

# Journal of the 228th Annual Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

## “Faith, Hope and Love”

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, South  
Carolina

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### **Institutions of the Diocese**

Bishop Gadsden

Canterbury House

Episcopal Home at Still Hopes

Kanuga Conferences, Inc.

Porter-Gaud School

York Place

University of the South

Voorhees College

The Diocesan Office  
PO Box 20485 Charleston, SC 29413  
Phone (843) 259-2016

The Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams, III

Archdeacon  
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole

Chancellor  
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Treasurer  
The Rev. Dr. James Taylor

Communications Director  
Mrs. Holly Votaw

Diocesan Ministry Developer  
Mrs. Andrea McKellar

Executive Assistant to the Bishop  
& Diocesan Administrator  
Mrs. Lauren S. Kinard

## 228th Annual Convention Committee Appointments

### Bishop's Address

The Rev. Rob Donehue  
Mr. George Hearn

### Constitution and Canons

Ms. Erin Bailey  
Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley  
The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych  
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole  
The Rev. Roy Tripp  
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

### Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Jill Williams, Chair  
The Rev. Donald Fishburne

### Credentials – Lay

Mr. Hillery Douglas, Chair  
Ms. Kathy Parker

### Elections

The Rev. Jeff Richardson, Chair  
Ms. Lisa Covington  
Ms. Sharon Dean

### Necrology

The Rev. Tom Wilson, Chair

### Finance

Mr. Bart Carson  
The Very Rev. Chris Huff  
Ms. Lynn Hopkins  
Mr. Mike Jefferson  
Ms. Barbara Mann  
Mr. Bubba Foy  
Mr. Mark Szen  
Mr. Bill Beak  
The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor

### New Parishes and Missions

Mr. Rick Stall, Chair  
Mrs. Susie Goss  
The Rev. Adam Shoemaker  
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex-officio

### Resolutions

The Rev. Pam Fahrner, Chair  
Ms. Rebecca Lovelace  
Mr. Wayne Helmlly  
The Rev. Al Votaw  
Mr. Thomas Tisdale, ex-officio

### Nominations

The Very Rev. Chris Huff, Chair  
Ms. Mary Comer  
The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey  
Ms. Nancy Gault  
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee  
Ms. Jeanette Spencer  
The Very Rev. Wil Keith  
Mr. Barry Dennis

## Appointment of Diocesan Committees

### Nominations of Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair  
Ms. Mary Ann Foy  
Mr. Chris Hayes  
The Very Rev. Wil Keith  
The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey

The Ven. Calhoun Walpole  
The Rev. Jean McGraw  
Ms. Jane Hart Lewis  
Dr. Amy Webb

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## Diocesan Council

Ex-Officio Members:

The Bishop, The Archdeacon, the Chancellor, the Treasurer, The President of the Standing Committee, The President of Episcopal Churchwomen of the Diocese, A representative of the E.Y.C.

### Elected by Convention

The Rev. Pam Fahrner (2018)  
The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee (2018)  
Mr. Hillery Douglas (2018)  
Ms. Pam Guess (2018)  
The Very Rev. Chris Huff (2019)  
The Rev. Jean McGraw (2019)

Ms. Pat Neumann (2019)  
Mr. Woody Rutter (2019)  
The Rev. Rob Donehue (2020)  
The Rev. Cn. Wilmot T. Merchant II (2020)  
Ms. Ray Sabalis (2020)  
Ms. Carrington Wingard (2020)

## Standing Committee

Ex-Officio: Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor

The Rev. Mark Brinkmann (2018)  
The Rev. Dr. James Yarsiah (2018)  
Mr. Timothy Armstrong (2018)  
Ms. Barbara Mann (2018)  
The Very Rev. Wil Keith (2019)  
The Rev. Jeff Richardson (2019)

Ms. Carol Grish (2019)  
Ms. Rebecca Lovelace (2019)  
The Rev. Dr. George Moyser (2020)  
The Rev. Fred Thompson (2020)  
Ms. Emily Guess (2020)  
Mr. Rick Stall (2020)

## Trustees of the Diocese

The Bishop of the Diocese, President, ex-officio  
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor, ex officio

Dr. Charles Carpenter  
Mrs. Jan Gibert  
The Rev. Donald McPhail  
Mr. Robert Moffit

The Rev. Jack Neitert  
Mr. Bob Pinkerton  
The Rev. James Taylor  
Ms. Betsy Walker

## Diocesan Institutions

Episcopal Diocesan Housing, Inc.  
Elderly Housing, Inc.  
(The Canterbury House)  
175 Market Street, Box 5 Charleston, SC 29401  
Mrs. Sally Lorbach, Executive Director

Episcopal Church Home  
(Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community)  
One Gadsden Way, Charleston, SC 29412  
C. William Trawick, Executive Director

South Carolina Episcopal Home at Still Hopes  
One Still Hopes Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29169-7151  
Mr. Danny Sanford, Executive Director

### York Place

(Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina currently oversees the property at York Place)

Kanuga Conferences, Inc.  
PO Drawer 250, Hendersonville, NC  
The Rev. Michael O'Sullivan, Director

**University of the South**

Sewanee, Tennessee The Rt. Rev. Johnson Howard, Chancellor  
Mr. John M. McCardell, Jr., Vice-Chancellor and President  
The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander, Dean of the School of Theology

Trustees from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Mrs. Jane Hart Lewis  
The Very Rev. Wil Keith  
Mr. Tom Miller

**Porter-Gaud School,**

300 Albermarle Road, Charleston, SC 29407  
Mr. Robert Y. Scott, Chairman of the Board  
Mr. Dubose Egleston, Headmaster  
The Rev. Jennie Olbrych, Lower School Chaplain

**Voorhees College**

Denmark, SC 29042  
Ms. Mary Moule, Esq., Chairman of Board of Trustees  
Dr. Franklin Evans, President  
Trustees for the Diocese of South Carolina:  
The Rev. James Yarsiah, Chaplain

**Former Bishops of The Diocese**

First Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Robert Smith, D.D. Consecrated September 13, 1795, Died October 28, 1801
Second Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Theodore Dehon, D.D. Consecrated October 15, 1812, Died August 6, 1817
Third Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D.D. Consecrated October 15, 1812, Died August 25, 1839
Fourth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D.D. Consecrated June 21, 1840, Died June 24, 1852
Fifth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Thomas Frederick Davis, D.D. Consecrated October 17, 1853, Died December 2, 1871
Sixth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. William Bell White Howe, D.D. Consecrated October 9, 1871, Died November 25, 1894
Seventh Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, D. D. Consecrated July 20, 1893, Died April 22, 1908
Eighth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. William Alexander Guerry, D.D. Consecrated September 15, 1907, Died June 9, 1928



Ninth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D. Consecrated November 30, 1928, Died October 8, 1967
Tenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Carruthers, D.D., T.D Consecrated May 4, 1944, Died June 12, 1960
Eleventh Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Gray Temple, D.D. Consecrated January 11, 1961, Died October 28, 1999
Twelfth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, D. Phil (Oxon.) Consecrated September 25, 1980, Resigned February 24, 1990
Thirteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. Consecrated February 24, 1990, Resigned February 1, 2006
Fourteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence Consecrated January 26, 2008-Removed October 2012
Provisional Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg January 26, 2013 – Retired August 31, 2016

### List of Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence

#### RESIGNED BISHOPS

Allison, C. FitzSimons	September 25, 1980
Skilton, Willam J.	August 1, 1988

#### PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Baird, Robert	January 4, 1949
Sosnowski, Fredrick S.	June 6, 1968
Lent, Morris J., Jr.	March 1, 1979
Tindall, Byron C.	October 18, 1983
Smith, Roger W.	April 13, 1984
Finch, Floyd W., Jr.	February 8, 1988
Huff, Christopher M.	June 23, 1988
Olbrych, Jennie C.	June 23, 1988
Dover, John R. III	November 29, 1988
Dewey, E. Robinson, Jr.	September 5, 1989
Hills, William L Jr.	June 30, 1990
Rose, William H.	August 1, 1990
Smith, Colton M., III	December 15, 1991
McPhail, Donald S.	December 18, 1991
Powell, Marilyn	October 10, 1993
Burton, J. Michael	January 11, 1995
Putnam, Sally	October 4, 1991
Nietert, Jack F.	October 6, 1998

Cockrell, J. Grafton	February 25, 1999
Clarke. Daniell., Jr.	June 17, 1999
Cole. Michael G.	November 1, 1999
Merchant II, Wilmot T.	October 16, 2000
Cheves, Henry	February 22, 2001
Lindsey, Richard C.	February 14, 2003
Taylor, James E.	September 1, 2003
Wiseley, Jerry L.	September 1, 2001
Williams. David A	March 1, 2004
Morgan, Randall	May 1, 2005
Richardson, Jeff	June 11, 2005
Walpole, Calhoun	June 25, 2005
Grant, Sandra M.	September 10, 2005
Dubose, Jerry	April 25, 2006
Ewing, Judith	June 22, 2006
Wright, Jonathan Michael	July 27, 2006
Yarsiah, James	August 21, 2006
Evenson, Bruce J.	September 26, 2006
Smith. Michael W.	October 12, 2006
Russ, Frank D., Jr.	December 19, 2005
Brinkmann. Mark R.	August 20, 2007
Smith, Gregory	August 14, 2008
Mills, III, Ladson	April 6, 2010
Rathman, William	July 16, 2012
Keith, Wil	January 25, 2013
Barron, Alex	February 25, 2013
McGraw, Jean	March 6, 2013
Fisher, John C.	March 21, 2013
Sanderson, M. Dow	March 22, 2013
Fahrner, Pamela Dee	April 3, 2013
Moyser, George	April 3, 2013
Timmerman, Melissa R.	June 4, 2013
Jett, Charles	June 18, 2013
Votaw, Alastair	October 13, 2013
Porcher, Philip	November 18, 2013
Dannals, James	June 28, 2014
Lee, Caleb	March 31, 2015
McSwain, David	June 9, 2015
Coyne, William H.	August 12, 2015
Thompson, Fred E.	January 17, 2016
Donehue, Roberson C.	May 14, 2016
Wilson, Thomas	January 15, 2017
Tripp, Roy	March 9, 2017

Williams, Jill	October 9, 2017
Shoemaker, Adam	October 18, 2017
Roberson, Jason	November 18, 2017
Linder, Philip C.	March 12, 2018
Fishburne, Donald	May 24, 2018
McCormick, Matthew	July 23, 2018

### Deaneries and Deans

Charleston Peninsula	The Very Rev. Adam Shoemaker
West Charleston	The Very Rev. Chris Huff
Southern	The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey
Pee Dee-Waccamaw	The Very Rev. Wil Keith

### Parishes in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

#### All Saint's Episcopal Church

3001 Meeting Street Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 (843) 681-8333  
Michael Binford, Carol Grish, Karen Reuter, Mark Szen

#### Calvary Episcopal Church

104 Line Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 723-3878  
Arie Bush, Jennie Cooper, Lonnie Hamilton, Virginia Weaver

#### Grace Episcopal Church

98 Wentworth Street Charleston, SC 29401  
Susan Carter, Barry Gumb, Jim Hutchisson, Sarah Tipton,

#### St. George's Episcopal Church

9110 Dorchester Road  
Summerville, SC 29485 (843) 873-0772  
Audra Alford, Evelyn LeGrand, Doug Raisley, Diane Wilson

#### Church of the Holy Communion

218 Ashley Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-2024

Dawn Balsam, Tim Carswell, Frances Geer, Terry Williams

**Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church**

85 Baskerville Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585 (843) 237-3459  
Barbara Belt, Douglas Billings, Deborah Harris, Keith Hoile

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church**

PO Box 752 Conway, SC 29578  
Barry Dennis, Pete Hearn, Rebecca Lovelace, Mary Jo Roberts

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

18 Thomas Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-0267  
George Bresnihan, Hillery Douglas, Shawan Gillians, Tracy Green,

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

PO Box 761 Port Royal, SC 29935  
Don Altman, Beth Campbell, Teege Culp, Sally Dombay

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

67 Anson Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 723-8818  
Gregory Adams, Virginia Runge, Joey Froneberger, Zeh Wellington

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

801 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue N North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 (843) 249-1169  
Rebecca Baker, Gary Kumerfield, Douglas Roderick, Henry Saunders

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

1150 E Montague Ave North Charleston, SC 29405 (843) 747-0479  
Reyne Espy, Kim Horton, Cheryl Leech, Brooks Moore

**Missions in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending**

**All Saint's Episcopal Church**

511 Jackson Ave E Hampton, SC 29924 (803) 943-2300  
George Laffitte, LaClaire Laffitte

**Church of the Holy Communion**

401 Main Street N Allendale, SC 29810 (843) 584-2346  
Laine Gooding, Lari Gooding

**Church of the Heavenly Rest**

152 Collie Road Estill SC 29918 (803) 584-2346

No delegates attended.

