



JOURNAL OF THE SPECIAL CONVENTION
TO ELECT THE XV BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MAY 1, 2021
HELD VIA ZOOM

The Special Meeting of Convention to Elect the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina began with Morning Prayer led by The Rev. Rob Donehue, Ms. Lesley Gilbert, The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych, and Ms. Harriett Green, with a special homily offered by The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Visiting Bishop.

The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee, President of the Standing Committee and Presider, called the Special Convention to order at 9:25 am.

Cn. Lee appointed Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor as the Parliamentarian for the Special Convention. Other appointments for the convention may be found in Appendix A.

Cn. Lee presented the agenda for the meeting to the Convention. The report came from committee and did not need a second. The agenda was approved.

Cn. Lee recognized Ms. Carrington Wingard, a member of the Credentials Committee, for the report of that committee. Ms. Wingard reported that there were 34 eligible clergy delegates present and 27 of the 30 voting congregations were present and moved acceptance of the report. The report came from committee and no second was needed. The report was accepted.

Ms. Diane Wilson, Secretary of the Standing Committee, was called upon to certify that a quorum was present for the meeting. Ms. Wilson reported that with the numbers presented by the Credentials Committee at 9:41 am, a quorum was present to conduct the business of the Special Meeting of Convention.

The Chancellor was recognized to present the Proposed Resolutions for this convention, appointing a special Secretary of Convention and for the Rules of Order for this online meeting. These proposed resolutions may be found in Appendix B.

The Chancellor presented the Proposed Resolution on a Secretary for this Special Meeting of Convention and moved its acceptance. The resolution came from the Chancellor and did not need a second. There was no discussion, and the motion was adopted and Ms. Diane Wilson was named the Secretary of the Special Convention.

The Chancellor continued and presented the Proposed Resolution on the Rules of Order for the Special Meeting of Convention to Elect the XV Bishop. The resolution came from the Chancellor and no second was required. There was no discussion and the Rules of Order for the online Special Meeting of Convention were accepted.

Canon Lee thanked the Chancellor for his work. He also offered sincere appreciation and great thanks to those in the diocese whose hard work has led the diocese to this moment. Cn. Lee recognized the members of the Search Committee, chaired by The Rev. Dr. Phil Linder, and the Transition Committee, chaired by Ms. Pat Neumann and Mr. Rick Stall.

Cn. Lee recognized the tellers who are serving today and thanked them: Ms. Katie Monoc, chair, Ms. Andrea McKellar, Ms. Sarah Tipton, and Ms. Nancy Ezell.

Cn. Lee called upon the Head Teller, Ms. Katie Monoc, to review the voting procedures and conduct the practice ballot.

Ms. Monoc addressed the Convention, reminding the group of the voting procedures set forth in Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of The Diocese of South Carolina. A practice ballot was opened for delegates to vote – ‘What is your Favorite Easter Hymn?’

Cn. Lee announced that The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych and The Rev. Rob Donehue were appointed as chaplains for this convention.

Cn. Lee presented the five candidates for bishop, noting that the nominations had been received in proper form, published, and distributed to the delegates:

- The Rev. Geoffrey M. St. John Hoare
- The Rev. Kevin Allen Johnson
- The Rev. Cn. Terence Alexander Lee
- The Venerable Calhoun Walpole
- The Rev. Cn. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley

On behalf of the Standing Committee, Cn. Lee moved acceptance of the slate and called for a vote on the first ballot.

The ballot was conducted through the Simply Voting app.

Having received the results of Ballot One from Ms. Monoc, Cn. Lee announced the results of the first ballot. To elect in the lay order, 10 votes were needed. In the clergy order, 18 votes were needed.

<i>First Ballot</i>	VOTES IN LAY ORDER	VOTES IN CLERGY ORDER
GEOFFREY HOARE	2	1
KEVIN JOHNSON	1	1
TERENCE LEE	5	6
CALLIE WALPOLE	3.5	7
RUTH WOODLIFF-STANLEY	8	19

There being no election on the first ballot, Cn. Lee announced that the Convention would proceed to a second ballot. A quorum had to be re-established for the second ballot and a vote of attendance was taken via Zoom poll at 11:20 am.

Ms. Diane Wilson, Secretary of the Special Convention, was recognized to report on the establishment of quorum for the second ballot. Ms. Wilson reported that 34 clergy were present of 47 eligible voters and 27 of the 30 voting congregations in the diocese were represented and a quorum was present.

Cn. Lee called upon the chaplains, The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych and The Rev. Rob Donehue, who offered a prayer before a time of discernment prior to the second ballot.

