

## **Minutes of the 136th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in Colorado: “Called”**

### **Saturday, October 30**

A Pre-Convention session was held online through live-streaming sessions. Delegates and others were invited to attend several informational workshops and a hearing on the Proposed Budget.

### **Thursday, October 5: Opening Worship**

Opening Worship was held at the Convention Center. Bishop Kym preached and presided, including giving a welcome to the Convention and initial remarks.

### **Friday 6 October: Business Meeting General Session #1**

After opening meditation & prayer offered by The Daughters of the King, Bishop Kym called the Convention to order at 10:19 am.

### **Appointment of Officers & Chairs**

Bishop Kym appointed the following persons to the following offices:

Secretary of Convention:	Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk BSG
Parliamentarian of Convention:	Chancellor Lawrence R. Hitt (Larry)
Assistant Secretary:	The Rev. Deacon Rich Paul

Bishop Kym then appointed the following persons to the following committees and offices:

**Committee to Approve Minutes:**  
Mrs. AliceMarie Slaven-Edmond  
The Rev. Tim Backus  
Canon Mike Orr (Consultant)

**Committee for the Conduct of Nominations and the Conduct of Elections:**  
The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis (Chair)  
The Rev. Deacon Nancey Johnson Bookstein (Vice-Chair)

Committee for Legislation and Resolutions  
The Rev. Wendy Huber (Chair)  
Chancellor Larry Hitt (Consultant)

### **Declaration of a Quorum**

Br. Scott Michael reported that a Quorum had been reached.

### **Report on the Adoption of Rules of Convention**

Chancellor Larry Hitt drew the Convention's attention to the Rules of Convention, and highlighted particular points.

The Convention adopted the Rules.

### **Report on the Agenda for Convention**

The Convention accepted the Agenda for Convention

### **Report on the Certification of Minutes**

Br. Scott Michael submitted the Minutes of the 135th Convention, noting that they had been approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes, and Bishop Kym received them.

### **Declaration of Organization for Business**

Bishop Kym declared that the Convention was organized for business.

### **Report of Conduct of Nominations & Conduct of Elections**

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis gave a report on the mock vote begun at Registration and conducted another round of the voting.

The Convention watched a video of St. Thomas, Denver while voting continued.

### **Opening Worship**

Morning Prayer was led by St. Patrick's, Pagoda Springs.

### **Keynote Speaker**

The Rev. Canon Christopher Craun presented a talk on the subject of Congregational Vitality, with the theme "Gather", and invited the Convention into table conversations.

### **General Convention Report & Lay Alternate Election**

The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church will take place June 23-28, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bishop Kym announced that the Deputation from the 80th General Convention have prepared a report, available in the virtual binder.

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis reported that there were no persons nominated as candidates for Alternate Deputy, and that therefore no vote was necessary.

### **Mock Vote Report**

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis reported the results of the Mock Vote on favorite cookie, and invited the Convention to vote again.

Bishop Kym noted that the delegation from Sterling had driven the furthest to Convention; the delegation was gifted with swag.

The Convention took a break for Lunch.

### **Friday, October 6: Business Meeting General Session #2**

#### **Keynote Speaker**

The session began with another talk & table discussion on Congregational Vitality from the Rev. Canon Craun, with the theme “Transform”.

#### **Introductions & New Appointments**

Bishop Kym expressed her appreciation to retiring members of Commissions and Committees, and welcomed new appointees:

##### **Commission on Ministry:**

New members:

The Rev. Krista Dias, Chair

Br. Daniel Klawitter OSB

The Rev. Jan Pearson

retiring members:

Ms. Kimberly Hubbs

The Rev. Richard Paxton

Ms. Sylvia Clahchischilli

Ms. Carolyn VanderWerf

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

no changes in membership

## **Diocesan Council**

The Rev. Kaye Piper, retiring member

### **Disciplinary Board Election**

The Rev. Nancey Johnson Bookstein, Deacon, announced the nominees for full terms on the Disciplinary Board:

The Rev. Wendy Huber, St. Peter's of the Valley, Basalt  
Mr. Andy Folkerth, Good Shepherd, Centennial

The Convention elected the nominees unanimously.

### **Mock Vote Report**

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis reported on the Mock Vote and invited the Convention to vote again.

### **Standing Committee Regional Representatives Election**

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis announced the nominees for Standing Committee nominated by their respective Regions:

#### Clergy Nominees:

The Rev. Catie Greene, St. Paul's, Steamboat Springs  
clergy representative to the Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2026  
The Rev. Wren Blessing, St. Patrick's, Pagoda Springs  
clergy representative to the Southwest Region, to a term expiring 2026

#### Lay Nominees:

Mr. Darren Armstrong, President, Holy Redeemer  
lay representative to the Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2026  
Mr. Chuck Theobald, Grace & St. Stephens, Colorado Springs  
lay representative to the Sangre de Cristo Region, to a term expiring  
2026  
Mr. William (Chip) Page, St. Matthew's Grand Junction  
lay representative to the Southwest Region, to complete a term expiring  
2024

The Convention elected the nominees unanimously.

The Convention took a break.

**Friday, October 6: Business Meeting**  
**General Session #3**

The session began with another talk & table discussion on Congregational Vitality from the Rev. Canon Craun, with the theme “Send”.

The Convention watched a video of St. Mark’s, Durango.

### **General Convention**

Bishop Kym expressed her appreciation to the General Convention Deputation, and invited everyone to seek the deputies out to talk about their experience.