**Christ Episcopal Church**

5266 Carolina Hwy Bamberg SC 29003 (803) 793-4837.

Ray Sabalis, Robert Sabalis

**Church of the Epiphany**

212 Central Ave Summerville SC 29483 (843) 873-8915

Mildred Keith, Edward Keith, Jr,

**Church of the Good Shepherd**

PO Box 7 Summerville, SC 29484

Martha Nye, Jeff Wolcott

**Church of the Good Shepherd**

403 Dingle Street Sumter, SC 29150

No delegates attended

**Church of the Messiah**

PO Box 70367 Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

John Manley, Richard Stall

**East Cooper Episcopal Church**

C/o 2621 Crooked Stick Lane Mt .Pleasant, SC 29466

Bonny Collins, Kathy Parker

**Episcopal Church on Edisto**

PO Box 239 Edisto Island, SC 29438

Virginia King, Louis Gentry

**The Episcopal Church on Okatie**

231 Hazzard Creek Drive, Ste 1 Ridgeland, SC 29936

Eve Pinckney, Alexina Harter

**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

305 Hampton Avenue Kingstree, SC 29556 (843) 355-7575

Bubber Jenkinson, Mark Matthews

**St. Augustine's Episcopal Church**

5450 Milford Plantation Rd. Pinewood SC 29125 (Near Wedgefield, SC) (803) 425-9424

John Spann

**St. Catherine's Episcopal Church**

c/o 425 Byrnes Blvd Florence, SC 29506  
Richard Branson, Jane Hart Lewis

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**

c/o 2341 Wofford Rd Charleston, SC 29414  
Dee Dee Tileston, Jean Turner

**St. James-Santee Episcopal Church**

144 Oak Street McClellanville, SC 29458 (843) 887-4386  
Macy Frampton, Gwin Resch

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

196 Brick Church Road St. Stephen's SC 29479 (843) 567-3419  
Mildred Kitchell, Bucky Mock

**St. Philip's Chapel @ Voorhees College**

386 Porter Road Denmark, SC 29042 (866) 685-9904  
Lugenia Rochelle,

## Worship Groups and Representatives Attending

**Episcopal Worship Group in Cheraw**

Lissa Waring, Phil Powell

## Proceedings of the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Friday, November 16 – Saturday, November 17

*Friday, November 16, 2018  
First Business Session*

Bishop Adams opened with prayer.

The Annual Convention was called to order at 5:57 pm by the Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III at Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston.

He asked those present to raise their hands in voting when asked, and noted that if an individual offers a second to a motion to please state their name for the record of the minutes.

Bishop Adams presented the Agenda to the Convention for adoption. There were no changes, and the Convention adopted the agenda as presented.

Bishop Adams called attention to Committee Appointments for the Convention, found as a cream-colored handout in the delegate packets, and shared those individuals had been appointed.

Bishop Adams then called upon The Rev. Jill Williams of the Clergy Credentials Committee. Rev. Williams reported that 35 clergy delegates and 65 lay delegates had seat, voice, and vote and moved acceptance of the report. The report comes from committee and needed no second. The motion to accept the report carried.

Bishop Adams recognized The Rev. Jeff Richardson, President of the Standing Committee, who nominated The Ven. Calhoun Walpole as Secretary. A second was offered by The Rev. Philip Linder, St. Mark's, Charleston. Bishop Adams asked if there were additional nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations and elect Archdeacon Walpole. There was a second and she was elected by acclamation.

Rev. Richardson nominated The Rev. Dr. James Taylor to the position of Treasurer. A second was offered by The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey, All Saints, Hilton Head. The Bishop asked for additional nominations, and hearing none, a motion was made to close nominations and elect Fr. Taylor. There was a second and he was elected by acclamation.

Bishop Adams recognized the Secretary of Convention, the Archdeacon, The Ven. Callie Walpole, who certified that a quorum was present in both orders.

The Bishop declared that the Convention was duly organized and ready for business.

Bishop Adams recognized the Ven. Callie Walpole, as Secretary, for announcements. She pointed out the nearest exits and restroom locations, alerted all that the bishop's staff are wearing diocesan nametags, and volunteers of our host churches, Holy Communion, St. Mark's and Calvary, are wearing purple sashes. Instructions were given how to address the convention and she asked all who

speak to speak clearly, as some portions of the convention may be recorded. She lastly asked for all in attendance to silence their cell phones.

Bishop Adams recognized The Rev. Pam Fahrner, Chair, for the first report of the Resolutions Committee.

Rev. Fahrner presented the first report of the Resolutions Committee, Proposed Resolution #1, to ‘Acknowledge Guests from Returning Congregations’ who were present and attending this annual diocesan convention. This resolution welcomed such guests and noted that until their congregations duly establish Lay and Clergy delegates as required by our Constitution and Canons, the guests were granted seat and voice at this Convention.

The report came from committee and needed no second. A vote on the motion to accept the report was unanimous, and three individuals were seated with the delegates and special guests of the convention.

Bishop Adams introduced and welcomed the honored guests of the Convention., The Rev. Becca Stevens and representatives from Thistle Farms in Nashville, Ms. Susan Ferguson, Ms. Dorris Walker, and Ms. Regina Mullins. Rev. Stevens is an Episcopal priest, social entrepreneur, speaker and author. She is the founder and president of Thistle Farms, a global community of survivors of trafficking and addiction that includes justice enterprises. Today, over 100 people participated in workshops on ministry led by these four, and the Saturday presentation is highly anticipated by all.

Bishop Adams announced those individuals he has nominated to the Commission on Ministry for the next year. These individuals are: The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair, The Very Rev. Wil Keith, The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey, The Rev. Jean McGraw, The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Ms. Mary Ann Foy, Mr. Chris Hayes, Ms. Jane Hart Lewis, and Dr. Amy Webb. The Bishop asked for a second to accept these nominations, and The Rev. Rob Dewey offered a second. The vote passed.

Bishop Adams appointed Mr. Thomas Tisdale to the position of Chancellor for the next year, and thanked him for the work he has done thus far in that role.

The Bishop offered his thanks to the members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council who are rotating off as of this convention and ending their terms, as well as one of the lay Trustees of University of the South. The Rev. Mark Brinkmann, The Rev. Dr. James Yarsiah, Mr. Timothy Armstrong, and Ms. Barbara Mann have served on Standing Committee, while The Rev. Pam Fahrner, The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee, Mr. Hillery Douglas, and Ms. Pam Guess have served on Diocesan Council. The Rev. Wil Keith will be completing his term as Clergy Trustee for University of the South in October 2019, before we will gather again as the Convention.

Bishop Adams offered a special thank you to the nine current members of the Trustees. These individuals faithfully served for six years and have worked to manage and oversee the assets of the diocese, even when there were fewer assets to manage. ‘We are grateful to the following leaders for their work and service:



Ms. Jan Gilbert, Ms. Betsy Walker, Dr. Charles Carpenter, Mr. Robert Moffitt, The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor, The Rev. Jack Nietert, and The Rev. Donald McPhail.’

The Bishop appointed the deans to serve in the four deaneries for the coming year: The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey, Southern, The Very Rev. Wil Keith, PeeDee/Waccamaw, The Very Adam Shoemaker, Peninsula, The Very Rev. Chris Huff, West Charleston.

Archdeacon Walpole issued a last call for resolutions or additional nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared the nominations and resolutions to be closed.

The Archdeacon reminded the Convention to submit names for the Necrology report by the end of the evening. It was announced that there is a dinner reception in the parish hall following the Eucharist and all are welcome. She reminded delegates to officially sign in and register if they have not yet done so. She called attention to the agenda and the meeting times and locations for the various committees meeting tomorrow.

Bishop Adams announced that following Eucharist, the Convention will be in recess until 9:00 am the next day.

*Saturday, November 17, 2018*  
*Second Business Session*

At 9:00 am. Bishop Adams called upon the The Rev. Jeff Richardson for Morning Prayer/Devotion.

The Bishop introduced The Rev. Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms in Nashville, Tennessee, along with the other Thistle Farms representatives to lead the morning formation session. He shared that Rev. Stevens is an Episcopal priest, entrepreneur, author, and speaker. She is widely recognized for her work as a justice advocate. Becca and her team led two workshops yesterday, “Creative Justice” and “Celebrating the Bazaar,” that over 100 people from our diocese and beyond attended and enjoyed. Bishop Adams also encouraged everyone to support Thistle Farms through purchases at their exhibit in the parish hall.

The Rev. Becca Stevens and her team from Thistle Farms led the morning formation session.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Bishop Adams announced a ten-minute break.

The Bishop called the convention back to order at 11:04 am and recognized Mr. Hillery Douglas and Ms. Kathy Parker of the Lay Credentials Committee for the second report of that committee. Mr. Douglas reported that there were 30 clergy and 77 lay delegates present with seat, voice, and vote, and moved acceptance of the report. The convention approved the motion to accept the credentials report.

Bishop Adams called for the report of Mr. Rick Stall, Chair of the Committee on Parishes and Missions.

Mr. Stall addressed the convention:

“In late October 2012, St. Paul’s, Conway, announced that they were disassociating from The Episcopal Church. Twenty-two people did not feel this way. This group met at the home of Richard and Rebecca Lovelace and ‘Conway Episcopalians’ was begun. On November 11, 2012, they held their first service, and six to seven weeks later, they began meeting in Lackey Chapel, on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. January 2013, they adopted the name of St. Anne’s, and in April 2013, they were incorporated in the state of South Carolina and adopted bylaws. In February 2014, St. Anne’s was received as a mission at the annual diocesan convention in Hilton Head and by August, the weekly attendance was 60-65 people. In Spring 2016, The Rev. Rob Donehue was called as a full-time clergy and he began his call at St. Anne’s on July 1, 2016. In 2017, they created a special fund for the purchase of property. Here in 2018, Fr. Donehue is still the campus chaplain for Coastal Carolina University, hosting weekly listening opportunities that tends to attract more staff and faculty than students. In fact, a CCU staff member recently joined St. Anne’s. St. Anne’s, along with four other churches, supports the CAP Food Pantry. What began in a closet of St. Paul’s has grown into a large ministry serving many in need in the Conway area. The food pantry is an example of St. Anne’s commitment to outreach, as they area also involved in Shepherd’s Table, A Father’s Place, and Episcopal Relief and Development. After the recent hurricane and floods, St. Anne’s, working with ERD, distributed \$22,000 over 2-3 weeks to assist individuals, families, and other congregations. St. Anne’s has over 112 members and 10 of those members are under the age of 18.

Bishop, fellow delegates, and visitors, the Chancellor has certified that all canonical requirements have been met. This committee has agreed and asserts that the past six years, St. Anne’s has exhibited determination, care for others in their community, and growth, and that the future of this congregation is bright.”

On behalf of the committee, Mr, Stall moved that St. Anne’s, Conway, be received as a parish in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. As it comes from committee, it needs no second. The Bishop opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. Bishop Adams called for a vote, and St. Anne’s was unanimously and joyously welcomed as a parish in good standing within The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

The congregation of St. Anne’s paraded from the rear of the church with banners, t-shirts and great fanfare. Two additional delegates were seated with the delegation at the front of the church.

Bishop Adams called for the report of the Diocesan Treasurer, The Rev. Dr. James Taylor.

The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor addressed the convention.

Fr. Taylor expressed gratitude for the individuals and parishes pledging and supporting the diocese. He gave his thanks and appreciation to the Finance Committee and Diocesan bookkeeper, Mr. Mark Szen, for their work and efforts this past year. He reported that the diocese had an official audit completed by McGregor and Co. from Columbia, and the report from the auditors was clear. His report can be found in *Appendix II*)

Bishop Adams thanked Fr. Taylor and the Finance committee for their work and received their report into the minutes of this convention.

Bishop Adams called upon Ms. Ray Sabalis, member of Diocesan Council, to present the 2019 Proposed Budget to the floor.

Ms. Sabalis gave the Diocesan Council report on the 2019 Proposed Budget. Her remarks can be found in Appendix III. At the conclusion of her report, Ms. Sabalis made a motion to accept the report and the 2019 Budget as proposed (*See Appendix IV*)

The Bishop called for discussion, there was none, and he called for the vote. The motion carried and the Proposed Budget 2019 was approved.

The Bishop called upon Ms. Melinda Lucka Kelley, Chair of the Constitution and Canons committee, for the report of the Constitution and Canons committee.

Ms. Lucka Kelley referred to the gray-colored handout in the delegate packet, for the report of the committee. (*See Appendix V*). Ms. Lucka Kelley announced that there had been no proposed changes to the Canons and that the committee had received two requests for discussion for possible changes to the Constitution.

The recommendation of the committee was to table the discussion on Constitutional changes for clergy voting as we remain in a transition period, and to initiate intentional conversations throughout the diocese about canonically resident deacons being entitled to seat, voice, and vote as a member of Convention.

The Bishop noted that this report comes from committee and needs no second. He asked for discussion, and there was none, and the convention voted to accept the report of the Constitution and Canons committee.

The Bishop recognized those priests who had been ordained or began new calls since the last convention. The Rev. Jason Roberson was ordained a priest, and The Rev. Mac Magee was ordained a deacon.

