

Minutes of the 135th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in Colorado

Saturday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 13

Opening worship was held at the Convention Center.

Friday, October 14

On Friday, time was dedicated to workshops and regional and parish conversations. That evening, the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, gave our keynote address. Canon Natalie gave a moving account of church planting among people with little church experience and growing congregations in surprising ways.

Saturday, October 15: Business Meeting

At 9:00 am, Bishop Kym welcomed the Convention and recognized the indigenous siblings—Cheyenne, Ute, Lipan Apache—who first inhabited the land where we were gathered.

Deacons the Rev. Jan Pearson and the Rev. Nadine Pope led morning prayer.

Organization of the Convention

Bishop Kym called the Convention to order at 9:17 am. She appointed Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk BSG as Secretary of Convention, Diocesan Chancellor Mr. Lawrence (Larry) R. Hitt II as Parliamentarian of Convention, and the Rev. Deacon Rich Paul as Assistant Secretary of Convention.

Bishop Kym appointed Mrs. AliceMarie Slaven-Emond and the Rev. Tim Backus to the Committee to Approve Minutes for the Convention, with Canon Mike Orr as a consultant.

Bishop Kym appointed the Rev. Nancey Johnson Bookstein as Chair of the Committee for the Conduct of Nominations and the Committee for the Conduct of Elections and the Rev. Mary Kate Rejouis as Vice Chair of the same committees.

Bishop Kym appointed the Rev. Wendy Huber as Chair of the Committee for Legislation and Resolutions, with Chancellor Larry Hitt as a consultant.

The Secretary reported that a quorum of both Clergy and Lay delegates was present.

The Parliamentarian drew the Convention's attention to the Special Rules of Convention and highlighted important points; the Convention voted to adopt the Special Rules.

The Secretary moved the Agenda for Convention, which the Convention accepted.

The Secretary reported that the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the 134th Convention had reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous year's Convention and that the minutes had been posted on the Convention web page. The Secretary submitted the minutes, and the Bishop received them.

Bishop Kym declared the Convention organized for business.

The Rev. Wendy Huber moved that the Convention ratify all actions and decisions made at the 134th Convention, which had been held virtually due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. The motion passed.

Election of Regional Representatives to Standing Committee

The Rev. Nancey Johnson Bookstein, Chair of the Conduct of Nominations and Conduct of Elections, presented the nominees for Regional Representatives to the Standing Committee.

Clergy nominees were:

- The Rev. William Stanton, St. Alban's, Windsor: clergy representative to Front Range Region, to a term expiring 2025 (*Canon 6 sec 3*)
- The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson, Grace and St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs: clergy representative to the Sangre de Cristo Region, to a second term expiring 2025 (*Canon 6 sec 3*)

Lay nominees were:

- Donna Colville, St. Aidan's, Boulder: lay representative to the Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2025 (*Canon 6 sec 3*)
- Karla Schapansky: lay representative to the Northwest Region, to a term expiring 2025 (*Canon 6 sec 3*)

Deacon Nancey gave the Convention instructions on how to vote.

While voting took place, a video of All Saints, Loveland, was shown.

All nominees were elected. The Bishop thanked The Rev. Amy Underhill Lythgoe, Rector, St. Luke's, Denver, President and clergy representative, Front Range Region; Rick Parker, All Saints, Loveland, Secretary and lay representative, Front Range Region; and Janet Johnson, St. Peter's, Basalt, lay representative, Northwest Region, for their completed terms of service.

Election of Disciplinary Board

Deacon Nancey presented the nominees for Disciplinary Board, terms to expire December 31, 2025 (*3 yrs Canon 7A*):

- The Rev. George Berlin, retired
- The Rev. Gary Brower, Rector, Good Shepherd, Centennial
- The Rev. Amy Underhill Lythgoe, Rector, St. Luke's, Denver

- Amy Evans, St John's, Breckenridge
- Scott Wallace, St. Mark's, Durango

A motion was made to elect the nominees by acclamation; the motion passed, and the nominees were all elected. The Bishop thanked the Rev. Bill Stanton for completing his term of service.

Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church

Chancellor Larry Hitt informed the Convention that the Canons of The Episcopal Church require the Secretary of each diocesan convention to read in full the language of proposed amendments to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church, and noted that Br. Scott Michael had read the proposed amendments in a video on the Convention website.