### **Announcement of Standing Committee Members**

Bishop Kym expressed thanks to retiring members of Standing Committee:

The Rev. Debbie Shew, St. Mark’s, Durango  
clergy representative, Southwest Region  
Nancy Jones, St. Michael’s, Colorado Springs  
lay representative & Treasurer, Sangre de Cristo region  
Anne Shepherd, All Saints, Crested Butte  
lay representative, Southwest Region

### **Legislation & Resolutions Committee Report**

The Rev. Wendy Huber introduced Proposed Resolution #1, Deacon Minimum Compensation. The Rev. Robert Anton Frankel, one of the resolution’s proposers rose to speak to it. No one spoke against it.

The Convention adopted the resolution unanimously.

Rev. Huber introduced Proposed Resolution #2: Online Worship & Live-Stream Inclusion. The Rev. Matt Holcombe, one of the resolution’s proposers, rose to speak to it.

There was further discussion, with speakers on both sides of the issue.

The Convention adopted the resolution.

### **Cathedral Ridge Drawing**

The Rev. John Hill, Executive Director of Cathedral Ridge, held a drawing to give away camp swag.

### **Closing Prayer**

At 3:39 pm, Bishop Kym closed the day’s session with prayer.

Convention attendees went to dinner on their own.

## **Regional Gatherings and Compline**

At 7:00 pm, Convention attendees returned to the Convention Center for Regional Gatherings, with further discussion of the Keynote themes.

The Regional Gatherings closed the evening with Compline.

## **Saturday, October 7: Business Meeting General Session #4**

### **Morning Prayer**

At 9:00 am, the Convention reconvened with Morning Prayer, led by the Daughters of the King.

### **Bishop's Address**

Bishop Kym gave her address to Convention.

### **Announcements**

Canon Mike Orr made announcements.

### **Vote Report**

The Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis reported on the final Mock Vote, and noted that the experiment had been invaluable to future voting: there was maximum access to the voting, and the Committee learned a great deal about how to conduct an election with multiple orders, candidates, and votes.

### **Youth Ministry Report**

Bishop Kym introduced the Inaugural Youth Council: four young people representing the Youth of the Diocese. The Council members introduced themselves and spoke about their experience at the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE). Bishop Kym noted that the Colorado delegation to EYE was one of the three largest.

### **Treasurer's Report and Budget Vote**

Mrs. Nancy Jones, Diocesan Treasurer, gave her report to the Convention, including the proposed Budget for 2024.

The Convention adopted the 2024 Budget. Bishop Kym thanked the Treasurer, the Finance Committee, and the Staff of the Bishop's Office for their work in creating the Budget.

The Convention took a short break.

### **The Bishop's Cross**

Bishop Kym awarded the Bishop's Cross to the Rev. Richard Munsell (in person) and Sally Neel (by video).

### **Commissioning of Newly Elected/Appointed**

Bishop Kym led a short liturgy for the Commissioning of those newly appointed or elected to various committees or diocesan offices.

### **Thank Yous**

Bishop Kym thanked all who served in various ways in the past year:

Keynote Speaker the Rev. Canon Christopher Craun of The Episcopal Church in  
Western Oregon

The Staff of the Office of the Bishop

Clergy who have retired in the past year:

The Rev. Charlie Brumbaugh

The Rev. Elizabeth Randall

The Rev. Janet Fullmer

The Rev. Susan Merrin

The Rev. Seth Richmond

Clergy who have died in the past year (A video was played):

The Rev. Nancy Angle, Deacon

The Rev. Lawrence Baietti, Priest

The Rev. Bill Crews, Priest

The Rev. Al Hall, Priest

The Rev. Merle Harrison, Deacon

The Rev. Ed Morgan, Priest

The Rev. Linda Syracuse, Priest

The Rev. Si Weir, Deacon

The Rev. Dale Casey

Clergy in New Calls:

The Rev. Jim Atkins, Priest Associate, St. Mark's, Durango

The Rev. Mark Chambers, Rector, St. John's, Ouray

The Rev. Terri Colburn, Vicar, St. Elizabeth's, Brighton

The Rev. Chris DeVore, Vicar, St. Raphael, Colorado Springs

The Rev. Hentzi Elek, Long Term Supply Priest, St. Martin In The Fields, Aurora

The Rev. Claire Elser, Associate Priest, Grace & St. Stephens, Colorado Springs

The Rev. Melissa George, Rector, Ascension, Salida

The Rev. Vicki Hesse, Interim Assisting Priest, St. Michael's, Colorado Springs

The Rev. John Hill, Vicar & Executive Director, Cathedral Ridge  
The Rev. Terri Hobart, Rector, St. Thomas, Denver  
The Rev. Anna Horen, Interim Rector, St. Andrew's, Denver  
The Rev. Bill Lupfer, Rector, Christ Church, Aspen  
The Rev. Peter Munson, Interim Rector, St. John The Baptist, Breckenridge  
The Rev. Karen Smith, Transition Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew's, Parker  
The Rev. John Wengrovius, Associate Priest, Christ Church, Denver

Newly Ordained Clergy

The Rev. Rob Rose, Transitional Deacon  
The Rev. Anthony Suggs, Transitional Deacon  
The Rev. Jamie Galbasini, Vocational Deacon

Postulants and Candidates for Ordination

Bishop Kym encouraged everyone to "learn who they are and keep them in your prayers."

**Courtesy Resolutions**

In a video, the Rev. Wendy Huber read courtesy resolutions.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Bishop Kym closed the Convention with prayer and adjourned the Convention at 10:44 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk BSG