Bishop Adams welcomed clergy received from the Church of England into The Episcopal Church:

- The Rev. Bryce Wandrey, Grace Church Cathedral

Bishop Adams welcomed clergy, newly canonically resident since our last Convention:

- The Rev. Donald Fishburne
- The Rev. Philip Linder
- The Rev. Matthew McCormick

The Bishop announced clergy who have assumed new positions since our last Convention:

- The Rev. Bill Coyne, Missioner for Returning Congregations, Diocesan Staff
- The Rev. Matt McCormick, Priest-In-Charge, Calvary, Charleston
- The Rev. Jeff Richardson, Priest-In-Charge, Holy Communion, Charleston
- The Rev. Michael Shaffer, Priest-In-Charge, St. Francis

- The Rev. Bryce Wandrey, Priest Associate, Grace Church Cathedral
- The Rev. Jill Williams, Vicar, St. James-Santee (as of Advent I)

Bishop recognized our seminarians, all of whom were present:

- Lauren Kay, Candidate for Holy Orders, a senior at Seminary of the Southwest
- Charles Jenkins, Postulant for Holy Orders, completing post-graduate work at Sewanee
- Christian Basel, Postulant for Holy Orders, a junior at Virginia Theological Seminary

The Bishop also recognized other Postulants:

- Robin Bugbee
- Pam Crossley

The Bishop recognized the tellers for this Convention and thanked them in advance for their efforts. Those individuals serving as tellers this year are Sharon Dean, Lisa Covington, Kathryn Richburg, and Charles Geer.

Bishop Adams called upon The Very Rev. Chris Huff, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Fr. Huff called attention to the report of the Nominating Committee, the thicker packet on white paper in the delegate handouts, and read the names presented to the committee for election to the positions of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, with two lay and two clergy positions elected for each, as well as one lay Trustee for the University of the South (Sewanee). Fr. Huff moved the acceptance of the Nominating Report and a vote on the first ballot. The report came from committee and needed no second, Bishop Adams asked for discussion. There was none, the ballots were distributed for voting and then collected.

Bishop Adams recognized Dr. W. Franklin Evans, President of Voorhees College, to address the Convention. Voorhees College is an institution of our diocese, and is also an institution of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

Dr. Evans addressed the Convention. Highlights of his remarks can be found in *Appendix VI*.

Bishop Adams called upon the Secretary of Convention for announcements prior to lunch. Archdeacon Walpole shared the lunch instructions and invited all in attendance to walk through the Parish Hall and visit with our exhibitors.

Bishop Adams offered the blessing for lunch and announced lunch break until 1:30 pm.

Bishop Adams reconvened the meeting after the lunch break.

He called upon The Rev. Bill Coyne, Missioner for Returning Congregations for his report.

Fr. Coyne addressed the convention. His report can be found in *Appendix VII*.

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. Pam Fahrner for the second report of the Resolution Committee.

Rev. Fahrner referred to the green-colored handout in the delegate packet, for the report of the committee. (*See Appendix VIII*) Rev. Fahrner introduced by title the pre-filed resolutions and moved acceptance of the report and a vote on the proposed resolutions. The Bishop reminded the Convention that this comes from committee and needs no second. He asked for discussion and there was none. The motion carried and the resolutions were accepted.

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Rick Lindsey and The Rev. Jennie Olbrych for their ministries and service and offered thanks and blessings on their retirements. A video was shown to recognize the ministry and the legacy of The Episcopal Forum of South Carolina.

The Rev. Jeff Richardson was called upon for the report of the Election Committee. Fr. Richardson shared the report and election results. (*See Appendix VI*)

For the Standing Committee, in the lay order, Mr. Thomas Richardson and Ms. Diane Wilson were elected, and in the Clergy order, The Rev. Pam Fahrner and The Rev. Caleb Lee were elected to three year terms.

For Diocesan Council, in the lay order, Ms. Arenilla Bush and Ms. Sally Mayes were elected, and The Rev. Adam Shoemaker and The Rev. Roy Tripp were elected in the clergy order, all to three year terms. The Rev. Matt McCormick was elected to a one-year term, completing the vacated term of The Rev. Jean McGraw.

For Trustees of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, The Rev. Mark Brinkmann, The Rev. Dr. Philip Linder, and The Rev. Donald McPhail were all elected in the clergy order on the first ballot. Mr. Bill Beak and Ms. Barbara Mann were elected in the lay order on first ballot. An additional ballot is needed to determine the final trustee in the lay order.

The Rev. Rob Donehue was elected to serve a three year term as a clergy trustee of The University of the South.

Bishop Adams called upon the Chancellor, Mr. Thomas Tisdale, for his report. The Chancellor reported that the diocese continued to be in great shape canonically. We are gradually making continual improvements in what we need to serve God and his church. (*See Appendix X*)

Bishop Adams thanked the Chancellor for his work on behalf of the diocese.

Bishop Adams called upon The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee, The Rev. Rob Donehue and The Rev. James Yarsiah. The Bishop called upon The Rev. Caleb Lee and The Rev. James Yarsiah to share a report on Campus Ministries. (*See Appendix X*) Fr. Lee updated the Convention on the campus ministries taking place at the College of Charleston and the Citadel, Fr. Donehue reported on Coastal Carolina University, and Fr. Yarsiah shared an update from Voorhees College. (*See Appendix XI*)

The Bishop recognized Ms. Lisa Covington, to give the Second Report of the Election Committee.

Ms. Covington announced that on the second ballot, Mr. Doug Billings was elected to the position of lay Trustee of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Bishop Adams recognized Ms. Andrea McKellar for the Report on Youth Ministries. Ms. McKellar addressed the convention and her report can be found in *Appendix XII*.

Mr. Jason Roberson was recognized by Bishop Adams and shared the report of the Dominican Republic Development/Mission Team. (*Appendix XIII*) He showed a video from Bishop Moises, who

greeted the people of our diocese and extended an invitation to us all to continue mission work in the Dominican Republic.

Bishop Adams called upon The Very Rev. Richard Lindsey, Deputation Chair, for the report on General Convention 2018. That report can be found in Appendix XIV..

The Bishop recognized the Institutions of the diocese, and welcomed those in attendance from those groups. He called the attention of the Convention to the reports of the institutions that were included in the delegate packet, and are also found online. Those reports can be found in Appendix XV

Bishop Adams called upon Mr. Walker Adams to share an update of exciting things happening at University of the South, another of our institutions. Mr. Adams addressed the Convention and shared a brief video.

Bishop Adams called upon the Committee on Bishop's Address, chaired by The Rev. Rob Donehue. Fr. Donehue and Mr. George Hearn presented their report to the Convention.

Bishop Adams recognized The Rev. Tom Wilson to share the Necrology Report. Fr. Wilson offered a prayer of remembrance of those members of our diocese who had passed away since the last diocesan convention. (*See Appendix XVI*)

Bishop Adams recognized The Rev. Al Votaw, of the Resolutions Committee, who presented the Courtesy Resolutions. (*See Appendix XVII*)

The Bishop called upon the Archdeacon, who announced that we plan to share and read any proposed constitutional amendments with the diocesan convention at the 2018 convention. After every General Convention, each diocese is given two years to accomplish this task.

The Archdeacon continued and shared final announcements.

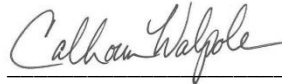
Bishop Adams called for any other business to be brought to the floor. There was none.

The Bishop issued the invitation to the 229<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention to be held November 2019. Specifics as to the date and time will be announced shortly, but we hope you all will plan to attend!

Bishop Adams gave the blessing for lunch and adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.



The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III  
*Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Church in S.C.*



The Ven. Calhoun Walpole  
*Convention Secretary*

Appendix I  
**Bishop's Address to the Annual Convention of  
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina  
November 16, 2018**

“Faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”  
I Corinthians 13:13

I have always been moved by the words found in the third collect for mission in the Daily Office of The Book of Common Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.” It speaks of God’s great healing, reconciling embrace of the creation, held in love, and that we might be ambassadors of that love once offered. If we have no other mission, that is it, for as we discover in Eucharistic Prayer A as we address God, “In your infinite love you made us for yourself.”

We are reconciled to God and one another in love as perfectly shown forth to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is our root, our “radix” if you will. A central theme throughout the scriptural story is God’s continual offering of the possibility of re-creation; the new; raising up what is old, lost or even dead, to new life and new possibility. And God has a Church, us, to be bearers of that amazing Good News.

As your bishop, one of my hopes has been and continues to be that the Kingdom realities to which Jesus is always pointing become ever more clearly reflected in the structure of our Diocese, in our relationships, in the ways we are accountable to one another, always beginning with me at the center. I want it reflected in all we do in diocesan committees and commissions, strategic planning, the ongoing assessment of leadership needs as we anticipate our future, staff, vestries, programs, working with the disassociated diocese—all we are and all we do. I Corinthians 13 is about the basics of Christian community, St. Paul’s call to the Church in Corinth, so let’s return to that reading.

More often than not we hear this 13<sup>th</sup> chapter read at weddings. In this way the chapter stands on its own. If, however, we read it in context, we realize that St. Paul is still speaking of spiritual gifts from the previous chapter. The great gift of love as presented here is not ordinary or general. The love spoken of here is specifically the love shown forth in Christ. This Christ-love is the very basis of faith and hope. It is the reason we can have faith and hope. So allow me to read parts of the chapter with this in mind, substituting the phrase, “the love shown forth in Christ” wherever the single word “love” appears.

*“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but do not have ‘the love shown forth in Christ,’ I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal...If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but I do not have ‘the love shown forth in Christ,’ I gain nothing.*”

*'The love shown forth in Christ' is patient, 'the love shown forth in Christ' is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude... 'The love shown forth in Christ' bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 'The love shown forth in Christ' never ends.... And now faith, hope and 'the love shown forth in Christ' abide, these three; and the greatest of these is 'the love shown forth in Christ.'* “

It is only by loving, St. Paul is telling us, that the Christian community authentically exists. And rather than define love, Paul personifies it with the use of, count them, no less than fifteen verbs, all involving another person. He seems to be indicating that the Church he was envisioning must give supreme importance to the virtues of faith, hope and love, the love shown forth in Christ. Furthermore, it is always exhibited in our relationships with another. St. John (15:12) puts it this way: “Love one another as I have loved you.” How has he loved us? On the cross. God’s grace is without limit, but it is not cheap.

Wonderfully, gratefully, God appears to be willing to teach me this over and over again. One year as I was working with the Mission of Miracles medical mission in El Salvador, I was helping set up in anticipation of the hundreds of people who would come and stand in line for care, many who had walked for miles often with small children. As they arrived for the first step toward diagnosis and treatment, I was responsible to record the person’s weight and height. In order to get accurate measurements, I found myself saying over and over the words, “No zapatos, por favor”—no shoes please. I must have said this dozens of times before I suddenly realized that the doorway where I was receiving people had become for me holy ground, a place where shoes, when people had any, were removed for a greater purpose than I first imagined. I had moved from the practical to the place of “the love shown forth in Christ.” It was not planned. It came as complete gift. Every person met in El Salvador is Christ. And every one of you is Christ. As we approach one another, always, “no zapatos, por favor.” It is the holy ground we share between us and on which we stand as we engage God’s world in Christ’s Name. Everywhere is holy ground. Every bush is burning, including right here, right now. This is the Diocese we are called to be as seen in the first two lines of our diocesan vision statement: Centered in Christ’s love; Proclaiming Good News of God’s Grace (see the back of your worship booklet).

Of course, the love shown forth in Christ is not love in its fullness unless it takes shape in works of justice, which is love in action, making it manifest “on earth as it is in heaven.” Perhaps we can grasp this through an image. In Grace Episcopal Church, Syracuse, there is a beautiful stained glass window of David Pendleton Oakerhater (O-kuh-ha-tah in Iroquois). He was baptized there in 1878. His feast day on the Episcopal Church calendar is September 1. He became an apostle of Christ to the Cheyenne people, was ordained a deacon in 1881, and exercised a lifelong ministry calling the people of God to be a people of peace. There is a curious thing about the window, however. **(Show slide of the window on the screen)**

What do you notice? A deacon’s stole is typically worn across the left shoulder, gathered or crossed at the right hip. Standing inside the church and gazing at the window, Deacon Oakerhater’s stole is on the right shoulder. Only if the window is looked upon from outside the walls of the church is the stole draped according to custom. Isn’t that as it should be? I have no idea if this was purposeful, but it doesn’t matter. The point is, the Church’s servant ministry as



incarnated in the role of the deacon, is best personified as the Church faces and engages the world in which God has placed us. Again to the vision statement: Rooted in our communities; A Light to All; Called to Sacrifice and Serve. We have been chosen and appointed by God to “go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” (John 15:16). Love takes us out the doors.

I hope we will continue to build a robust and visionary body of deacons in our Diocese to be icons of a community of love in action. They can continually help us keep our eyes beyond mere institution so that we are always being born from the place of “the love shown forth in Christ.” Psalm 89 reminds us that, “righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.” “No zapatos, por favor.”