General Convention Deputation Presentation

Bishop Kym reminded the Convention that General Convention had been postponed from Summer 2001 to July 7-14, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland. She noted the Deputation report on the Convention webpage prepared by Deputation Co-Chairs the Rev. Melissa Adzima and Mr. Larry Hitt. Bishop Kym thanked the General Convention deputies.

Election of General Convention Deputies

Deacon Nancey presented the nominees for Deputies to General Convention and explained the voting process.

While voting took place, a video of St. Matthew's, Grand Junction, was shown.

Lay Deputies were elected in the following order:

1. L. Zoe Cole
2. Chuck Theobald
3. Erica Pomerenk

4. Lawrence Hitt II

Clergy Deputies were elected in the following order:

1. The Rev. Brian Winter
2. The Rev. Melissa Adzima
3. The Rev. Tory Moir
4. The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson

A motion was made to elect Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk BSG as lay alternate deputy by acclamation, he being the only candidate. He was elected.

Deacon Nancey gave instructions for voting for electing clergy alternate deputies. While voting took place, a video of St. Matthias, Monument, was shown.

Clergy alternate deputies were elected in the following order.

1. The Rev. Anne Richter
2. The Rev. Matt Holcombe
3. The Rev. Debra Shew

Treasurer's Report and 2023 Diocesan Budget

Mr. Jay Swope, Diocesan Treasurer, made his report to Convention. He briefly explained the reasoning for the 2023 budget and thanked all who had supported him, especially Diocesan Controller Pam Greenfield.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget for 2023. After a few questions for Jay, a vote was taken, and the budget was adopted. Bishop Kym thanked the Treasurer, Standing Committee, Finance Committee, and Office of the Bishop staff for their work in drafting the budget.

Election of Diocesan Treasurer

Deacon Nancey presented the nominee for Diocesan Treasurer: Nancy Jones, a member of St. Michael's, Colorado Springs; she was elected.

Legislation and Resolutions Committee

The Rev. Wendy Huber, Chair of the Legislation and Resolutions Committee, presented Resolution #1: The Care of Creation Resolution. The Rev. Dr. Gary Brower, one of the proposers of the resolution, spoke to it from the floor.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the Resolution was adopted.

A video was shown of St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder.

Acknowledgments

Bishop Kym gave a prayer of thanksgiving for her staff, giving special thanks for the Rev. Canon Alex Dyer, who had recently left; and the Rev. Canon Lucy Amerman, Interim Canon for Mission and Administration, who joined the staff this year.

Bishop Kym gave appreciation and thanksgiving for the current members of the Standing Committee.

Bishop Kym gave thanks for the clergy members who had retired in the past year:

- The Rev. Jan Dewlen
- The Rev. Theodore Howard
- The Rev. Mike McManus
- The Rev. Cope Mitchell
- The Rev. Michael Richardson
- The Rev. Susan Springer
- The Rev. Tim Thadden
- The Rev. Catherine Tran
- The Rev. Steve Wilson

Bishop Kym offered a special prayer for clergy who had died in the past year; a video showed their names and faces:

- The Rev. Ken Burton, Priest
- The Rev. Anthony Christiansen, Deacon
- The Rev. James Frensley, Priest
- The Rev. Tom Seibert, Priest
- The Rev. Bob Thompson, Priest
- The Rev. Tom Troeger, Priest
- The Rev. Lorine Williams, Deacon

She also recognized the passing of Charlie Kirk, who served as Diocesan Treasurer for over ten years.

Bishop Kym gave thanks for clergy who had begun new calls in The Episcopal Church in Colorado this year:

- The Rev. Jim Atkins, Transitional Deacon at St. Mark's, Durango
- The Rev. Kendall Batten-Kalantzis, License to Officiate, St. Andrew's, Denver
- The Rev. Roger Bower, Rector of St. Gregory's, Littleton
- The Rev. Mark Chambers, Rector of St. John's, Ouray
- The Rev. Chris DeVore, Transitional Deacon at St. Raphael, Colorado Springs
- The Rev. Julia Domenick, Associate Rector of St. John's, Boulder
- The Rev. Melissa Roberts George, Rector of Ascension, Salida, and Little Shepherd in the Hills, Crestone
- The Rev. Vicki Hesse, Vicar and Co-Director, and The Rev. Leah McCullough, Co-Director of Cathedral Ridge
- The Rev. Steve Karcher, Rector of Ascension, Pueblo
- The Rev. Austin Leininger, Rector of Christ the King, Arvada
- The Rev. Jeffrey Krantz, License to Officiate, St. Luke's, Fort Collins
- The Rev. William Launcher, License to Officiate, All Saints, Loveland
- The Rev. Kristina Lewis, Deacon, Grace and St. Stephens, Colorado Springs

