

# **Proceedings of the 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Episcopal Diocese of Colorado**

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## **Our Sacred Stories Our Holy Journey**

### **Opening Eucharist on Thursday, October 6, 2016**

Clergy, lay delegates, alternates and visitors gathered at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, Colorado on October 6, 2016 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 remarks Bishop O'Neill spoke of the all-important work to be performed by the delegates to the convention. A joyous Eucharist celebration was followed by a reception hosted by St. John's Cathedral. The offering collected at the service was designated for Hurricane Relief in Haiti.

### **Friday, October 7, 2016**

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

The Rev. Lyn Burns opened the session with prayer. Bishop O'Neill welcomed and thanked the attendees for coming. He thanked the parishioners of St. John's Cathedral for their hospitality at last night's Eucharist. The Bishop called the 129th 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 to be nourished and fed by the experience. The Bishop appointed Rick Parker to be Secretary of Convention and the Diocesan Chancellor, Lawrence R. Hitt II (Larry) to be Parliamentarian of Convention. The appointments were ratified by the convention.

Without objections, the following persons were appointed by the Bishop to fill the Committees of Convention.

Irene Kornelly was appointed Assistant Secretary of Convention.

Mike Orr, the Rev. Becky Jones and the Rev. Becky Brown were appointed to the Committee to Approve Minutes for this Convention.

The Rev. Steve Baird was appointed to be Chair of the Committee for the Conduct of Nominations and Co-Chair, along with The Rev. Rhoads Hollowell, of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections.

The Rev. Todd Sorensen was appointed to be Chair of the Committee for Legislation and Resolutions with Larry Hitt as a consultant.

The Secretary of Convention reported that a Quorum was present of both the Clergy and Lay Orders for this Convention.

The Bishop requested that the Parliamentarian report on the Proposed Rules of Convention. Chancellor Lawrence (Larry) R. Hitt, II reminded delegates that rules had been posted to the Convention website. He then summarized the rules and highlighted some important details. 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, included in delegate packets, be accepted as printed. The motion was so ordered.

The Secretary of Convention stated that the Committee to Review the minutes of the 128<sup>th</sup> Convention had reviewed and approved the minutes of last year's convention and that they had been posted on the Convention web page. He submitted those minutes and asked that the Chair receive them. The motion was so ordered.

The Bishop declared that the 129<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Colorado was organized for Business.

### **Welcome & Introductions:**

The Bishop warmly welcomed our 10 new Episcopal Service Corps Interns: Mariana Diaz, Rebecca Hannigan, Esther Ou, Veronica Farrell, George Monroe, Evan Brock, John Evans, Collette Newcombe, Sara Sweeney and Elizabeth Markman.

The Bishop also thanked Michelle Vieira and Annie Croner who organized all the volunteers who will helping to make everything run smoothly for the next 2 days. Volunteers were from St. Timothy's, Centennial; All Saint's, Loveland; St. John's, Granby; St. Barnabas, Denver; St. Gregory's, Littleton; St. Andrew's, Denver; Christ Church,

Aspen; St. Charles, Ft. Morgan; St. Peter and St. Mary, Denver; St. Aidan's, Boulder and St. John's Cathedral

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

### **New Clergy to the Diocese**

The Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh was born and raised in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary this summer. After realizing that the time was ripe for a new adventure he and his wife Anne were led to, and embraced by, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Summit County.

The Rev. Krista Dias was called to Chapel of Our Saviour in Colorado Springs, after serving as Curate at Christ Church in Short Hills, NJ. She grew up in Boulder, then spent thirteen years in the New York City area dancing professionally, teaching preschool and serving as a youth minister.

The Rev. Greg Foraker was called to join in ministry at St. Luke's in Fort Collins in November, 2015, serving as Associate Rector for Leadership Development and Vocational Discovery. He comes from the Diocese of Arizona where he served at St. Philip's in the Hills in Tucson.

The Rev. Steven Hagerman is serving as partnership vicar for St. Charles, Fort Morgan and Prince of Peace, Sterling after 34 years of parish ministry, most recently in the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. Robert Hart currently is interim rector of St. Thomas, Park Hill, Denver. Bob is a retired priest who came to Colorado when his wife, Becky, was made curator of modern and contemporary art at the Denver Art Museum in August of 2015. Bob retired from All Saints, Pontiac, MI.