The gift of “the love shown forth in Christ” is how we are called to approach each other and God’s world at all times. Even as I say that it is my desire that everything we do as Diocese, our structures and our relationships in those structures, reflect the Kingdom reality of God’s love as shown forth in Christ, I am aware that for many “diocese” is often at best abstract. We get a sense of it gathered as we are now at convention, but even this view is somewhat limited. Yet let me assure you of something as your bishop. You have given me the gift of a vantage point that many of you don’t get to have. As I move around and through this Diocese I encounter people all the time who are seeking to be a community of love. I see it when we meet as Diocesan Council. I see it when we respond to hurricanes whether up in the northern part of the Diocese and the surrounding areas as manifested by the amazing people in ministry on the ground there, or in the evacuation of Bishop Gadsden’s people on their trek to Kanuga. I see it in the book studies at Grace Church Cathedral; in the people who walk in the office almost daily; in the application of St. Anne’s, Conway to be a parish; in confirmand after confirmand who are willing to share their stories of God’s grace, celebrating the manner of their welcome by their parish communities and in the incredible privilege I have of just a moment in time with them to pray and revel in God’s embrace. What I get to see and witness is way beyond South Carolina hospitality, as good as that it is. We’re not perfect at it of course, and we still have lots of room to grow and mature into the “full stature of Christ,” but what I see is the gift among us of “the love shown forth in Christ.”

In his wonderful book Come and See, David Keller recounts the story of a person who was concerned that her baptism “did not take,” because she did not comprehend the nuances of Christian doctrine. The story ends with a spiritual mentor saying to her, “You don’t have to understand the mystery of God to be a Christian, but you do have to practice.” We’re about practicing here in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. The love of God shown forth in Christ is not a mere sentimental feeling. It takes specific shape on a cross and explodes in resurrection hope. We are called to make that same love specific and concrete in our own day, in this Diocese. We must claim our baptismal identity. We must do the deep work of forming radical Christian hearts through communities steeped in prayer and committed spiritual praxis. Why? Because when we do, it looks like love!

Let me show you another picture. **(Put up picture of gravestones)** What we see here are the gravestones of a wife and husband who happened to be of differing religious traditions and therefore unable to be buried in the same cemetery. What happened, creatively and beautifully, was that each person’s grave was placed on each side of the wall. The markers were then made to stretch above the wall, joined hand in hand to connect the couple in an image of unity. But I hope you are not satisfied by this image as novel as it is, for our work is not merely to reach

across the wall, but to remove it. As we seek the opportunity to be in conversation with God's people of the 29 parishes being returned to us, the reconciliation work affected in Christ is never satisfied until every obstacle is removed. That is our goal however long it takes.

That's the work we have been given to do in our time of history, in this Diocese, "to do the work God has given us to do as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord" (BCP p. 366). Love looks like the parable of the Good Samaritan—our neighbor is everyone. Love looks like the woman at the well—all boundaries transcended for the sake of the other. Love looks like the Syrophenician woman—even willing to be taught by the other. Love looks like the pouring of costly oil even to excess, or the scattering of the seed of God's love everywhere, with wild abandon. Love looks like the outrageous welcome of the Prodigal as we recognize the inherent dignity of every person as made in the image of God, no exceptions. Love is like that. We go to "the other side" in joy because that's what Jesus did.

If we're serious about this as a people of God then there is one more matter we must address as a community. Every one of our faith communities recently received a letter from me along with a declaration of intent for your offering to the Diocese in 2019. I hope you will take it very seriously. I know you've been through a lot. I realize we are still rebuilding. But this year coming is filled with many unknowns and the rebuilding we are about takes financial resources to make it happen. Everyone needs to step up and consider, if you are not there already, moving significantly toward the 10% asking in support of our common life. And to remind us again, we do this why? Because giving, if truly Christian, whether to our parish or the Diocese, is to be a response to the love shown forth in Christ. Giving to our common life is an act of love.

I now offer you what I will call a "choral amen" of a different variety than most might expect. It is my firm belief that God is already present everywhere we go, for as John's Gospel teaches us in the first chapter, the divine Logos has infused the entire creation. God is present in the culture and a part of what we do is name wherever we see resurrection presence and hope as we go forth in mission. It will not surprise many of you to know that one of the main places I find God present is in music of many genres, even in the group "Sugarland," whose song "Love" is before you now as they ask in their way what love looks like. **(Show video)**

"Faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is the 'love shown forth in Christ.'" Love heals. Love sustains. Love is hope. Love is faith. It looks like Jesus. My hope is that it looks like us and we look like him.

Bishop Skip

## Appendix II

### Report of the Treasurer

In his book, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory*, Tod Bolsinger writes this: “Adaptive leadership is about “letting go, learning as we go, and keeping going.” It’s about loss, learning, and gaps:” Adaptive leadership consists of the learning required to address conflicts in the values people hold, or to diminish the gap between the values people stand for and the reality they face.” I share this quote with you because, since 2012, I have witnessed first-hand many people being adaptive leaders. I have also seen loyal Christians fulfilling their mission to be a “*holy people with a heavenly call*” in this part of the Episcopal branch, of the Jesus Movement.

We, as members of the body of Christ are continually blessed by the generosity of many people. Parishes, missions, and individuals have graced us with the giving of their time, talent and treasure, and demonstrated that being generous goes way beyond money.

I am pleased to tell you that The Episcopal Church in South Carolina financially remains solid. Parish and mission pledges have been steady so far, this year. But more will be required of all of us in the future, because we are living in a rapidly changing landscape. As the calendar year will soon end, please don’t forget your church and your diocese. If you have some extra funds to give to the diocese this year, or would like to make a stock gift, please prayerfully discern how God is speaking to you. Simply call the diocesan office to arrange a stock gift transaction or to get the diocesan address to mail additional funding.

**Audit:** Earlier this fall a financial audit was completed for calendar year 2017 by the accounting firm McGregor and Company. This is the same accounting firm that has performed the diocesan audit the past two years. At the November meetings of both the finance committee and diocesan council the audit report was presented. I am pleased to say the Episcopal Church in South Carolina once again received a “clean audit.” I would like to thank the diocesan staff for their dedicated work in helping to complete the audit.

**Bookkeeper:** For a little over two years Susan Schady has been our diocesan bookkeeper. In April she resigned from this position to take advantage of a new opportunity. We are fortunate in the diocese to have many gifted and talented people. In April, Mark Szen of All Saints Episcopal Church in Hilton Head became our new diocesan bookkeeper. Mark and I have worked well together. I appreciate his willingness to do this work.

One of privileges, I have been blessed with is to work with a wonderful Finance Committee. The goal of the Finance Committee is to not only to properly manage the finances of the diocese, but also through wise stewardship, **to elevate** each mission and parish in this diocese. The Finance Committee takes seriously their responsibilities and ministry. I would like to thank Bill Beak, Bart

Carson, Bubba Foy, Lynn Hopkins, The Rev. Chris Huff, Mike Jefferson, Barbara Mann, and Mark Szen for a job well done.

**Trustees:** The other financial hat that I wear for the diocese is treasurer for the Trustees. The Trustees normally meets quarterly to look over the diocesan investments and discuss any other matters before the Trustees. This year an Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) was formed by the Trustees to meet with Chilton Trust which manages the diocesan investments. After meeting with representatives from Chilton Trust, the Investment Advisory Committee reported to the Trustees they were confident in Chilton's management and investment style. During our meeting, the committee gained new insights and clarity on Chilton's stock picking decision-making process. Committee members were most impressed with Chilton's desire to keep relationships with clients a foremost priority. This relationship philosophy is so important to them, that a representative from Chilton Trust meets with the Trustees quarterly. Chilton's investment philosophy is very measured and long-term. As Gary Lickle, President and CEO of Chilton Trust told the committee, "the goal is to preserve, protect and grow" your portfolio. The committee believes they are performing a good job living into that philosophy.

Bishop, I present to you and the Convention the 2019 Proposed Diocesan Budget for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Taylor+

The Rev. Dr. James E. Taylor, Treasurer  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
North Charleston, SC

Finance Committee:

Bill Beak, Charleston

Bart Carson, North Charleston

Bubba Foy, Edisto Island

Lynn Hopkins, Charleston

The Rev. Chris Huff, Summerville

Mike Jefferson, Charleston

Barbara Mann, Charleston

Mark Szen, Bookkeeper

## Appendix III

### Report of Diocesan Council on the Proposed 2019 Budget Presented by Ray Sabalis, Member of Diocesan Council

Rt. Reverend Sir and members of the 228th Convention, I present the report of the 2019 proposed budget from the Diocesan Council.

As we imagine our mission and ministry for 2019 these are the funds that will support our work in the diocese. Adding 29 congregations will be a challenge. As we respond to where the Spirit is leading us, we are challenged with developing relationships with all congregations and seeing value in our common life together. We need each parish to ask the question: How do we strengthen our support for the diocese so that it can meet this significant challenge?

We start with income. We expect that our primary support will come from our parishes and missions. We will also gratefully accept support of our ministry from individuals and institutions.

Funds will also be transferred from our trust account for operating revenues. These funds will be used to fund additional projects such as the communications plan or transition expenses.

During the time we have been rebuilding our diocese, we have encouraged our parishes and missions to give 10% of their net disposable income to the diocese. Five churches reached that challenge in 2017. Thank you.

Now we move from revenue to expenses.

Personnel expenses include compensation and benefits. These expenses are ½ of the proposed budget. The other half includes work outside the diocese, support of parishes and missions, and diocesan programs.

Some of the changes in the budget for 2019 reflect an expansion of our ministry. Our proposed budget includes an increase in support to parishes and missions. We have also increased our support of youth ministry to facilitate Happening in the spring at Camp St. Christopher.

As you know, strong clergy leadership will be an important part of our transition...and for the entire church. We are fortunate to have 3 seminarians at this time.

Non-operating expenses include the items we are anticipating for future expenses such as the search for a full-time bishop and General Convention. They also reflect those expenses which do not fall into the operating budget such as the Communication Plan and our transition expenses. As we plan for next year, we can only imagine the financial assistance that our efforts will require.

2019 will be a year of transition to us. Our returning congregations will change the landscape for our diocese. I invite you to imagine how our mission and ministry in the diocese will look. Please accept the challenge to strengthen the financial support of our diocese and on behalf of the diocesan council I make a motion to accept this report.

## Appendix IV Proposed Budget 2019

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	\$ change	% change from 2018	Comments/Notes:
<b>Revenue</b>					
410000 - Parishes and Missions	\$477,099.00	\$500,000.00	22,901.00	4.80%	Seeking Increased Pledges From Parishes
420000 - Individuals & Institutions	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	Could Be Less For 2019
481500 - Interest Income	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Total Parish, Mission and Ind. Revenues	\$507,149.00	\$530,050.00	\$22,901.00	4.52%	Projected Revenues
<b>Operating Revenues (Transfer From Trust Acct.)</b>		\$219,969.26	\$219,969.26		Projection Based On Current Expenses
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$507,199.00</b>	<b>\$750,019.26</b>	<b>\$242,820.26</b>	<b>47.87%</b>	
<b>Compensation</b>					
510000 - Bishop	\$62,479.08	\$63,728.66	\$1,249.58	2.00%	1/2 time, represents 2% COLA increase
511000 - Bishop Executive Assistant	\$49,248.00	\$54,724.00	\$5,476.00	11.12%	3/4 time, represents hours worked
512000 - Archdeacon	\$50,076.90	\$51,078.44	\$1,001.54	2.00%	1/2 time, represents 2% COLA increase
512500 - Diocesan Ministry Developer	\$48,081.60	\$53,424.00	\$5,342.40	11.11%	3/4 time, represents hours worked
513000 - Director of Communications	\$32,000.00	\$36,500.00	\$4,500.00	14.06%	1/2 time, represents hours worked
513500 - Missioner For Returning Congregations		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		1/2 time
<i>Total Compensation</i>	\$241,885.58	\$284,455.10	\$42,569.52	17.60%	
<b>Social Security &amp; Medicare</b>					
520000 - Bishop Executive Asst. SS & Medicare	\$3,939.84	\$4,377.92	\$438.08	11.12%	
521000 - Dio. Ministry Developer SS & Medicare	\$3,846.53	\$4,273.92	\$427.39	11.11%	
521500 - Bishop SS & Medicare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
522000 - Director of Comm. SS & Medicare	\$2,560.00	\$2,920.00	\$360.00	14.06%	
523000 - Missioner For Returning Congregations		\$0.00	\$0.00		
<i>Total Social Security &amp; Medicare</i>	\$10,346.37	\$11,571.84	\$1,225.47	11.84%	
<b>Lay Pension</b>					
524000 - Bishop Executive Asst. Lay Pension	\$4,432.32	\$4,925.16	\$492.84	11.12%	
524500 - Ministry Developer Lay Pension	\$4,327.34	\$4,808.16	\$480.82	11.11%	