- The Rev. Dr. Marc Smith, License to Officiate, St. John's, Boulder
- The Rev. Michael Thomas
- The Rev. Canon Lucy Amerman, Interim Canon for Mission & Administration, Office of the Bishop
- The Rev. Sasha Billow, Curate, St. Mary Magdalene, Boulder
- The Rev. Douglas Bleyle, Rector, St. Barnabas, Cortez
- The Rev. Linda Brown, Deacon, and Jesse Brown, Interim Executive, Co-Directors, Cathedral Ridge
- The Rev. Hentzi Elek, Vicar, St. George, Leadville
- The Rev. Janice Head, Assisting Rector of St. Matthew's, Grand Junction
- The Rev. Steve Hood, Rector of St. Matthew's, Grand Junction
- The Rev. Amy Newell-Large, Curate for Parish Life, St. John's Cathedral, Denver
- The Rev. Amy Underhill Lythgoe, Rector, St. Luke's, Denver
- The Rev. Nancy Malloy, Interim Vicar, Intercession, Thornton
- The Rev. Shelley Ryan, Priest-in-Charge, St. Laurence, Conifer
- The Rev. Kim Seidman, Rector, St. Timothy's, Centennial
- The Rev. Margaret Peel-Shakespeare, Priest-in-Charge, St. John Chrysostom, Golden
- The Rev. Felicia SmithGraybeal, Rector, St. Paul's, Fort Collins
- The Rev. Karen Smith, License to Officiate, St. Matthew's, Parker
- The Rev. Katherine (Kit) Snyder, Deacon
- The Rev. William (Bill) Stanton, Rector, St. Alban's, Windsor
- The Rev. Robin Tems, Deacon

Bishop Kym gave thanks for newly ordained priests and deacons: The Rev. Deacon Katherine (Kit) Snyder and the Rev. Deacon Kristina (Kris) Lewis, ordained to the vocational diaconate; and the Rev. Sasha Bilow and the Rev. Amy Newell-Large, ordained to the priesthood. She gave thanks for Candidates and Postulants for Ordination:

Candidate to the Priesthood

- The Rev. Deacon Robin Tems

Postulants to the Priesthood:

- Amanda Parker
- Cate Colburn-Smith
- Durango Jenkins
- Mike Kornelsen
- Charles Martin
- Rob Rose
- Christina Rutland
- Anthony Suggs

Postulant to the Diaconate:

- Jamie Galbasini

Commissions and Committee Appointments

Bishop Kym announced new appointments to the Commission on Ministry:

- The Rev. Doug Bleyle
- Mr. Jesse Brown
- Ms. Susan Garsoe

She thanked CoM members ending their terms:

- The Rev. Deacon Linda Brown
- The Rev. Reagan Humber
- The Rev. Katie Pearson

Bishop Kym thanked outgoing members of the Board of Examining Chaplains:

- The Rev. Jennifer Shadle
- Dr. Cyndy McRae
- The Rev. Rich Paul
- The Rev. Joseph Wolyniak, Chair

Bishop Kym thanked The Rev. Linda Brown for completing her term on the Diaconal Council.

Bishop Kym announced the following new appointments to the Provincial Council:

- The Rev. David Dill, Chapel of Our Saviour, Colorado Springs (second term)
- Eric Pelander, Christ Church, Aspen

She thanked George Wayne for completing his term of service.

Bishop's Cross

Bishop Kym announced the recipients of the Bishop's Cross and played a video of their awarding:

- Guy Arnold
- Kay Ward

Bishop Kym presented a special recognition of Jay Swope, making him an honorary Canon.

She also gave special recognition to the Rev. Canon Carl Andrews for his service in organizing our response to the COVID pandemic, giving him a bottle of Scotch.

Bishop Kym delivers the convention address and in a brief liturgy, Bishop Kym commissioned all those appointed or elected to new Committees and Commissions.

A video of The Rev. Wendy Huber reading the Courtesy Resolutions was played.

Bishop Kym thanked all who have served the Diocese in the past year. She thanked workshop leaders and the keynote speaker, the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall.

Bishop Kym pronounced a blessing on the delegates and, after a motion to adjourn, adjourned the 135th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Br. Scott Michael Pomerenk BSG, Secretary