The Rev. Deborah Hanson lived and worked in Jackson, Mississippi, for approximately 30 years, before moving to Colorado recently. She has been a registered nurse for over 43 years. Deborah was ordained a Deacon in 2015 and served the Diocese of Mississippi as the Chairperson for the Honduras Medical Mission, and in Bridges Out of Poverty work. She and her family are in the process of building and developing Landmark, a Community of Memory Care homes in Lafayette, CO.

The Rev. Canon Evelyn Hornaday joined St. John's Cathedral on September 1 as Canon for Cathedral Life. A priest trained in interim ministry, she comes to the Diocese of Colorado from St. Peter & All Saints, Kansas City where she guided the consolidation of two parishes, the redevelopment of their financial structures, and the sale of the unused property, all the while managing the pastoral and liturgical needs of the people in both parishes.

The Rev. Wendy Huber, ordained in the Diocese of Texas, served small parishes in rural Texas. Rev. Huber was trained first as an attorney specializing in mediation and reconciliation and second as a priest. She came to Colorado for: a love of Jesus; to be close to family; fly-fishing; mountains; and an opportunity to serve as rector at St. Barnabas in Glenwood Springs.

A Houston, Texas native, the Very Rev. Ron Pogue spent the last seven of years serving in interim ministries all across the country, most recently at Saint John's Church in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He was called to Denver to serve as Interim Dean of Saint John's Cathedral.

The Rev. Debbie Metzgar Shew began as rector at St. Mark's in Durango on July 1st, where she was thrilled to have landed with her husband David and 3 of the 4 kids they have between them. In their wildest dreams, they'd never have imagined that all 6 "Atlanta Shews" would end up in CO, and in the midst of such breath-taking beauty.

The Rev. Becky Tinnon is canonically resident in Hawaii and moved to Denver to be closer to family and the beautiful Colorado mountains. She is beginning a PhD in psychology this fall. She currently works with embedded behavioral health at Ft. Carson and hopes to explore the connection between spirituality/psychology and how that impacts our faith.

The Rev. Mike Tinnon retired from the United States Air Force in 2010 having served over 28 years as an Army and Air Force chaplain. He served in the Diocese of Hawaii (his canonical residence) and the Diocese of Los Angeles. He and his wife Becky moved to Colorado Springs in August 2015. He currently serves as the Interim at Peace in Christ Episcopal-Lutheran Ministry, Elizabeth, Colorado.

The Rev. Brendan E. Williams, OSB, was called in July to serve as Curate at Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs. He is a graduate of The Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley,

California, and comes to Colorado from the Diocese of California (San Francisco Bay Area). He is also a Benedictine monastic, and prior of The Community of St. John Cassian, a recently founded traditional Benedictine religious order.

The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson began his ministry as the Rector of Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs on Ash Wednesday. After serving as the Rector of St. Andrew's in Toledo, Ohio for seven years, Fr. Jeremiah felt called to join the good people of Grace and St. Stephen's for the next exciting chapter in their ministry.

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

The Rev. Teresa Colburn is a 2007 graduate of Iliff School of Theology. Terri is serving as a Deacon at St John's Cathedral in Denver and is a staff chaplain at Lutheran Hospice.

The Rev. Helen Durany is currently in her 3rd year at Yale Divinity School and serving a one-year internship at St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk, Connecticut.

The Rev. Amy Lythgoe is serving as a seminary intern at St. John's Boulder and also works as the Middle School Chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal School in Denver while she completes her final year in the Anglican Studies program at Iliff.

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

The Rev. Jessie Cannady currently serves as Deacon at St. Luke's, Denver.

The Rev. Tim Dunbar currently serves as a Deacon at Church of the Ascension in Denver.

The Rev. Gary Stoddard is currently serving as a Deacon at St. Michael and All Angels' Church in Denver.

### **Ordained to the Priesthood**

The Rev. Alwen Bledsoe has an MDiv from Iliff. She is now the Curate at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Centennial.

The Rev. Mary Rosendale graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary May 2016. She is currently serving in the Diocese of

Western Massachusetts as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Ware, Massachusetts.

The Rev. Jennifer Shadle completed her MDiv at The Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX, in May 2016. She began serving a curacy as Assistant Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church and School, McAllen, Texas.

The Rev. Bill Stanton is a recent graduate of Iliff School of Theology. He is the Associate for Evangelism and Christian Formation at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Broomfield.

### **Received into the Episcopal Priesthood**

The Rev. Quirino Cornejo was a Candidate from Our Merciful Savior in Denver. After being Received, QC is now working jointly with the Lutheran Church in Colorado around Hispanic Ministries.