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	\$ change	% change from 2018	Comments/Notes:
Director of Communication	\$2,880.00	\$3,285.00	\$405.00	14.06%	Pensioned
<i>Total Lay Pension</i>	\$11,639.66	\$13,018.32	\$1,378.66	11.84%	
<b>Health &amp; Life Insurance Plus Dental</b>					
Bishop Health(1) and Life Insurance(2)	\$19,200.00	\$19,854.00	\$654.00	3.41%	
Dio. Ministry Developer(1) and Life Insur.(2)		\$8,982.00	\$8,982.00		New Item: At 30 hours, TECinSC covers 100% single coverage
Director of Comm.(1) and Life Insur.(2)	\$8,580.00	\$9,426.00	\$846.00	9.86%	
Bishop Executive Asst. Life Insurance(2)	\$252.00	\$8,982.00	\$8,730.00	3464.29%	
<i>Total Health &amp; Life Insurance</i>	\$28,032.00	\$47,244.00	\$19,212.00	68.54%	
<b>Cell Phones</b>					
Bishop Adams		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		New: 100% coverage - Researching Plans
Bishop Executive Assistant		\$360.00	\$360.00		New: 30% coverage - Researching
Dio. Ministry Developer		\$960.00	\$960.00		New: 100% coverage - Researching
Director of Communication		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		New: 100% coverage - Researching
<i>Total Cell Phones</i>	\$0.00	\$3,720.00	\$3,720.00		
<b>Mileage</b>					
530000 - Bishop Mileage (Diocesan)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
531000 - Archdeacon Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
532000 - Bishop Executive Assistant Mileage	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
533000 - Director of Communications Mileage	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	50.00%	Increase: More regular travels
532500 - Ministry Developer Mileage	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	200.00%	Increase: More regular travels
533500 - Missioner For Returning Congregations		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		New Item: Per LoA
<i>Total Mileage</i>	\$10,750.00	\$13,500.00	\$2,750.00	25.58%	
<b>Conference &amp; Training</b>					
532000 - Bishop Executive Conf. & Training	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	20.00%	Increase: Accurately reflects conference attendance and costs
533000 - Director of Communications Training	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	25.00%	Increase: Accurately reflects conference attendance and costs
532500 - Ministry Developer Training	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	(1,000.00)	-25.00%	Decrease: Accurately reflects conference attendance and costs
<i>Total Conference &amp; Training</i>	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$ change</b>	<b>% change from 2018</b>	<b>Comments/Notes:</b>

<b>Reimbursements</b>					
537000 – Archdeacon Reimburse	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<i>Total Reimbursements</i>	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<b>Episcopate</b>					
538100 – Bishop Office	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
538150 – Bishop Travel (outside of Diocese)	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
538200 – Conferences & Meetings	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<b>Episcopate</b>					
538500 – Diocesan Guest House	\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<i>Total Episcopate</i>	\$42,200.00	\$42,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<b>Support for Personnel</b>					
540000 – Conferences & Education Fees	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
541000 – Lay Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<i>Total Support for Personnel</i>	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	\$ change	% change from 2018	Comments/Notes:
<b>Administrative</b>					
550000 – Annual Audit	\$18,000.00	\$8,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-55.56%	Defined rather than grouped together
550050 – Bookkeeper	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00		Defined rather than grouped together
551000 – Bank Service & Vanco Charges	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
551100 – Chancellor Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
551200 – Church Insurance & Surety Bond	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
551400 – Computer & Internet Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	-\$500.00	-11.11%	
551500 – Equipment & Software	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	400.00%	Increase: Reflects need for computer/camera purchase for 2018
552100 – Meetings & Meals	\$5,000.00	\$3,000.00	-\$2,000.00	-40.00%	Decrease: Accurately reflects anticipated costs
552200 – Office Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
552300 – Payroll Processing Fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	25.00%	Small Increase
552400 – Postage & Delivery	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	42.86%	Increase: Reflects accurate costs
552500 – Publications	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
552600 – Rent Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
552700 – Safeguarding God's Children	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	-\$800.00	-80.00%	
552850 – Telephone	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		Defined
552900 – Treasurer Support	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
553000 – Workers Compensation	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$ change</b>	<b>% change from 2018</b>	<b>Comments/Notes:</b>
555000 – Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		



<i>Total Administrative</i>	\$48,900.00	\$44,400.00	-\$4,500.00		
<b>Diocesan Programs &amp; Support</b>					
560000 – Advertising & Promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
561000 – Annual Diocesan convention	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
561200 – Background Checks	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	50.00%	
561250 – Discernment	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		New Item:
561300 – Clergy Conference	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	20.00%	Increase: More anticipated clergy
561400 – College Ministry Program	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-50.00%	Decrease: Not all funding was utilized
561500 – Deanery Meetings	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	100.00%	Increase: More anticipated costs
561600 – Diocesan Publication/Carolina Grace	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	25.00%	Increase
561800 – Renewal of Vows	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	25.00%	Increase
561900 – Voorhees College	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	25.00%	Increase
562000 – Youth Programming	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00	300.00%	Increase: Diocese to host 1st Happening @ CSC
562100 – Under One Roof	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	20.00%	Increase: UoR scheduled Spring 2019
	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	\$ change	% change from 2018	Comments/Notes:
562200 – Porter Gaud Support	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<i>Total Diocesan Programs &amp; Support</i>	\$30,800.00	\$36,500.00	\$5,700.00	18.51%	
<b>Parishes &amp; Missions Support</b>					
570000 – Department of Missions	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	50.00%	Increase: Increased support reflects current and anticipated need to support congregations and clergy
<i>Total Parishes and Mission Support</i>	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	50.00%	
<b>Work Outside the Diocese</b>					
571000 – Childrens Home (York Place)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
571100 – Coastal Chaplaincy	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
571150 – Lowcountry Community Chaplaincy	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
571200 – Ecumenical Ministry	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$ change</b>	<b>% change from 2018</b>	<b>Comments/Notes:</b>
571400 – Kanuga	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
571500 – Sustainable Development Goals – ERD	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	

571550 – Synod Meeting	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00	-100.00%	
571600 – Province IV Assessment	\$1,816.00	\$1,427.00	-\$389.00	-21.42%	
571700 – Seminarian Support	\$8,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$3,000.00	37.50%	Increase: We have more seminarians this academic year
571800 – The Episcopal Church	\$54,040.00	\$68,433.00	\$14,393.00	26.63%	Per GC 2018, NOI -\$140K x 15%. Slightly higher NOI
571900 – University of the South	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
<i>Total Work Outside the Diocese</i>	\$77,906.00	\$91,910.00	\$14,004.00	17.98%	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$613,959.61</b>	<b>\$750,019.26</b>	<b>\$136,059.65</b>	<b>22.16%</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-\$106,760.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			
<b>Other Expenses</b>					
538000 – Bishop Discretionary					
Bishop Search		\$10,000.00			
Lambeth Conference		\$5,000.00			
551800 – Legal Expenses					
570100 – Grants Committee					
570200 – Communication Plan		\$130,000.00			Rawle Murdy Estimate For 2019
610100 – Transition Expense		\$100,000.00			Potential & Not Certain
General Convention/Deputies		\$13,500.00			
Total Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$258,500.00			

## Appendix V

### Report of Constitution and Canons Committee

The Committee on Constitution and Canons received no requests to modify the Canons, and two requests for discussion of possible changes to the Constitution.

- 1) ARTICLE V, SECTION 4: The first item considered was whether or not Convention should revisit the time requirement for canonically resident, retired priests to be entitled to vote in Convention. The current requirement is:

“Each canonically resident priest who served a church, an institution of the Diocese, or on diocesan staff for at least five years immediately prior to retirement shall be entitled to all privileges as a member of Convention.”

*The Committee recommends tabling any change to this section of the Constitution as we progress in the transitional stage of our Diocese.*

- 2) ARTICLE V, SECTION 5: The second item considered was whether or not canonically resident deacons should be entitled to vote in Convention. The current requirement is:

“Each canonically resident deacon of the Diocese shall be entitled to seat and voice as a member of Convention.”

*The Committee recommends the initiation of an intentional conversation throughout the Diocese, in order to explore making any changes to this section as we progress in the transition of our Diocese.*

The Committee understands that it may receive suggestions for other changes to the Constitution and/or the Canons during the meeting of the Committee that will be held before the start of the annual Convention. The Committee will address any such issues prior to the Convention. Any matters that come before the Committee at that time will be considered. If the Committee deems it appropriate, a revised report may be presented to the Convention.

Respectfully submitted by:

Melinda Lucka Kelley  
Committee Chair

## Appendix VI

### Highlights of the address of President W. Franklin Evans to the Convention

Highlights of the Address of Dr. W. Franklin Evans to Convention.

Voorhees College is one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities that make up the Association of Episcopal Colleges. Dr. Evans is the 9<sup>th</sup> president of Voorhees College and arrived on campus three years ago. Located in Denmark, South Carolina, Voorhees College has been in existence for over 121 years. It is the first higher education institution founded by an African American woman, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, who was a student at Tuskegee University under Booker T. Washington. The school is named after philanthropist Ralph Voorhees, who helped to fund the school. Dr. Evans is excited to be present for Convention as most years this meeting conflicts with Homecoming Weekend on campus.

Dr. Evans recognized a few individuals from Voorhees who are also present for this diocesan convention: Mr. Shemrico Stanley, Chief of Staff; The Rev. James Yarsiah, Chaplain; Ms. Eugenia Rochelle, named as the most recent faculty member of the year; and Ms. Veronica Hinkson, who is the mother of our own Student Government Association President, Kristina Donovan. He also recognized Mr. Brooks Moore, who is a former board member of Voorhees, who was in attendance.

Voorhees College currently has an enrollment of 500 students. 60% of students are from South Carolina, the remaining 40% are from all over the country and the world. 94% of students are African-American. There are 19 degree programs currently being offered by the college, and also an Honors College program on campus. The most popular majors by enrollment are biology, sports management, childhood development, criminal justice and business accounting. Three new majors have recently been introduced: theological studies, interdisciplinary studies, and public health degree. We are proud of our exceptional faculty and the learning experience they provide to our students.

Our main campus is in Denmark, SC, and we have two remote campus sites – North Charleston and also Augusta, GA. The Denmark campus has lots going on among the 400 acres the college owns. There are athletic teams, intramural facilities, a swimming pool, and more. Voorhees works to provide a safe, fun, well-rounded experience on campus and within the community for its students.

Great things are happening on campus. Voorhees College recently received a UNCF Career Pathways Initiative grant from the Lilly Foundation. It is a \$6 M grant that Voorhees College shares along with Benedict College and Clafler University. The purpose of the grant is to provide readiness skills for our students so they can get high-paying, skilled jobs when they graduate. This grant allows us to be very direct and intentional in their training along the way. We are helping to make sure that they make the right choices in their major, so they aren't changing majors each semester, which can add time and money to their stay at Voorhees.

We also recently received a National Park Preservation grant. The oldest building on our campus was built in 1898 and is the Booker T. Washington hospital. The \$500,000 grant that we received will go towards restoring and renovating that building.

The past few years, The Episcopal Church has graciously increased their support of Voorhees College in numerous ways. We are excited to announce that the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry will

be on campus April 7, 2020 for Founder's Day. We will be sending save the dates, but invite you to be part of that celebration.

On our campus, you will find a historic museum and also a Smithsonian exhibit that was opened in Spring 2018.

For 124 years, Voorhees College has been changing minds and changing lives.

From the moment students arrive on campus, we take the students and try to provide a holistic approach to learning, not just what goes on in the classroom, but also spirituality. You all are aware that we have a student chapel each week. While not required, it is strongly encouraged, and there is a graduation requirement attached to service learning and going to chapel services does meet that requirement.

With this in mind, we have put forth a new tagline. When I arrived, our strategic theme was "Reimagine Voorhees College- A Different School of Thought. I hope that people will look at VC and see people differently than what they may have before. We are providing students with skills and majors that we believe will help them reach their goals and their fullest potential as contributing members of society.

In our mind, if you come to Voorhees, life begins at Voorhees. If you come to Voorhees College, your goals begin at Voorhees College. If you come to Voorhees College, good things start happening. Once you come to Voorhees College, we believe that we have the skills and the tools necessary to lift and nurture and make our students the best they can be. We believe that Voorhees College is relevant and provides meaningful instruction and if you come to Voorhees College, you can be anything and everything your heart desires. So our new tagline is: Begin. Believe. Become.

## Appendix VII

### Report of the Missioner for Returning Congregations

Report to 2018 Diocesan Convention – The Rev. William Coyne

Good Afternoon.

I speak to you today as the newest member of the Bishop's staff - the Missioner for Returning Congregations, a position that I accepted in June 2018.

I speak to you today as an 'expert': Stay with me for a moment.

In higher math, 'X' is an unknown factor... and in higher physics, a "**spurt**" is a drop of water under pressure. So as your 'expert' today and also going forward... we are looking at an unknown drip that is under pressure.

A humorous parallel that can be drawn to our circumstances as we wait to engage these returning congregations. Many unknowns under all types of pressure.

If we review a little history, six years ago, faithful folks began to gather and imagine a new future. They knew that God was not finished with The Episcopal Church in the Lowcountry and beyond in South Carolina. Thus began the work of reorganization, 'Diocese 1.0' officially began on January 26, 2013, with the election and installation of Bishop vonRosenberg as Provisional Bishop. How many of you were part of that work? Please raise your hands so we can all thank you!

