabas in the Valley as they have long standing relationships with several families in Navajoland and with God's goodness in creation among the sacred landscape of the four corners.

The Rev. Emilie Bush - After many years in the Southern California desert, Emilie and her husband retired and moved to Crawford, Colorado. They found their dream home: a house with a hangar for the airplane and a landing strip right out the door. They love the beauty and serenity of their small community on the Western Slope but are still adjusting to the mountain lions and bears that wander through the neighborhood.

The Rev. Albert Daviou - Albert is a retired priest conically resident in the Diocese of Atlanta. With his wife Pat he retired to the panhandle of Florida about 3 years ago. They relocated in Broomfield in January of 2019 to be closer to a son and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Matthew Frey - Matthew is returning home to Colorado after 20 years from the Diocese of West Texas, having served parishes in San Antonio, Edinburg, and Eagle Pass. This spring, the faithful people of Grand County invited him to come alongside them as the Grand County Partnership Vicar. He is thrilled to proclaim with them the good news of Jesus Christ from Kremmling to Winter Park.

The Rev. John Hill - John was ordained in 1998 and has led churches and camps and conference center ministries in San Antonio, Melbourne Australia, and Kerrville Texas. He came to Colorado to help St. Philip and St. James grow deeper in their relationship with the Lord and grow wider in their relationship with people in the community while enjoying the beautiful mountains through skiing, hiking, and fishing.

The Rev. Kathryn Macek - Kathryn retired as rector of St. Peter's in La Grande, Oregon (Diocese of Eastern Oregon) in June 2018. She and her husband, Thorman Hulse, relocated to Colorado Springs to be close to family. Kathy attends Chapel of Our Saviour.

The Rev. Jeffrey Nelson - Jeffrey serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. Barnabas Parish in Denver. Most recently, he served for eight-and-a-half years as Rector of Church of Our Savior in North Platte, Nebraska, and has also served as a college pastor and church publisher (and still accepts the occasional freelance writing gig). Jeffrey is married to Curt Bennett and the two share homes in Colorado and

Nebraska. Curt's sign business and their lake home keep him in Lexington, Nebraska for most of the week, but he enjoys Denver and the people of St. Barnabas on the weekend. Between them, Jeffrey and Curt have six grown children and two Yorkies.

The Rev. Nadine Pope - Nadine most recently served at Church of the Common Ground, a worship community for the people who are homeless in downtown Atlanta. Nadine and her husband Rod moved to Colorado from Marietta, Georgia to retire here. They currently live in Lakewood and Nadine serves as deacon at St. Joseph's in Lakewood.

The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle - Rob is the Director of The Clergy Leadership Institute and an intentional interim priest. He is internationally recognized for his use of Appreciative Inquiry based change and transformation strategies in church settings. Rob's personal mission is to be "helpful, humorous, and healing," which is manifested in a passion for conducting training, consultation, and interim ministry. He is currently serving as the interim rector of St. Michael's in Colorado Springs.

The bishop next welcomed those clergy returning to the Episcopal Church in Colorado:

The Rev. Elizabeth Costello - Liz returns to the diocese as Priest-in-Charge at St. Gregory's Church in Littleton. Before serving at St. Gregory's, she served as Associate Rector at St. Thomas' Church (Whitemarsh, PA) and Chaplain to St. Thomas' Preschool as well as Associate Rector at Christ Church (Ridgewood, NJ). Liz is delighted to return to the diocese where she began her ordained ministry as Curate at St. John's Cathedral.

The Rev. Joseph Wolyniak - Joseph returns to the diocese as Associate Rector at Christ Church Denver, having previously served as a Missioner for Discipleship and Theological Education and, subsequently, chaplain at Princeton University. He is thrilled to be back in Colorado and among beloved friends; taking up his new call to community engagement, small group and young family ministry, and lay leadership development at Christ Church. He is married to the Rev. Liz Costello and they have two children, Evelyn and Damien, who are their true joy.

#### Introduction of Newly Ordained Clergy

The Bishop introduced clergy ordained to the priesthood in June:

The Rev. Camie Dewey - Camie was raised up by St. Matthew's, Grand Junction. She received her MDiv from the Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX. Camie now serves in Creve Coeur, MO near St. Louis at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Melissa Kean - Melissa was raised up by St. Michael the Archangel, Colorado Springs. She received her MDiv from Seminary of the South, Sewanee and received the School of Theology's prize of excellence in community service. Melissa is now Associate Rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rome, GA.