The Rev. Dennis Kennedy is a member of St. Barnabas, Denver. After being Received, Dennis now assists at St. Barnabas.

### **Candidates to the Diaconate**

Rich Paul is a member of St Matthew's in Grand Junction. Rich is retired from the Army and keeps busy as a stay at home dad, substitute teacher, school volunteer and with the county's search and rescue team. He and his wife, Amy, married for twenty-seven years have four children, ages nine to sixteen.

Kaye Piper is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Granby, CO. Kaye is a Candidate for the Diaconate.

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

David Blankenship is a candidate for the priesthood from Christ Church, Denver. He has 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 MDiv 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 MDiv at Berkeley Divinity School's Anglican Studies program.

### **Postulants for the Vocational Diaconate**

Anthony Christiansen is a member of St. Peter and Mary, Denver. Anthony is a Postulant for the Vocational Diaconate and is attending Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX.

Dawn Shepler is a Postulant for the diaconate from Holy Redeemer, Denver. She graduated from Iliff School of Theology this past June and is now a full-time hospital chaplain in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

### **Postulants for Priesthood**

Camie Dewey is in her first year at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. A postulant from St. Matthew's in Grand Junction, Camie enjoys hiking, making music, reading, and now, studying. Camie was born and raised in Wyoming, but considers Colorado her home.

Jan Head is a member of Church of the Nativity in Grand Junction. She retired from a career in nursing and health care administration and moved to Colorado in 2013 to be closer to family. Jan is currently pursuing an M.Div. at Iliff School of Theology.

Melissa Kean is in her first year at the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Melissa is from the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Colorado Springs. Melissa is a cradle Episcopalian and was born and raised in Colorado Springs, CO.

Matt Stone has a deep passion to participate with God in transforming people's lives. He served as a hospice chaplain before becoming a Postulant at St. Stephen's, Longmont. He and his wife recently relocated to Austin so Matt can complete the one-year Diploma in Anglican Studies at Seminary of the Southwest.

At this time the Bishop warmly welcomed our special guests Fr. Ben David Okoe Okai, Reginald Ansah-Adjaye, Eric Tagoe and Edmund Nii Odoi Charway visiting from the Anglican Diocese of Accra, Ghana.

### **Opening Worship and Keynote**

The Bishop asked all in attendance to take a moment to prepare ourselves for morning worship. Worship opened with songs, readings from scripture and prayers.

The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm introduced the keynote speaker, the Rev. John Bell.

## **Introduction of the General Convention Deputy nominees:**

The Chair recognized the Rev. Steve Baird, Chair of the Nominations Committee to report on the nominees for deputies to General Convention.

Steve read the names of the clergy and lay nominees while their pictures were projected on the screens.

The 7 Clergy Nominees (in alphabetical order) are as follows:

### **Clergy Nominees:**

1. The Rev. Robert Davidson, St. Bartholomew's, Estes Park
2. The Rev. Paul Garrett, St. Barnabas, Denver
3. The Rev. Chris Johnson, St. Raphael, Colorado Springs
4. The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm, Office of the Bishop
5. The Rev. Kim Seidman, Holy Comforter, Broomfield
6. The Rev. Scott Turner, St. Paul's, Steamboat Springs
7. The Rev. Brian Winter, Christ's Church, Castle Rock

The 8 Lay Nominees (in alphabetical order) are as follows:

### **Lay Nominees:**

1. Zoe Cole, St. Luke's, Denver
2. Dianne Draper, Good Shepherd, Centennial
3. Larry Hitt, Good Shepherd, Centennial
4. Erica Hein Pomerenk, St. Thomas, Denver
5. Scott Michael Pomerenk, St. Thomas, Denver
6. Chuck Theobald, Grace & St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs
7. George Wing, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs
8. Jim Wolfe, Good Shepherd, Centennial

## **First vote for General Convention Deputies**

The Chair recognized the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell and the Rev. Steve Baird, Co-Chairs of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections to explain the rules and prepare the Convention for the first ballot for deputies to General Convention. The rules for the conduct of election were available to all delegates in their informational packet.

Volunteers and the Staff of the Office of the Bishop collected the ballots. They were given to Rhoads and Steve for computation by the tellers away from the Convention floor. During the reading of the voting instructions, Zoe Cole, St. Luke's, Denver, rose to the microphone and asked that the information in the delegate packet be corrected to indicate that she is a member of St. Luke's Church in Denver and not St. Andrew's in Denver.