Through 2013 and 2014, work continued. Congregations continued to gather as faithful communities where the Word was truly preached and truly heard... the Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. In February 2014, we welcomed Bishop Michael Curry as our convention preacher at All Saints' - Hilton Head, and five congregations are admitted as missions of the diocese.

In 2015 and 2016, we all continued our faithful work, evolving and moving forward as legal matters unfolded and a new Provisional Bishop was elected.

August 1, 2017, I began as Priest-In-Charge at East Cooper Episcopal Church. The next day, the South Carolina Supreme Court issued a decision. There was no rehearing, no recusal – it was a decision.

Fast forward twelve months, and June 11, 2018, the US Supreme Court denies a petition for a writ of certiorari, letting stand the SC Supreme Court decision of August 2017.

On June 12, Bishop Adams asked me to serve as Missioner for Returning Congregations.

The first month was quite a flurry - networking at General Convention and planning for three local Open Conversations and one digital Conversation that allowed us to reach out to those members of disaffiliated congregations, to share our truth, our plans and who we are, and essentially to allow us to make space for guests here at this Convention.

And here we sit, November 2018... still awaiting implementation of the SC Supreme Court decision, and work continues. Archdeacon Walpole is working to secure clergy to serve in those churches on the first Sunday they are returned to our diocese. I have met and will continue to meet and be available to persons planning to stay as their congregations return to TEC in SC and they look to reorganize.

Our goal is that every one of the 29 congregations has no disruption in Sunday worship and core ministries. This is ambitious and audacious and will require collaboration, partnership, innovation, creativity and a spirit of graciousness. Ask yourself, 'How can I help? How can my congregation be a partner?'

As we look to 'Diocese 2.0' – our continued work of reorganization that began in earnest in 2019. '2.0' includes our current 31 congregations with the 29 congregations that will return. We reorganize, reimagine, and restart for the sake of the Gospel. Where is the Spirit taking us?

I can reference the tagline for Farmer's Insurance: 'We know a thing or two because we've seen a thing or two.' I have worked with a lot of congregations over my career. Each one the same and different. Each one having their own unique context, history, and opportunities.

You know, Paul worked with a lot of a congregation.... The Corinthian one fractured by pressures within and without – beset by internal conflicts – a hot mess! But early in his letter, he acknowledges they have everything they need and are 'not lacking any spiritual gift'. He says 'All God's gifts are right in front of you.' I believe that the 29 returning congregations will have everything they need to reorganize, re-start, redevelop and renew their partnership with TEC in SC.

In beginning this work as missionary, I have found Bishop Adams and existing staff to be extraordinary colleagues in ministry.

I am also working closely with the Transition Planning Group. This group functions as an advisory panel to make recommendations to proper governance bodies, such as Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and Trustees, and Bishop, Chancellor and staff to implement the return of people, property and purpose to the mission of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Each of the servant leaders that make up this group are dedicated to assisting the implantation and return of congregations.... and a camp.... and other assets to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

This Diocese 2.0 - we will change and be changed. God is not finished with The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. As we look at this map of our diocese, we note dots of different colors that currently represent our current congregations and the 29 congregations that will be returning to us. As we move forward, these dots will become a new color, united in service and witness to God and God's mission.

“Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up and things which had grown old are being made new” – Amen. (*BCP page 291*)



## Appendix VIII Second Report from the Committee on Resolutions

### Proposed Resolutions

#### Proposed RESOLUTION #2

to Celebrate the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina

***Be it RESOLVED, that we, the members of the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2018, give thanks to God for the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina for their critical and selfless role in celebrating and encouraging the spirit of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina and broadness of who we are as Anglicans.***

Since its founding in 2003, the Episcopal Forum has labored, often under much duress and opposition, as well as personal sacrifice, to provide connection to South Carolina from the broader Episcopal Church. This effort manifested itself in many ways, chiefly in the form of conferences and workshops for those loyal to The Episcopal Church. They facilitated the visits of personalities from around the Church, thus affording South Carolina Episcopalians rare but valuable opportunities to meet and hear voices from outside South Carolina, where the winds of diocesan secession were blowing.

In the words of Bishop Adams, the Forum undertook the hard work “to guarantee the Episcopal flag would continue to fly in this part of the state.’

After the re-organization of the diocese in 2013, the Episcopal Forum re-focused its mission toward providing educational endeavors within the diocese, sponsoring visits from both Presiding Bishops Katharine Jefferts-Schori and Michael Curry, and others. Additionally, the Forum has sponsored conferences for clergy and laity alike celebrating and highlighting the ministries of many who, historically, have been marginalized and disenfranchised.

Always with a Gospel focus, the Episcopal Forum encouraged us to be “Enthusiastically Episcopalian!”

We give thanks to the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina, and we give thanks to God for its tireless labors.

*Moved by: On behalf of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, the Resolutions Committee, the Reverend Pamela Fahrner, Chair.*

#### Proposed Resolution #3

to Recognize the Ministry of The Rev. Richard C. Lindsey

***Be it RESOLVED, that the 228<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina offers its profound thanks to the Very Reverend Richard C. Lindsey for his ministry.***

**Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Rick and recorded in the Journal of this Convention.**

The Very Reverend Richard (Rick) C. Lindsey was called as Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in February 2003.

Rick is soon retiring after serving faithfully in our midst for nearly 16 years.

He has been known for his gracious welcome to all, “those who have a faith and those seeking one are always welcome in this house of the Lord”.

He has been a caring pastor, always available to those in any need or trouble.

He has been a committed leader regarding parish outreach in our community and beyond; locally in facing the issues of hunger, homeless and literacy and abroad, in support of the Diocese of the Dominion Republic through mission trips and monetary support year after year.

He has been instrumental in the re-organization and growth of our diocese, having created a collegial body of leaders and fostering connected congregations in the Southern Deanery and having served in a variety of positions of diocesan leadership.

He will enter his retirement, filled with excitement, to be with his beloved wife, Jane.

He will leave taking with him our affection and gratitude.

*Moved by: The Reverend Mark R. Brinkmann on behalf of the clergy, vestry and people of All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.*

#### Proposed RESOLUTION #4

to Recognize the Ministry of The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych

***Be it RESOLVED, that the 228<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina give thanks to God for the ministry of The Reverend Dr. Jennie Clarkson Olbrych on the occasion of her retirement in the year 2018.***

***Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Olbrych and recorded in the journal of this Convention.***

Dr. Olbrych has served this diocese faithfully during the entire span of her ordained ministry, in recent years as Vicar of St. James-Santee, McClellanville and Chaplain of the Lower School at Porter-Gaud.

She was ordained to the diaconate in 1988, and priesthood in 1989, the second woman to be ordained a priest of the Diocese of South Carolina, and the first to have served her entire ministry here.

She has served admirably in myriad roles in the diocese and beyond with special recognition for her singular skills and gifts in the areas of leadership, preaching, counseling, mediation, wisdom, and healing, to name but a few.

She has served as a steady and trustworthy role model for all, including, but not limited to, young women across the diocese who could see in Jennie’s example that they, too, might have a call to priesthood in Christ’s Church.

William Baldwin, poet and parishioner of St. James-Santee, McClellanville, has written many poems in honor of Jennie celebrating her style and gracious manner, including the following:

*Holy Communion by William Baldwin*

*Jennie's voice, Jennie's touch,  
Bill leans in to tend the cup.  
In the wine I see reflect  
The gimlet eye of Newton's wretch.  
Oh, power Divine, a Holy sign,  
Now I see where once was blind.  
The peace of God, the peace of Cup,  
Cheves helps Miss Sally up.  
Then back to pew where hymn is sung,  
Service done, what's done begun for  
On my sleeve the gentle tugs.  
Miss Sally gives me two big hugs.  
The peace of God, that peace of Cup,  
The elemental peace of touch.*

This Convention gives thanks to God for The Reverend Dr. Jennie Clarkson Olbrych and her continued presence and service among us.

Submitted by

*Moved by: William Baldwin and the vestry and people of St. James-Santee, McClellanville, Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, Chancellor, The Rev. Dow Sanderson, The Ven. Calhoun Walpole.*

## Appendix IX Election Results

### Standing Committee:

Lay: Mr. Thomas Richardson and Ms. Diane Wilson  
Clergy: The Rev. Pam Fahrner and The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee

### Diocesan Council:

Lay: Ms. Arenilla Bush and Ms. Sally Mayse  
Clergy: The Rev. Adam Shoemaker & The Rev. Roy Tripp  
The Rev. Matt McCormick (1year term)

### Trustees of TEC in SC:

Lay: Mr. Bill Beak, Mr. Doug Billings, Ms. Barbara Mann  
Clergy: The Rev. Mark Brinkmann, The Rev. Philip Linder,  
The Rev. Donald McPhail

### University of The South Trustee:

Clergy: The Rev. Rob Donehue

## Appendix X Chancellor's Report

1. Since our reformation in 2013, now a little over five years ago, we have grown and matured in many ways including: (1) developing solid diocesan leadership, (2) becoming an important and contributing diocese of The Episcopal Church, (3) continuing to improve our operational structure to suit our visions and needs, and (4) thanks to the gifts of many people and friends, we have continued to successfully improve our own self-sustaining financial needs without the necessity of borrowing funds with which to operate.
2. We have successfully navigated the many litigation currents to our benefit; and we are now beginning, we hope, to see a light at the end of the long tunnel.
3. We have enjoyed another year of solid achievement across the broad development of our diocese under the vision and leadership of Bishop Skip Adams whose life among us is greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you all for your unfailing support in all that we, together and in unity, are called to do for our diocese.

Respectfully ,



Thomas S. Tisdale Chancellor

## Appendix XI

### Report of Campus Ministries

#### St Anne's:

St. Anne's continues to develop its ties with Coastal Carolina University. We do not have a student-led, Episcopal Campus Ministry group, and the secret formula to get one off the ground seems as elusive as ever. We do have a small number of students who join us on a semi-regular basis for worship on Sunday mornings, though, so our use of Lackey Chapel for worship on Sunday mornings is having some impact. While our level of student participation is lower than we'd hope, we continue to make headway with the faculty of the university. Since last year, we have had several more professors, coaches, and other university faculty begin attending our services.

Our main avenue of official involvement with the university is through the Chaplains' Council. The Rev. Rob Donehue is an active participant in that group, and his participation has led to him being invited twice already to deliver the invocation and benediction at graduation ceremonies. The Chaplains' Council recently instituted a program called the "Chaplains' Listening Post." Each day, a chaplain from the council is asked to be present at one of the main student thoroughfares in order to be available to any student who wishes to engage them. There is a "Chaplains' Listening Post" sign that helps students know the chaplains are there in an official capacity. So far, the engagement with the student body has been positive and promising. The staff of the dining hall are also very appreciative of the Chaplains being available to talk or pray with them. Fr. Rob has set aside Mondays from 11am-1pm to be present at the Listening Post.

#### Voorhees College:

This brief report consists of activities from January to November 2018.

**Major event during the spring semester 2018:** On February 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. the Annual Absalom Jones Feast Day celebration was held at the St. Philip's Chapel. Bishop W. Andrew Waldo, of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina served as Celebrant and Bishop Gladstone B. 'Skip' Adams of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina was our Preacher. Participants at this service included clergy and laity from the Southern Deanery, the Upper Diocese and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Several churches and individuals contributed to the Absalom Jones Scholarship Fund, and we raised a total of \$1,026.00. Please mark your calendars for the next Absalom Jones Feast Day celebration, scheduled for **February 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.** We express sincere gratitude to our bishops, clergy colleagues, lay Episcopalians and all our friends and well-wishes.

**Fall semester 2018:** As Chaplain, we were actively involved with the kick-off of the academic school year 2018/2019. Upon the arrival of the freshman students on August 4<sup>th</sup>, we conducted the Candle

Light Matriculation service on August 5<sup>th</sup>. New Testament Bibles were distributed to our students by the Gideon International.

During this fall semester, we have recruited and trained several new acolytes, including two Episcopalians. Seven Episcopal students are currently benefiting from the Association of Episcopal Colleges scholarship and three are benefiting from The Episcopal Church (DFMS) Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 each, for the 2018/2019 academic year. We are currently conducting a Baptism class for several non-Episcopal students who asked to be baptized at St. Philip's Chapel.

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Chaplain/Vicar's office partnered with the HIV/AIDS Ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Columbia, Hope Health of Orangeburg to implement the 6th Annual HIV Awareness Event (Cupcakes and Condoms). This event has provided free HIV testing, safe sex education, goodies, etc to our students.

On November 20<sup>st</sup>, St. Philip's Chapel in collaboration with the Pre-Alumni Council of Voorhees College will conduct our Pre-Thanksgiving service. Departments, Areas, Individuals, Clubs, Organizations, Sororities, and Fraternities are expected to donate boxes and basket of dry food items. As an outreach to the community, these items will be distributed among our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Denmark.