The Rev. Tory Moir - Tory was raised up by St. Thomas, Denver. They have been at St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder for the past year serving as a Deacon. Tory received their MDiv with honors at Iliff Theological Seminary in 2016. Tory has been called to serve at House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver and St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder.

The Bishop then introduced clergy ordained to the Diaconate in June:

The Rev. Michele Simmons - Michele was raised up by St. John's, Granby. She completed one year at Iliff and along with her family, moved to Tennessee, where Michele is attending The University of the South at Sewanee where she will graduate in 2020.

#### Introduction of current Postulants and Candidates

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Jeremiah Williamson, Chair of the Commission on Ministry, to introduce the postulants and candidates in the Diocese.

Laura Osborne, Candidate - Laura was raised up by Church of the Ascension, Denver. Laura is studying through Church School Divinity of the Pacific in a distance learning program.

Alexandra "Sasha" Bilow, Postulant - Sasha comes from St. John's, Breckenridge. She taught elementary and high school at Vail Mountain School for 8 years. Sasha will begin Seminary this fall at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX.

Amy Newell-Large, Postulant - Amy comes from St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder. She is pursuing her M.Div at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley through their distance learning program. She just finished her first summer session.

Gary Darress, Postulant - Gary comes from Grace & St. Stephens, Colorado Springs. Gary is active with the Kairos Prison Ministry and works for the City of Colorado Springs as a Police Officer.

Mike Williams, Postulant - Mike attends Church of the Transfiguration, Vail. Mike is a retired military member and is an active snow skier and golfer.

Debbie Womack, Postulant - Debbie attends St. Michael the Archangel, Colorado Springs. She is a Language Arts School teacher and is part of the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Bishop Lucas welcomed the postulants and candidate.

#### Commission Retirements and Appointments

The Bishop expressed her appreciation to the retiring members of the Commission on Ministry

- Betsy Leonard
- Jim Rosa

and announced the appointment of new members

- The Rev. Linda Brown
- Carl Peterson
- Darren Armstrong (re-appointed)
- Michael Boney

The Bishop expressed her appreciation to the retiring members of the Board of Examining Chaplains

- The Rev. Alwen Bledsoe

and announced the appointment of new members

- The Rev. Nadine Pope

- The Rev. Joseph Wolyniak
- The Rev. Jennifer Shadle

The new appointments to the Diaconal Council are:

- The Rev. Jan Pearson
- The Rev. Bethany Myers
- The Rev. Bob Larson
- The Rev. Linda Brown

#### Living into Our Baptismal Covenant: Becoming a Beloved Community

The Bishop introduced Michelle Auerbach Cole of St. Paul's in Denver.

Michelle described the many diverse congregations that make up St. Paul's. It is through those many diverse eyes that St. Paul's lives into their ministry to live out the love of God as seen in Jesus Christ. The Golden Bridge, a process developed there to first identify what race is, and through thought, conversation and inner work to grapple with what it means to be White, and how we are part of structural oppression. If you feel called to look deeper into how you fit in the world, there are resources available in the Office of the Bishop.

This concluded the second general session.

#### **General Session #3: Friday, October 4, 2019 Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver Colorado**

The Bishop called the third general session to order at 4:43 pm. She took a moment to clarify the appointment of the members of the diaconal council in the second general session.

#### Video #3: St. Alban's

The Rev. Bill Stanton introduced the video on St. Alban's, Windsor. The community suffered a devastating tornado 11 years ago. St. Alban's serves as a place of welcome for the community. "Whoever you are, what-ever your story, wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here," he concluded. The video will be posted on the diocesan website and can be viewed at [youtu.be/uumgOLtQr-M](https://youtu.be/uumgOLtQr-M).

#### Living Our Baptismal Covenant: Welcoming Communities

The Rev. Cynthia Espeseth of All Saints in Loveland described with passion the road the parish has taken to becoming truly welcoming. Recognizing such competing missions as addressing homelessness or racism, All Saints understands the LGBTQIA+ encompasses all races and demographics. To be truly welcoming requires new language and new action. But it is how they live into their name of All Saints.