### **Video #1**

The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm introduced the first video from St. George's Church, the Rev. Ali Lufkin in Leadville. The video talked of bringing the Anglo and Latino communities at St. George's under the Gospel of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Bishop announced that Morning Break would last from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Following the Morning Break that first Workshop session would start at 11:15 a.m. The locations for each session were listed on the agenda in delegate packets, and on the schedule posted in the hallway. Our buffet lunch began at 12:30 p.m. in Salons A & B. General Session # 2 was scheduled to begin promptly at 1:30 p.m.

## **Afternoon General Session**

### **Video #2**

The Bishop introduced Kinna Nordstrom who in turn introduced the second video. The video described a summer day camp at St. Stephen's in Aurora which, in conjunction with St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora, runs a 2-week summer day camp where children worship, learn and play together.

## **Additional Welcome and Introductions**

The Bishop introduced the current members of the Standing Committee whose pictures were projected on the screens in the room.

The Rev. Mike McManus, Rector of Transfiguration, Evergreen clergy representative, Front Range Region

Bob Morse, parishioner at St. John's Boulder lay representative Front Range Region

The Rev. Leigh Waggoner, Rector of St. Barnabas of the Valley, Cortez, clergy representative, Southwest Region

Erin Smith, parishioner from St. Thomas, Alamosa lay representative, Southwest 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. Scott Turner, Rector, St. Paul's, Steamboat Springs, clergy representative, Northwest Region

Carol Hollowed, parishioner, St. James' Meeker, lay representative, Northwest Region

The Rev. De Freeman, former Rector of Chapel of Our Saviour in Colorado Springs, clergy representative, Sangre de Cristo Region

The Rev. Twyla Zittle, ex officio, President of Episcopal Church Women of Colorado

Chuck Thompson, ex officio, Diocesan Treasurer

### **The Staff for Office of the Bishop**

The Bishop introduced the Staff of the Office of the Bishop and asked that they stand and be recognized by this body.

Meg Stern, Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
The Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Canon to the Ordinary  
Dianne Draper, Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary  
Ann Fleming, Coordinator Campaign for Cathedral Ridge  
Nancy McClung, Congregational Development and Deployment  
Administrator, and Diocesan Convention Coordinator  
Mike Orr, Director of Communications, Editor of Colorado Episcopalian  
Sarah McAfee, Receptionist and Database Administrator  
Pam Greenfield, Comptroller  
Kay Ward, Accounting Assistant, and Archivist  
The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm Missioner for Evangelism, Christian  
Formation and Leadership Development, and Executive  
Director of the Center at Cathedral Ridge  
Tracy Methe, Coordinator for Diocesan Events & Digital  
Communications  
Elizabeth Gallegos, Director of Children and Youth Ministry  
The Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Missioner for Advocacy & Social  
Justice, Director of Colorado Episcopal Service Corps,

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

### **Commission on Ministry**

Departing members include the Rev. Bonnie Spencer, Jesse Brown and Eleanor Foley

New appointments include the Rev. Bruce Swinehart, Jim Rosa and Betsy Leonard

### **Board of Examining Chaplains**

Departing members include the Rev. Dana Solomon and the Rev. Marc Genty.

New appointments include the Rev. Dennis Kennedy, the Rev. Alwen Bledsoe and the Rev. Nancy Angle.

The Bishop asked for a moment in prayer to give thanks for the faithful ministry of Richard Berryman in his many areas of service in this diocese, and especially with the Board of Examining Chaplains.

## **Worship and Keynote #2**

The Bishop requested that we all take a few moments to prepare for worship. Rev. John Bell continued with his stories of the Bible.

## **Faith Formation and Cathedral Ridge**

Prior to introducing the Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm, the Bishop announced that the offering taken at the Eucharist for Hurricane Relief in Haiti equaled \$5,750.53. Contributions can still be made to this fund.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm, Elizabeth Gallegos, Tate Fox, Ann Fleming, and the Rev. Brook Keith to talk about Cathedral Ridge and to update the delegates on fundraising efforts for Cathedral Ridge.

## **Missioner for Advocacy and Social Justice**

The Bishop introduced the Rev. Canon Rebecca Crummey, Missioner for Advocacy and Social Justice to talk about the Episcopal Service Corps. Two interns for ESC, Mariana Diaz and John Putnam told their stories as to how they came to be a part of ESC.

## **Bishop's Cross**

Bishop O'Neill announced that he was awarding the Bishop's Cross to Anita Sanborn in honor of her untiring work as the head of the Colorado Episcopal Foundation. Anita will be retiring from this position in December 2016. Her presence will be missed.