The weekly All College Chapel service is a unique component of our spiritual life activities at Voorhees College. On average, the attendance is estimated at 250 at each worship service. The VC students participate and serve as worship leaders, lectors, acolytes, ushers, etc. The VC Choir renders selection at some of the services. We have

Once again, I wish to thank our Dean, Fr. Rick Lindsey, clergy and lay members of the Southern Deanery, Diocesan staffs and friends of Voorhees College for their prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted:

James T Yarsiah, Chaplain/Vicar

### **Peninsula Ministry- The Citadel and College of Charleston**

St. Alban's Episcopal Fellowship at The Citadel continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. Lester Pittman with the support of Nick Kohlmann, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Grace Church Cathedral. The Rev. Cn. Caleb J. Lee is the clergy support. Cadets enjoy home cooked meals, bible study, and Eucharists (on special occasions) at the home of Captain Taylor and Nancy Skardon. There is a healthy growth in numbers from year to year since 2014, and this past spring we elected our first officers. There are hopes for a retreat in the 2019-2020 school year.

The College of Charleston Episcopal Campus Ministry continues to be an outreach of Grace Church Cathedral where Nick Kohlmann, Director of Youth and Young Adults, and The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee meet one-on-one with students. Grace Church Cathedral's Wednesday night community supper continues its

outreach to The College of Charleston by providing a free meal to students on Wednesday night from 6 – 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Cn. Caleb J. Lee

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There are resources built into the diocesan budget that allow for creative opportunities to minister to college campuses. There are churches around this diocese that have college campuses nearby that have not been spoken about today. That fund is available to you as well. It may be a way for you to be the church outside the walls.

Overall, we are moving forward step by step, in our Campus Ministry efforts.



## Appendix XII

### Report on Youth Ministries

## Appendix XIII

### Report from Dominican Republic Development Group

In 1999, the Dominican Development Group was formed as a non-profit organization to raise funds for the diocesan endowment fund, with the goal of achieving self-sufficiency for the Dominican Episcopal Church.

During the past 20 years, the Dominican Development Group has raised over \$9 Million to support the mission of the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic, and this year the diocese has declared that it will be capable of self-funding its operations for the first time in its more than 100-year history.

This diocese has played an integral part in the support and building up of the Dominican Episcopal Church through financial contributions, mission work, and a formal companion diocese relationship for more than 2 decades.

One person in particular, among others from this diocese including our Archdeacon, was present at that first DDG meeting in 1999 and has faithfully served the people of God in the Dominican Republic since that day. In this year of his retirement, I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Dominican Development Group and of this diocese to the Very Rev. Rick Lindsey.

I am honored to be appointed this year by Bishop Adams to serve on the Board of the Dominican Development Group representing the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

As many of you know, several of our parishes have been very involved in mission work over the years in the Dominican Republic. Most recently, All Saints Hilton Head, St. Mark's Port Royal, Holy Cross Faith Memorial Pawleys Island, Grace Church Cathedral, Church of the Holy Communion, and others.

The new bishop of the Dominican Republic, Bishop Moises Quezada Mota sends his greetings to this convention – you will see his message in the video. In the coming years, our hope is that more mission and more support and more relationships will be formed between the Episcopal Church in South Carolina and the Dominican Episcopal Church. Stay tuned to the diocesan newsletter for upcoming opportunities to serve.

And also, please visit the website: [dominicandevlopmentgroup.org](http://dominicandevlopmentgroup.org) to learn more.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Jason Roberson

## Appendix XIV

### Report from the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention Deputation 2018

Deputation Report to the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Led by The Right Reverend Gladstone “Skip” Adams III, our deputation included- laity; Pam Guess, Lonnie Hamilton, Andrea McKellar, Mark Szen, Carrington Wingard; clergy, Wil Keith, Jean McGraw, Rick Lindsey, Jim Taylor and Wilmot Merchant. And Official Youth Presence Member Helena Upshaw

We were also well represented and aided in our deliberations by Holly Votaw, our Diocesan Communications Director; and by Lauren Kinard, as a member of the Secretariat for the House of Bishops.

As we gathered for the opening convention Eucharist, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, in his sermon, set the tone and overall focus of the convention, for both houses, as he reminded us that we are members of The Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement. In the midst of a world that seems dark, dysfunctional, messy, and just wrong, we are, in his words, “to keep your hand on the plow and hold on. He reminded us that the way of Jesus is love, and that love has the power to change lives and change the world.” He held out a desire for the church to embrace Evangelism with a capital ‘E’, racial reconciliation and our care for creation.

Key issues facing the convention were immigration, prayer book revision, marriage rites, Israel-Palestine conflicts and injustices, readmitting the Episcopal Church in Cuba as a diocese, providing a budget for the church, responding to the voices and stories of women and men within and beyond the Church, compensation for the President of the House of Deputies, violence and guns, to name several leading resolutions both houses go General Convention.

It was thrilling to share, as a deputation, in those deliberations. The legislative process was exhilarating and exciting, and at times, tedious and frustrating, but there was always the sense we were striving to honor Christ through the life, mission, and ministry of the Church, with legislation that spoke to our neighbor(s) and all of creation that sustains us.

#### **Budget**

Convention adopted a 133.8 million dollar budget that reflects the Presiding Bishop’s priorities of evangelism, racial reconciliation, and the care of creation. Significantly, the budget reflects the priority to continue to build the foundation of our continuing ministries as a Church and our commitments to others, both within and beyond our church. It includes the ongoing commitment to conciliar governance, and legal, financial and other services of the Church Center.

#### **Prayer Book Revision**

Convention adopted a plan for liturgical and prayer book revision that set the stage for the creation of new liturgical texts to respond to the needs of Episcopalians across the church while continuing to use the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This initial legislation, in the House of Deputies, began with a vote to engage the church to begin the process of listening, adapting and moving toward a new revised prayer book over the next three years at the cost of 2 million dollars. This resolution failed in the House of Bishops, and their

resolution called for a study and recommendations to be presented at the 2021 General Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. The House of Deputies concurred.

-Resolution A068 originally called for the start of a process that would lead to a fully revised prayer book in 2030. The bishops' amended resolution calls on bishops to engage worshipping communities in their dioceses in experimentation and creation of alternative liturgical texts that they will submit to the new Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision to be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies.

-The final resolution about prayer book revision, that was adopted, says that liturgical revision will utilize inclusive and expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity, and will incorporate understanding, appreciation and care of God's creation.

### **Immigration**

Convention adopted three resolutions on immigration; C033, respecting the dignity of immigrants and outlines how public policy should reflect that belief; A178, that takes a forceful stand against family separations and treatment of immigrant parents and children; and C009, that encourages Episcopalians and congregations to reach out to and support immigrants facing deportation, including providing physical sanctuary if they choose.

### **Israeli-Palestinian Relations**

Fifteen resolutions were submitted and only six resolutions passed both houses, though the successful resolutions touched on the plight of Palestinian children, the status of Jerusalem, and the disproportionate use of lethal force on all sides and ways The Episcopal Church can press for peace through its investment decisions.

### **Cuba**

Convention adopted resolution A238 to readmit the Episcopal Church of Cuba as a diocese. The Diocese of Cuba is set to join Province II, which includes dioceses from New York, New Jersey, and the Virgin Islands.

### **Compensation for the House of Deputies President**

After considerable discussion and deliberation in both houses of convention, convention agreed to a plan to pay the president of the House of Deputies for the work of the office. Resolution B014 was adopted, with no dollar amount attached, but agreed to pay the House of Deputies president director's and officer's fees "for specific services rendered in order to fulfill duties required by the church's Constitution and Canons."

Sustenance for the arduous journey/ Powerful moments that spoke of our faith and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ

There were several moments during convention that feed us spiritually and offered sustenance and voice to our legislative work for two long weeks. Daily worship, centering prayer and several Eucharists gathered us together faithfully, and gave us the underpinning and strength to speak and act as members of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

Hearing the voices and stories of women and men during one such gathering for prayer and listening was particularly moving and poignant. Several women and men spoke in the context of a liturgy where bishops offered laments and confession for the church's role in sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse. Their stories were powerful. Their voices broke through the silence and offered a church open to that pain, negligence, and horror.

One of the defining moments of this General Convention was the prayer vigil held on Sunday afternoon, July 8th outside the T. Don Hutto Residential Center, an immigrant detention facility just outside Austin. Led by Presiding Bishop Curry, we sang and prayed in support of immigrant parents and children who have been separated. Many of the thousand who attended walked to the gates of the detention center, simply and faithfully to stand in silent support for their lives.

Bishops Against Gun Violence held a gathering on Sunday morning July 8th, in a park adjacent to our hotel and steps away from the convention center. With a calm and articulate manner, that seemed to bely her age, a sophomore from a Texas High School, found the courage to speak out and effectively called on Americans to see violence and guns as our national and moral scourge; a scourge that continues to threaten the lives of children, youth and adults across our nation.

#### **Awards and Elections**

On July 10th, the House of Deputies Medal was awarded to Lonnie Hamilton III. House of Deputies President, Gay Jennings presented the award honoring Lonnie's leadership and witness in serving the Church through a time of division and ongoing reorganization of our diocese. Our deputation and Bishop Adams accompanied Lonnie to the stage as he received a standing ovation from more than 800 people present in the House of Deputies.

On Sunday, July 8th, during the morning legislative session. Andrea McKellar, was elected as a member of Executive Council of The Episcopal Church for a six year term.

Being a member of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina deputation was an honor and a privilege; not only did we represent all the parishes, missions and gathered communities of our diocese, but we shared in the legislative work of the gathered community known as The Episcopal Church. It was thrilling to represent our diocese and to have a hand in the deliberations of our Church. All ten members represented in the House of Deputies, and our Bishop Skip Adams, as he took council with the House of Bishops, found a common theme: that we honored Christ through our deliberations, legislation, worship, and fellowship. We saw our church through the vibrancy of individuals who found themselves as the body of Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and God's grace doing infinitely more than we could ever imagined. It was a privilege to serve as deputy and to represent this diocese as the deputation from The Diocese of South Carolina.

Sincerely in Christ,

Richard Carroll Lindsey

## Appendix XV Reports by Institutions of the Diocese



### Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community 2018 Report to Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

We are pleased to report that Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community had a very successful year in both our philanthropic outreach, core business activities, and planning for future mission expansion.

#### **Charitable Mission**

Our Community's commitment to "Reach out with a Generous Spirit" has never been more apparent than in the past year, with the incredible generosity of our residents, future residents, family members, board and staff, once again affirming that our charitable mission is at the very heart of our Community culture. We provided \$571,357 in grants to support residents in financial need, and our residents selected a variety of not-for-profit organizations that serve others throughout the Lowcountry with support totaling over \$212,000. Our Strongheart Employee Scholarship Program continues to expand and offer opportunities to staff members seeking to further their education or pay down education debt. Twenty-nine (29) staff members benefited from this program in 2017, and another 42 employees received over \$79,000 in grants in 2018. Bishop Gadsden's social responsibility is an essential aspect of our stewardship – one we take very seriously, with our entire Community embracing our philosophy of giving back.

#### **Business Mission**

The core business mission of Bishop Gadsden continues to be a unique blend of hospitality and health care, both very complex arenas in today's world, and especially in Charleston. As we grow our home care service, BG Connections, and continue to seek high quality staff for all areas, Charleston's tourism boom, expanding local hospital systems, and development of new senior living communities have all created tremendous workforce pressures. In keeping with our mission of affirming positive living for both residents AND staff, Bishop Gadsden adopted the Charleston area "living wage" as our minimum wage. This important step combined with our excellent benefits has distinguished Bishop Gadsden as an employer of choice in this competitive environment. We are grateful for the continuing vision and proactive engagement of our Board of Trustees in making this happen.

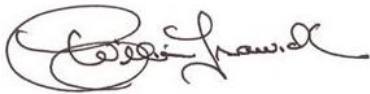
#### **Health Care Expansion/Growth**

Nowhere is our mission as visible and tangible as in our health care residences, where compassion and medical support encompass the heart of our ministry. Through the combined planning efforts of trustees, management, and resident leadership, our principal strategic objective of replacing and expanding our health care facilities is coming to fruition. The vision is for an expansive hospitality-focused healthcare campus featuring 32 post-acute care rehabilitation suites, 64 long-term care suites, and 32 memory care residences, all in a bright, nature-inspired and technologically advanced rehab and living environment.

Extensive medical support and amenities, along with Bishop Gadsden's signature culinary innovation and customer service excellence will ensure a vibrant and positive quality of life for those we serve. This

expansion will ensure we have the capacity to care for our residents as well as expand our mission to serve seniors in the greater Charleston area. It will also add over 100 new jobs, creating positive economic impact. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2019 with anticipated completion in late 2020.

Bishop Gadsden's 168-year history reflects an unwavering commitment to our founder's vision. We are grateful to our residents, family members, donors, staff, and the community of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, for supporting the unique culture of hospitality, inclusion, and generosity of spirit in outreach that has made Bishop Gadsden the extraordinary place that it is.