#### Report on Conduct of Nominations and Elections

Bishop Lucas called on the Rev. Nancey Bookstein for the report of the committees on Nominations and Elections. The Rev. Bookstein provided the following report:



### *Standing Committee Regional Representatives:*

The Nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee are:

- The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson, Rector of Grace and St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs to be elected as clergy representative, Sangre de Cristo Region, to a term expiring 2022.
- The Rev. Lucas Grubbs, Priest in Charge of St. John's, Ouray to be elected as clergy representative, Southwest Region, to a term expiring 2022.
- Rick Parker, member of All Saints', Loveland to be elected as lay representative, Front Range Region, to a term expiring 2022.
- The Rev. Amy Lythgoe, Associate Priest for Family Ministry, of St. John's, Boulder to be elected as clergy representative, Front Range Region, to a term expiring 2021.
- Jan Johnson, member of St. Peter's, Basalt to be re-elected as lay representative, Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2022.

The Bishop called for a vote on the nominees. The nominees were elected.

The Bishop thanked the members retiring from the Standing Committee

- The Rev. Nature Johnston, Southwest, Clergy
- The Rev. Krista Dias, Sangre de Cristo Clergy
- The Rev. Kim Seidman, Front Range Clergy

### *Disciplinary Board:*

The nominees for a full term on the Disciplinary Board to expire December 31, 2022 are:

- The Rev. George Berlin, for re-election
- The Rev. Gary Brower, for re-election
- Scott Wallace, a member of St. Mark's, Durango

The Bishop asked for a motion to elect the nominees to the Disciplinary Board by acclamation, which was approved, and the nominees elected.

### *Diocesan Treasurer*

The nominee for a full term as the Diocesan Treasurer to expire December 31, 2022 is Jay Swope. A parishioner of St. John's Cathedral since 1975, Jay has served as vestry member, treasurer, and senior warden, and as verger for over 40 years. Most recently Jay served as co-chair of the Dean Search Committee, and on the Cathedral's Audit Committee. Jay has served two three-year terms as the lay representative from the High Plains Region on the Standing Committee, serving as president for nearly five years and as chair of the Bishop Search Committee. Jay serves on the board of directors of Cathedral Ridge, the diocesan Finance Committee, and chairs the Audit Committees for both the Diocese and Cathedral Ridge.

Jay Swope was elected as Diocesan Treasurer by acclamation, and with applause.

### *Announcement of the Election of General Convention Deputies*

The Rev. Bookstein announced the results of the ballot for General Convention deputy from the first general session. The following were elected as deputies:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lay Deputy – Larry Hitt
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Deputy – Zoe Cole
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Lay Deputy – Chuck Theobald
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Lay Deputy – Erica Hein Pomerenk
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- 1<sup>st</sup> Clergy Deputy – The Rev. Nick Myers
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Clergy Deputy – The Rev. Brian Winter
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Clergy Deputy – The Rev. Debbie Shew
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Clergy Deputy – The Rev. Melissa Adzima

The Rev. Bookstein moved the election of the Rev. Tory Moir as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Clergy Deputy by acclamation. The Rev. Moir was elected.

The Rev. Bookstein described the process for electing Alternate Lay Deputies. The delegates completed their ballots which were collected by the committee for tabulation.

#### Video #4: St. Peter & St. Mary - Denver

The Bishop asked the Rev. Rebecca Crummey to introduce the next video. She described the experience the parish had when they took down the fence around the parking lot and found an opening to the community. The video will be posted to the diocesan web site and can be viewed at [youtu.be/52EUotaF6vk](https://youtu.be/52EUotaF6vk).

#### Announcements and Recognition

The Bishop asked Fr. Carl Andrews to provide an update on the fire near Deckers. Many families have been evacuated. Fr. Andrews emphasized the importance of evacuating when ordered. The Bishop offered a prayer for those in danger.

The Bishop's Cross was awarded to Bob Morse, parishioner at St. John's in Boulder and retiring president of the standing committee. The delegates responded with a standing ovation.

The Bishop announced that she was doing a new thing. It is typical to leave the title of Canon when no longer serving in that position, but it is a Bishop's prerogative to create honorary canons. She recognized the Rev. Canon Carl Andrews for his continued work with the Diocese and Episcopal Relief and Development, and granted him the title of honorary canon.

A second honorary canon was bestowed upon Chuck Thompson, who has served as Treasurer to the diocese for as long as anyone can remember. Canon Thompson will give his final report as at the budget hearing at 7:30 Saturday morning.

The Bishop concluded the third general session and invited all deputies to a reception in the Atrium.

**General Session #4: Saturday, October 5, 2019**  
**Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver Colorado**

The Bishop called general session #4 to order at 10:00 am. The final service of prayer and praise followed.