## **Video #3**

The Bishop introduced Daniel Coffey and Jesaia Lemke to talk about the video about Calvary Episcopal Church in Golden. Calvary provides a "Lunch 'N' Learn" program every week where students from the Colorado School of Mines can have a "free" lunch provided by parishioners, meet with other students and enjoy the companionship of the parishioners.

**Afternoon Break** was taken from 3:55 pm until 4:15.

### **GENERAL SESSION # 3**

Bishop O'Neill called the Third Session of the 129<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 4:15 pm.

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Kim Seidman and Mr. Rick Parker to read and explain the proposed revisions to the Constitution from the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention. These revisions are now subject to a second vote at the 2018 General Convention before they can take effect, if passed.

B011: Amend Article II.7

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the General Convention (2012) Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. The House of Bishops may elect a Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop. The Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention.

D003: Amend Article V

*Resolved*, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the Ecclesiastical Authority for that purpose; or, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the

Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the Ecclesiastical Authority of each Diocese. After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

## **Report of the Committee on Nominations & Elections**

### **Standing Committee Regional Representatives**

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Steve Baird, Chair of the Committee of Nominations and Co-Chair of Conduct of Elections to report on the nominees for regional representatives to the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Steve Baird reported that the nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee are:

The Rev. Peter Floyd, rector of St. Michael's, Colorado Springs, to be elected as clergy representative, Sangre de Cristo Region, to a term expiring 2021

The Rev. Nature Johnston, rector of Nativity, Grand Junction, to be elected as clergy representative, Southwest Region, to a term expiring 2021

Bob Morse, member of St. John's, Boulder, to be re-elected to be elected as lay representative, Front Range Region, to a term expiring 2021

Jan Johnson, member of St. Peter's, Basalt, to be elected as lay representative, Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2021

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

The Rev. Scott Turner expressed his thanks to the retiring members of the Standing Committee: The Rev. Leigh Waggoner, Southwest, Clergy; Caroline Hollowed Northwest Lay; The Rev. De Freeman Sangre de Cristo Clergy.

## **Disciplinary Board**

The nominees for a full term on the Disciplinary Board to expire December 31, 2019, are: The Rev. Bonnie Spencer for re-election to a 2-year term; The Rev. George Berlin, St. Philip and St. James, Denver; The Rev. Gary Brower, Chaplain to University of Denver; Dr. Carol Gerard, St. John the Baptist, Breckenridge.

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 motion carried.

## **Elected General Convention Deputies**

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell and the Rev. Steve Baird, Co-Chairs of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections. Rev. Rhoads reported on the results of the first ballot for General Convention Deputies indicating that:

Our four Lay Deputies are (in alphabetical order):

1. Zoe Cole
2. Diane Draper
3. Larry Hitt
4. Erica Hein Pomerenk

Our four Clergy Deputies are (in alphabetical order):

1. The Rev. Christopher Johnson
2. The Rev. Canon Ken Malcolm
3. The Rev. Kim Seidman
4. The Rev. Scott Turner

## **Vote for General Convention Deputy Alternates**

The Rev. Rhoads Hollowell gave instructions on how to markup the ballots for the election of deputy alternates to the General Convention. The votes were cast and collected.

## **Announcements:**

The Bishop announced that the budget hearing would be held on Saturday morning from 7:30-8:30 in the Vail Room and the Partnership Vicars & Pastoral Leaders would meet in the Telluride Room. Seminar session #2 will begin at 8:45 and General Session #4 will begin at 10:30.

A celebration was held as Holy Comforter celebrated their passage from a mission church to parish status.

The Bishop extended an invitation to the Bishop's Reception from 5:15-6:30 pm.

## **SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 2016**

The Budget hearing and the meeting of the Partnership Vicars and Pastoral Leaders took place from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

### **Workshop Session #2 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM**

### **Morning Break - 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

### **General Session # 4**

The Bishop called the 129<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado to order at 10:30 AM.

### **Worship and Keynote**

The Bishop asked the delegates to take a few moments to prepare for our final worship. The delegates were led in worship through songs, scripture, and liturgy.

The Rev. John Bell led us through his final words to the convention.

The Bishop thanked the Rev. Bell for his words over the past two days.

The Bishop once again introduced Fr. Ben David Okoe Okai and his colleagues Reginald Ansah-Adjaye, Eric Tagoe, and Edmund Nii Odoi Charway visiting from the Anglican Diocese of Accra, Ghana.