The second ballot was conducted through the Simply Voting app.

After the Head Teller certified the results, Cn. Lee announced the results of the second ballot. To elect in the lay order, 10 votes were needed. In the clergy order, 18 votes were needed.

<i>Second Ballot</i>	VOTES IN LAY ORDER	VOTES IN CLERGY ORDER
GEOFFREY HOARE	0.5	0
KEVIN JOHNSON	0	0
TERENCE LEE	3	2
CALLIE WALPOLE	3.0	6
RUTH WOODLIFF-STANLEY	13	26

Cn. Lee announced that after the second ballot, the Special Meeting of Convention to Elect the XV Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina had elected The Rev. Cn. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley.

Cn. Lee asked for Rev. Donehue to offer a prayer for all of the candidates.

All delegates were asked to complete the testimonial for election.

Cn. Woodliff-Stanley addressed the Convention via Zoom.

Cn. Lee called upon the Secretary of Convention, Ms. Diane Wilson, for final announcements. Ms. Wilson announced that at the conclusion of the convention, all delegates will receive an email survey from the diocesan office. A link to this survey will be posted on the website and also shared in the next newsletter. All delegates and visitors are invited to complete this survey – responses will be used to help plan future gatherings and will also be shared with other dioceses in transition.

Cn. Lee offered thanks to the candidates for their ministry, for feeling the nudge of the Holy Spirit to enter into this process and discern a call to serve this diocese. On behalf of the Diocese of South Carolina, I wish you blessings as you continue to serve God and the Episcopal Church.

He thanked Ms. Diane Wilson, for her work on this convention as the Secretary of this Convention, as well as the Chancellor, Mr. Tom Tisdale, and Vice-Chancellor, Ms. Katie Monoc. Cn. Lee noted his immense appreciation to the Special Convention Committee: Ms. Wilson, Mr. Rick Stall, The Rev. Fred Thompson, and the Diocesan Staff, Ms. Molly Hamilton, Ms. Lauren Kinard, and Ms. Andrea McKellar, for their tireless work and effort on this meeting.

Cn. Lee thanked the Standing Committee, the tellers, Nick Kohlmann for his technical assistance, and the Dean, clergy, wardens and staff of Grace Church Cathedral for their hospitality. He thanked the clergy and lay delegates for taking part in this important process, for their service, prayers and faithful discernment as the diocese takes this next step forward and all of the congregations and members of the diocese for their support throughout this time.

The meeting was found in good order and was adjourned at 12:32 pm.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Visiting Bishop, offered the closing prayer.

EXHIBIT A

Appointments by the Ecclesiastical Authority for Special Convention

Parliamentarian

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Esq., Chancellor

Secretary of Special Convention

Ms. Diane Wilson

Committee on Credentials

The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Ms. Carrington Wingard

Mr. Thomas Richardson

Ms. Diane Wilson

Tellers

Ms. Katie Monoc, Chair, Vice-Chancellor

Ms. Nancy Ezell

Ms. Andrea McKellar

Ms. Sarah Tipton

EXHIBIT B

A RESOLUTION
FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS
FOR THE CONVENTION OF THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ELECT A BISHOP
TO BE HELD ON MAY 1, 2021

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The constraints imposed upon the diocese by the prevalent pandemic for the planning of the conduct of the business of the Convention to elect a bishop require Rules of Order consistent with the circumstances, and the conduct of a virtual Convention requires that certain amendments to the Rules of Order be made as a first Order of Business of the Convention. This resolution therefore establishes the basis for the conduct of business for this meeting of the convention. It does not amend the existing Rules of Order for any purpose or for any use beyond the adjournment this meeting of the Convention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES OF ORDER SHALL BE USED ONLY AS NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF THIS MEETING OF THE CONVENTION TO ELECT A BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE, AND SUCH AMENDMENTS CREATED BY THIS RESOLUTION SHALL EXPIRE AT THE TIME OF THE ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.

A proposed Agenda for the proceedings of the Convention shall be distributed to each clergy and lay delegate before the Convention.

The first order of business following the Call to Order of the Convention shall be the certification of the delegates of the parishes and missions in attendance, and voice but not vote shall be extended to any registered guests in attendance. Such certifications of voting delegates shall be provided to The President of the Standing Committee no later than ten (10) days before the Convention.

It is hereby resolved that all technical arrangements to conduct a virtual meeting of the Convention are adopted and allowed as necessary to conduct the business of the Convention.