#### Third Keynote Address: The Rhyme and Reason of The Way of Love

The Rev. Lyons described the development of the Way of Love, the framework for the Episcopal Church developed and introduced by the Presiding Bishop at the General Convention in Austin, Texas in 2018. The Way of Love is described as Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. Referencing her previous addresses, she exclaimed, **“The purpose of the church is to form the people into the kinds of people who can receive the gifts God wants to give.”** It is the planting, not the potatoes that feed us. “Pack your seeds.”

#### Living into Our Baptismal Covenant: Suicide Prevention

The Bishop introduced Mary Alex Dill of Chapel of Our Saviour in Colorado Springs. Mary Alex began with the horrifying statistics of suicides nationally, in Colorado and in Colorado Springs. Suicide is now the leading cause of death for ages 10-24 in our state. At Chapel, they have established programs to help identify warning signs and turn those to messages of hope. She said, “As we the church strive to embody these messages for those in crisis, we actually are transformed into those beacons of hope. As we work to light the way for others, we light our own ways too.”

#### Second Report from the Committee on Elections

The Rev. Nancey Bookstein was called to give the final report regarding the ballot for lay alternates deputies to the General Convention. The Rev. Bookstein reminded the delegates that the Rev. Tory Moir was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Clergy deputy by acclamation. The election results are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Lay Deputy – Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Lay Deputy – Jim Wolfe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternate Lay Deputy – George Wing

#### Commissioning of Those Elected and Appointed

The Bishop asked all those elected or appointed to positions from this convention to stand. She then commissioned those persons to their office concluding with a prayer and a charge.

The Bishop recognized Erica Pomerenk of St. Thomas in Denver. She has been appointed to serve the Episcopal Church as a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. Ms. Pomerenk noted that hundreds of positions will be filled by election at the General Convention in 2021, and urged the delegate attending this convention to consider applying.

#### Video #5: Church Giving

The Bishop introduced the video on church giving and thanked the parishes that are meeting their commitment to the diocese. Parishes and Jubilee Ministries in the diocese are doing good and critical work.

#### Treasurer’s Report and Proposed 2020 Budget

The Bishop introduced the treasurer for his report, who was wearing the bishop’s crosses presented by Bishop Winterrowd and Bishop O’Neill. Canon Thompson reported that the finances of the diocese are

healthy. Fluctuations in the budget are largely caused by variations in income from the Colorado Trust. He reviewed the major categories in the proposed 2020 budget, including noting the pledge to the Episcopal Church has increased from 10% to 12%, on the way to compliance with the General Convention directive of 15%. He noted that the diocese is in good hands with the election of Mr. Swope as treasurer. "Being your treasurer has been a great honor," he stated. "I will miss it, and I will miss you." The convention responded with a standing ovation.

The Bishop then asked for a motion to receive the 2018 audited financial reports. The motion was offered, seconded and approved. The approval of the proposed 2020 budget was then moved, seconded and approved without further discussion.

#### Approval of Courtesy Resolutions

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Wendy Huber, who presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that this 132<sup>nd</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 Michael Curry. This convention expresses its deep gratitude for his faithful service, his prayerful presence, and his guidance this past year, and his invitation to Walk the Way of Love with Jesus;
- Gives joyful thanks for our special guest speaker, the Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons;
- Expresses its profound gratitude to Bishop Lucas, for her faithful service to us and the wider church, and pledge our continued support and prayers for her as she completes her first year of service; and sends its greetings and warm wishes to her husband, Mark;
- Sends it greetings and warm wishes to retired Colorado Bishops: The Rt. Rev. William Frey; The Rt. Rev. Jerry Winterrowd and his wife Ann, and the Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill and his wife Ginger;
- Sends it greetings and warm wishes to retired bishops residing in Colorado: The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards, The Rt. Rev. Herb Donovan, and The Rt. Rev. Cal Schofield;
- Expresses our gratitude to the many committees who helped bring Bishop Lucas to the Episcopal Church in Colorado; the profile committee, the search committee and the transition committee;
- Expresses our gratitude to the staff and volunteers at Cathedral Ridge, especially our new Vicar and Executive Director, the Rev. Kim Seidman, for their faithful work and the hospitality in supporting ministries within our diocese and beyond;
- Expresses its profound gratitude and good wishes to those clergy: the Rev. Jack Stapleton; the Rev. Max Bailey; the Rev. Bill Waltz; the Rev. Tom Seibert; and the Rev. Hollis Wright;
- 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. Horace (Hal) Lycett; the Rev. David Morgan; the Rev. Thomas Brereton; the Rev. Courtney Shucker; the Rev. George Magnuson; the Rev. Maxine Maybin; Michelle Alford; the Rev. Marcia Stackhouse; the Rev. Gary Sitton; the Rev. Oha Gafour; the Rev. Thomas Hobson; the Rev. Robert Andrews; and the Rev. Walter Drew Allen;
- Expresses it greetings and prayers to our Postulants and Candidates for Ordination: Postulants for Priesthood: Alexandra "Sasha" Bilow, Amy Newell-Large; Postulants for Vocational Diaconate: Gary Darress, Mike Williams and Debbie Womack; and Candidates for ordination: Laura Osborne and Michele Simmons;