Fr. Ben David Okoe Okai brought greetings to the Diocese of Colorado from the Diocese of Accra, Ghana and thanked Meg Stern, "Mama Meg," who worked to bring them to Colorado and arranged for their hospitality while in Colorado. Gifts in the form of stoles were presented to Bishop O'Neill, The Canon of the Ordinary, and the Missioners of the regions in Colorado. Bishop O'Neill presented stained glass crosses to the representatives from Ghana.

## **2nd Report of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections**

The Bishop recognized the Rev. Rhoads Hollowell and the Rev. Steve Baird Co-Chairs of the Committee for the Conduct of Elections regarding the ballot for Alternates to General Convention.

The Rev. Hollowell announced the Alternates for General Convention 2018. The names are given in the order of election.

Our Four Lay Alternates are:

Scott Michael Pomerenk  
Jim Wolfe  
Chuck Theobald  
George Wing

Our Three Clergy Alternates are:

The Rev. Brian Winter  
The Rev. Bob Davidson  
The Rev. Paul Garrett

Bishop O'Neill thanked all individuals who stood for election and offered their services to the Diocese and the Episcopal Church.

## **Report on Diocesan 2015 Financial Statements and Proposed 2017 Budget**

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

The Bishop announced that there were two pieces of business to conduct, the first of which was the reception of the Audited Financial Reports of 2015, notice of which was emailed to all delegates and posted on the Diocesan Website. A Motion was made and seconded to receive the Audited Financial Report for 2015. There being no comments from the floor, the motion was approved unanimously.

The second order of business announced by the Bishop was the approval of the 2017 budget. The proposed 2017 Budget was posted on the Diocesan website, and was discussed at the Budget hearing. A

motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed budget for 2017. There being no questions from the floor, the Budget for 2017 was approved unanimously.

## **Video #4**

The Bishop introduced Irene Kornelly and Debbie Johnson who introduced a video about St. Raphael's Place. St. Raphael's Place is a child care center in Security, Colorado supported by St. Raphael Church that will provide affordable child care who families in the community that will be a home away from home for their children.

## **Courtesy Resolutions**

Bishop O'Neill recognized the Rev. Todd Sorensen for a report on Courtesy Resolutions.

### **Courtesy Resolutions for the 129th Diocesan Convention**

Be it resolved that this 129th 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;
- Welcomes with great joy our special guests the Rev. Fr. Benjamin David Okoe Okai, Mr. Edmund Nii Odoi Charway, Mr. Reginald Ansah-Adjaye, Mr. Eric Tagoe and visiting from Anglican Diocese of Accra, Ghana. Akwaaba, and for the gift of your journey here, made wo ase. We commend Ms. Gifty Larsey to God's healing grace.
- 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 14th 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 Rev. John Bell 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 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. John Wengrovius, The Rev. Dean Smith, The Rev. Carol Meredith, The Rev. Bonnie Spencer, The Rev. Canon Carl Andrews and The Rev. Canon Lou Blanchard.
- Expresses its greetings and prayers to our Postulants and Candidates for Ordination: David Blakenship, Luke Challis, Anthony Christiansen, Rich Paul, Kaye Piper, Dawn Shepler-Hamilton, Jan Head, Matthew Stone, Melissa Kean, Camie Dewey
- Celebrates with and offers its prayers to those ordained in the previous year: to the Priesthood – The Rev. Alwen Bledsoe, The Rev. Mary Rosendale, The Rev. Jennifer Shaddle, and the Rev. William Stanton; to the Transitional Diaconate – The Rev. Teresa Colburn, The Rev. Helen Durany, The Rev. Amy Lythgoe; and to the Vocational Diaconate- The Rev. Jessie Cannady, The Rev. Timothy Dunbar, The Rev. Gary Stoddard, Welcomes with joy and thanksgiving those clergy who are new to this diocese: The Rev. Charles Brumbaugh, The Rev. Dennis Kennedy, The Rev. Krista Dias, The Rev. Greg Foraker, The Rev. Steve Hagerman, The Rev. Robert Hart, The Rev. Deborah Hansen, The Rev. Evelyn Hornaday, The Rev. Wendy Huber, The Very Rev. Ron Pogue, The Rev. Debra Shew, The Rev. Becky Tinnon, The Rev. Mike Tinnon, The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson, and joyfully welcomes all lay members who are new to our diocese;
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## **Closing / Adjournment**

The Bishop closed the Diocese Convention with prayer and asked for safe travels for all as they returned home.

The Diocesan Convention of 2016 was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Box lunches were available, including ones for those who indicated special dietary needs.