To the further extent necessary to amend the Rules of Order of the Convention, and to take any further necessary action to conduct this meeting of the Convention to elect a bishop shall be allowed for such purpose due to the necessity to conduct a virtual meeting.

A certified copy of this Resolution as adopted by the Convention shall be included in the Journal of the Convention.

This RESOLUTION was duly adopted this 1st day of May in the year of Our Lord 2021.

EXHIBIT C
Clergy Eligible to Vote

The Rt. Rev. Fitzsimmons Allison	The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych
The Rev. Sister Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe	The Rev. Sarah Putnam
The Very Rev. Mark Brinkmann	The Rev. Laura Rezac
The Rev. Michael Burton	The Rev. Jeffrey Richardson
The Rev. Hank Cheves	The Rev. Frank Russ
The Rev. Dan Clarke	The Rev. Dow Sanderson
The Rev. Ryan Currie	The Rev. Dr. Michael Shaffer
The Rev. Courtney Davis-Shoemaker	The Very Rev. Dr. Adam Shoemaker
The Rev. Robinson Dewey	The Rev. Colton Smith
The Rev. Robertson Donehue	The Rev. Roger Smith
The Rev. Pamela Fahrner	The Rev. Dr. James Taylor
The Rev. Floyd Finch	The Rev. Fred Thompson
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway	The Rev. Byron Tindall
The Rev. William Hills	The Rev. Roy Tripp
The Very Rev. Chris Huff	The Rev. Denise Trogdon
The Very Rev. William Keith	The Rev. Jeff Wallace
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee	The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
The Rev Morris Lent	The Rev. Cn. Bryce Wandrey
The Rev. Dr. Philip C. Linder	The Rev. William Watson
The Rev. Richard Lindsey	The Rev. David Williams
The Rev. Dr. Matthew McCormick	The Rev. Tom Wilson
The Rev. Jean McGraw	The Rev. Jerry Wiseley
The Rev. Donald McPhail	The Very Rev. Michael Wright
The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot Merchant	

EXHIBIT D

Lay Delegates Attending

Parishes

All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

Sherman Barker, Michael Binford, Lesley Gilbert, Marilyn Roper

Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston

William Bluford, Jewell Dingle, Alvin Feemster, Alesia Rico-Flores

Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston

Susan Carter, Susan Cromwell, Barry Gumb, James Hutchisson

St. George's Episcopal Church, Summerville

Rex Elser, Evelyn LeGrand, Aaron Piper, Diane Wilson

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston

Sue Cavanaugh, Charles Geer, Jan Schumann, Cappy Traywick

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island

Deb Harris, Evie Lewis, Kris Southard, David West

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Conway

Barry Dennis, Jean Spedden Goldson, Kathleen Hearn, Rebecca Lovelace

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston

Hillery Douglas, Shawan Gillians, Minerva King, Ellen Linder

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal

William Libert, Glenda Lee Nutting, Katey Seibels, David Whitworth

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Charleston

Colleen Condon, Liz Fischer, Joseph M. Froneberger III, Joy Smith (Walker)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, N. Myrtle Beach

Debra Davidson, Cathy Fellows, Joe Lenhard, Henry Saunders

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, North Charleston

Reyne Espy, Kim Horton, Mick Potter, Yvonne Spivey

Missions

All Saints Episcopal Church, Hampton

Sam Crews, Charlie Laffitte

Church of the Holy Communion, Allendale
No delegates attended.

Church of the Heavenly Rest, Estill
Alfred Marshall, Laura Marshall

Christ Episcopal Church, Denmark
Scott Bester, Larry Watt

Church of the Epiphany, Summerville
Steve Jackson, Ken Wallace

Church of the Good Shepherd, Summerville
Valerie Bullock, Gray Thomas

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sumter
Tommy Bultman, Harriett Green

Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach
John Manley, Richard Stall

East Cooper Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant
Susie Goss, Hannah Heyward

Episcopal Church on Edisto, Edisto Island
Elizabeth Daise, Nancy Skardon

The Episcopal Church on Okatie, Ridgeland
Phil Powell, Sally Powell

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Kingstree
No delegate attended

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Wedgefield
John Spann

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Florence
Carol Adams, Teresa Anderson

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Charleston
Sharon Crossley, William Thornby

St. James-Santee Episcopal Church, McClellanville
Dean Carmen Byrd, Doug Hurteau

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephens
Leslie Clarke, Margaret Sauls

St. Philip's Chapel, Voorhees College, Denmark
No delegates attending

Worship Groups

Episcopal Worship Group in Cheraw, Cheraw
Phil Powell, Sally Powell