- Celebrates with and offers its prayers to those ordained in the previous year: Newly Ordained to the priesthood: the Rev. Melissa Kean, the Rev. Camie Dewey, the Rev. Tory Moir; Newly Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate: the Rev. Michele Simmons; and welcomes with joy and thanksgiving those clergy who are new to this diocese: the Rev. Jeffrey Nelson; the Rev. John Hill; the Rev. Rob Voyle; the Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards; the Rev. Emilie Bush; the Rev. Matthew Frey; the Rev. Nadine Pope; the Rev. Doug Bleyle; the Rev. Kathy Macek; the Rev. Albert Daviou; and joyfully welcomes all lay members who are new to our diocese;
- Welcomes and offers its blessings and gratitude to the Members of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps: Weston Morris, Kezia Lozano, Bethany Straus, Corinne Lythgoe, and Anna Foster;
- Gives thanks to the Regional Missioners of the Episcopal Church in Colorado, the Rev. Scott Hollenbeck, missioner of the Northwestern Region, the Rev. Leigh Waggoner, missioner of the Southwestern Region, the Rev. Rich Munsell, missioner of the Sangre de Cristo Region, the Rev. Chris Ditzenberger, missioner of the High Plains Region, and the Rev. Nancy Mallowy, 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 Mr. Chuck Theobald – Secretary; the Rev. Rich Paul – Asst. Secretary; Mr. Laurence Hitt – Chancellor; Mr. Robert Morse – Standing Committee Liaison; Musicians – Sally Neel and Brianna Kay; Adam Pierson – AV Coordinator; the Rev. Sierra Reyes and the Rev. Reagan Humber – Convention worship coordinators; Christ Church, Denver – Convention Opening Eucharist and reception – the Rev. Terry McGugan and the Rev. Joseph Wolyniak; Bishop’s Staff; Volunteer Coordinator Weston Morris; Volunteers from the following churches: St. Timothy’s, Centennial; St. John the Baptist, Breckenridge, St. Gabriel, Cherry Hills Village; St. Luke’s, Westcliffe; Christ Church, Denver; St. John the Baptist, Granby; Members of the Colorado Episcopal Service Corps; from the Denver Marriott DTC: Zach Stillman and Mitch Thise.
- And we express our deep gratitude to the Bishop’s staff for its devotion, faithfulness and generosity of spirit in supporting the ministry of this diocese, including the Rev. Canon Alex Dyer, the Rev. Canon Greg Foraker, Nancy McClung, Tracy Methe, Janet Choyce, Elizabeth Cervasio, the Rev. Quirino Cornejo, the Rev. Cesar Hernandez, the Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Pam Greenfield, Kay Ward, Paul Alexander, Anthony Suggs, Dianne Draper, Buck Blanchard and Mike Orr.
- We Join together in giving thanks to God who has given each and every one of us our sacred story, and who guides us in one common holy journey walking the way of love with Jesus.

The resolution was adopted.

The Bishop also thanked the Rev. Dr. Tricia Lyons and the Convention Planning Team:

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- Pam Greenfield who manages all the financial aspects of convention.
- The Rev. Terry McGugan and the Rev. Joseph Wolyniak who coordinated the Convention Eucharist at Christ Church, Denver.
- The Rev. Reagan Humber and the Rev. Sierra Reyes who coordinated all the worship during this convention.
- Our musicians, Sally Neel and Brianna Kay
- Nancy McClung & Janet Choyce the convention coordinators.

The Bishop concluded by offering her staff as being here to help to do the work God is calling us to do, and a challenge to GO into our communities to seek their needs. She said, “I am truly blessed to be your Bishop. I feel privileged to know in my Spirit that God is doing something here in the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Why else is he calling us together?”

The delegates responded with a standing ovation.

A motion to adjourn moved and seconded. The Bishop blessed the assembled people of the church. The motion to adjourn was approved. The Bishop declared the convention adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Theobald, Secretary