C. William Trawick  
President/CEO



Sarah Tipton  
Vice President/COO



## **Religious Life: Annual Report**

**The Diocese of South Carolina  
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina  
Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees  
October, 2018**

### **LEADERSHIP**

Hank Cheves '87 is the currently-elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. He began his second 3-year term this summer. Cordes Ford '94 is chair of the Porter-Gaud Foundation, which oversees the philanthropic efforts for the school including the current capital campaign, reNEWal. There are three clergy representatives on the board in addition to eighteen other members. These are held by The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, The Rev. Canon Caleb J. Lee, and The Rev. Greg Snyder. Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor of Sewanee is also serving on the Board of Trustees. DuBose Egleston is in his 10<sup>th</sup> year as Head of School. DuBose currently serves on the Governing Board for the National Association of Episcopal Schools and the Board of Trustees for the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

## **CHAPLAINCY FACULTY and STAFF**

The Rev. Jill Williams - Lower School Chaplain and Girls Middle School Vestry Leader  
The Rev. Bryce Wandrey - Middle School Chaplain and Boys Middle School Vestry Leader  
The Rev. Charles Echols, PhD - Upper School Chaplain and Chair of Religion Department  
Mr. Nick Rindge - Upper School Religion Faculty and Vestry Leader

## **HISTORY**

Porter-Gaud has a long history of living out its spiritual identity as an independent Episcopal school rooted in the rich heritage of Anglicanism. For much of its history, Porter-Gaud had one chaplain who taught all the religion classes, conducted chapel services, and provided pastoral care for the school community. As the School has grown and the needs for ministry have increased, the Board of Trustees has bolstered the chaplaincy so that there are now three full-time clergy on campus in addition to a faculty member teaching Religion classes and supporting student ministry.

## **WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHP**

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Thursday morning in St. Timothy's Chapel, there is weekly chapel on a divisional basis for the Lower, Middle, and Upper School students and faculty. The School observes the major festivals of the church calendar. Advent chapel services are held in all three divisions. The Lower School holds a

Christmas chapel and the Middle and Upper Schools have a Christmas Eucharist. The School's service of Lessons and Carols, held at the Church of the Holy Communion, is a tradition that dates back over 30 years and is a highlight of the Christmas season for the school community. All three divisions mark Ash Wednesday in their respective chapels, and the Middle and Upper Schools celebrate the Eucharist during Holy Week. The Middle and Upper Schools have, furthermore, developed a vibrant ministry of student groups. Vestry and Bible study groups meet weekly with strong attendance. Vestry members hold significant leadership roles on campus and assist in leading worship in chapel. The students are invited to 2-3 retreats a year. The chaplains continue to develop this ministry and are discussing service opportunities, and how to develop a sequential curriculum for student spiritual growth.

## **ACADEMICS**

Porter-Gaud offers Godly Play and character education curriculum in the Lower School that focus on the major stories of the Bible in tandem with selected virtues each month. In Middle School, virtues are taught using C. S. Lewis's *Narnia* novels, and eighth graders take a survey course of the Old Testament. The Upper School features a required course in the New Testament and Ethics and an elective on the writings of C. S. Lewis (2019-2020). The Upper School Department of History curriculum includes World Religions as an elective every other year. In the Middle and Upper School, the character education thread is woven through



Advisory, Chapel, and other programming for students that follows the virtues framework established in the Lower School.

### **SERVICE**

Porter-Gaud has an active community service program through which students volunteer thousands of hours annually to assist various agencies throughout the Lowcountry. Service opportunities are available with agencies working with at-risk and special-needs children, environmental and animal welfare, health and senior-adult issues, and hunger and poverty needs. Porter-Gaud has entered a strategic partnership with Water Missions International, and offers mission trip opportunities locally and abroad, some in conjunction with Water Missions. The Upper School chaplain is exploring the possibility of a service project with Samaritan's Purse at the end of the next academic year.

### **Porter-Gaud Mission Statement**

Porter-Gaud is an Episcopal, coeducational, independent, college preparatory day school. We acknowledge the sovereignty of God, recognize the worth of the individual, and seek to cultivate a school community that endows its citizens with a foundation of moral and ethical character and intellect. Porter-Gaud fosters a challenging academic environment that honors excellence in teaching and learning, respects differences, expects honesty, and applauds achievement. The school strives to create an environment that nurtures and protects what we value most in our children: their faith, their curiosity, their talents, their integrity, their humanity, and their dreams.

### **Porter-Gaud Vision**

The vision for Porter-Gaud School is to offer an unsurpassed educational experience to outstanding individuals from all communities and from all walks of life. With the finest teachers, great facilities, and a dynamic curriculum, we will engage students' hearts, minds and souls, seeking to awaken in them what is most valuable in themselves: their knowledge, their honor, their faith and their social consciousness.

- Approved by Board January 13, 2015

### **The WATCH Prayer**

O Lord, may our words be full of truth and kindness, our actions gracious and honorable, our thoughts unselfish and charitable, our character noble and upright, and our habits virtuous, that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge, as we watch together in all things. AMEN.



## **2017-2018 REPORT TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **College of Arts & Sciences**

Enrollment from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 33 students total (11 report Episcopal heritage)

Financial aid awarded to all college students from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$747,540

### **The School of Theology**

#### **Seminary**

Enrollment from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 2 students total (2 from the summer Advanced Degrees Program)

### **The Beecken Center**

Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups: 4

EfM Diocesan Coordinator: Walter Elliot Limehouse Jr.

**Support Received from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$2,000**

**Support Received from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina churches: \$6,500**

### **2017–2018 Statistics for the University of the South**

College of Arts and Sciences total students: 1,778

Class of 2021: 448

SAT combined: 1210–1380 ACT: 27–30

High School GPA: 3.73

College tuition and fees: \$ 58,000

College faculty: Full-Time: 164 Part-Time: 78

Student/faculty ratio: 10:1

School of Theology students: 169 (includes summer and non-degree students) School of

Theology full-time tuition and fees: \$ 17,568

School of Theology faculty: Full-Time: 11 Part-Time: 6

Student/faculty ratio: 6:1

### **University Fiscal Year July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018 (unaudited)**

Endowment: \$395 million

### **About the University of the South**

The University of the South is home to an outstanding liberal arts College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Letters, and a School of Theology. Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus, the second largest campus in the United States, provides students with vast opportunities for research, recreation, and reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and

hands-on research.

The University's Board of Trustees is composed of the bishops of the 28 owning dioceses, together with clergy and lay representatives elected by each diocese and representatives of other University constituencies. The Board of Regents, to which the Board of Trustees delegates some of its responsibilities for governance, is composed of Episcopal bishops, priests, and lay people, and may include a limited number of members of other Christian bodies. The chancellor of the University, elected by the Board of Trustees, is a bishop from one of the 28 owning dioceses.

### **An Episcopal Center of Learning**

The University of the South is an institution of The Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.

The University was founded by church leaders from the southeastern United States in 1857 and is the only university in the nation that is owned and governed by dioceses of The Episcopal Church, specifically the 28 dioceses that are successors to the original founding dioceses. The historic ownership and governance of the University by these Episcopal dioceses has produced a living synergy of leadership, resource, and mutual support, enriching the Church and advancing the University's role in American higher education.

### **New and Events from the University of the South**

Details may be found by visiting the College's website: [sewanee.edu/newstoday/](http://sewanee.edu/newstoday/) and the School of Theology's website: [theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/media/news/](http://theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/media/news/)



### **2018 Report to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina**

When people turn onto Kanuga Chapel Road, something magical happens. Whether it's their first visit or one of their innumerable pilgrimages to this sanctuary, the person and soul both know that indeed this is holy ground. Founded on Bishop Kirkman Finlay's dream in 1928 and situated on 1,400 peaceful acres, Kanuga is blessed to welcome 25,000 guests annually to our multiple camps and retreat facilities.

This year is shaping up to be a great one. Guided by the principles, established last year, within our core values of Service, Respect, Sustainability and Stewardship, we are better equipped to determine if we are on the right path and fulfilling our goals. This year, one of the major tasks we have undertaken is getting clarity as to what is Kanuga's Mission. With the help of a consultant, the board and leadership team, we are making progress in gaining this clarity and expect to be complete with our work before year's end. Clarity of mission, with accurate information and data, is essential to

our strategic planning and decision-making, it gives motivation and focus to our staff, and informs others of what we do.

Here's a summary of steps we've already taken to strengthen our mission for the future.

- A reorganization of board and management to align with what we believe to be our Mission, which assists us in being more nimble and strategic as we approach our centennial in 2028.
- Expanding Kanuga's footprint in all areas of programming and seeking innovative partnerships.
- Focusing development and marketing efforts on creating new relationships and reaching new audiences.
- Around campus, the most notable difference is in the dining rooms where our new buffet lines have increased efficiency as well as quality. Guests are thrilled, and the new lines are beautiful and work extremely well.
- In 2018, we completed a total renovation of one of our Guest Houses and upgraded a 4 bedroom, 2 bath cottage into a 4 bedroom, 4 bath cottage. Plans for 2019 already include the renovation of two additional historic cottages.
- The Fitness Center has a second room now with aerobic equipment thanks to several donations.
- Grounds look exceptional with the removal of many dead or dying trees, a cleaned-up entrance, and brand-new gas lit lamps in two pivotal locations. Flowerbeds are weeded regularly and are spectacular.
- Initial stages of investigation and conceptual design on preserving the Chapel of the Transfiguration are complete. A timeline for capital improvements and fundraising is being planned.
- Finalizing budgets to become a living wage employer in 2019.

These steps are just the beginning. So much more is being done to make Kanuga stronger and bolder in its mission. We have a bright future if we work together, embracing the fullness of who we are and supporting our purpose like never before.

All of us at Kanuga continue to be grateful to friends, supporters and partners in ministry from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. We thank you for all you do to strengthen this special place for the future of a world of good.



**Michael R. Sullivan**  
President



**James L. Haden**  
Executive VP: Mission



**2018 Annual Report**  
**Danny Sanford, Executive Director**

It has been said by Apple founder, Steve Jobs, that “Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity, not a threat.” Though we come from different fields of endeavor, I like to think Steve Jobs’ words ring quite true for what has caused Still Hopes to stand the test of time. In our profession, things are constantly changing and evolving. What one group of residents wanted for their life ten years ago, has little significance to what residents want today. Being able to sense that change, even as it is beginning to unfold, and to adapt accordingly, is an area where Still Hopes excels. Our focus in 2018 has not been just making our 44 acres the very best it can be, but also looking outside our walls to see how we can affect change across South Carolina.

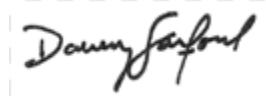
On the Still Hopes campus, we are so close to opening the doors to our HealthPointe Project, our new home for skilled nursing and assisted living residents. The skilled nursing area will follow the cutting edge “small neighborhood” care model, by having three “neighborhoods”, each with 16 private rooms. Each neighborhood will have its own kitchen and distinct hearth and home features that will help our residents feel these comforts of home. Our goal is to provide not just the very best healthcare possible, but also tend to the emotional and spiritual well-being of our residents, while they are in our care.

Outside the Still Hopes campus, we are working earnestly with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina to see if we can bring an intergenerational community to life in York, South Carolina. This community would not only provide a middle-market option for those in their retirement years, but it would also offer early childhood development programs to a community in need of this service. Our hope is that this community will, over time, serve as a blessing to seniors, young children, and youth by meeting each group’s needs, while also bringing them together in harmony so they learn the benefits of the interdependency all people have for one another.

In 2019, we are excited to see our HealthPointe Project come to fruition. We are also looking forward to seeing our WellPointe Project begin construction. WellPointe will have 80 new Independent Living apartments, along with new amenity features, and we have already pre-sold all 80 units. God has been extremely good to us here in West Columbia. Outside our walls, we are also hopeful that we will see great steps forward in the development of the York Place campus. Our goal is to continue fulfilling our mission, not just here in West Columbia, but to extend our reach across the state, perhaps even beyond. We are blessed by your continued

support and prayers, and our fervent pledge is that we will continue to bless others with what God has given us.

Blessings,




**BEGIN. BELIEVE. BECOME.**

- I. **2018-2019 Core Strategic Goals for the College**
  - A. Goal #1 Demonstrate Academic Excellence and Distinction
  - B. Goal #2 Facilitate Student Success
  - C. Goal #3 Ensure Institutional Efficiency and Effectiveness
  - D. Goal #4 Strengthen Resource Development
  
- II. **Update on Specific Strategic Objectives**
  - A. Goal #1: Demonstrate Academic Excellence and Distinction. The College continues to attract and hire competent and qualified faculty full-time and part-time members. The SACSCOC 5<sup>th</sup> Year Review was favorable, and only a few items needed to be addressed and submitted. Additional online courses have been developed and are being implemented during this academic year. The Career Pathways Initiative is well underway, and periodic meetings with state stakeholders have been held. The Project Success initiative has allowed for “emergency funding” for students, and the Episcopal Church has provided continued funding to support enrollment challenges students may have encountered at the start of this semester. Funds collected at Homecoming 2017 were made available to support high-achieving students. Another objective of the College’s strategic plan focuses on enhancing the Honors Program. Fifty-three students were inducted into the *W. Franklin Evans Honors College* last spring semester. This objective also requires that greater financial support be provided to scholars. On April 14, eight presidential scholars were recognized at the President’s Scholarship Gala. Four of those scholars graduated in May 2018, creating slots for new presidential scholarships being awarded for the fall.
  
  - B. Goal #2: Facilitate Student Success. The First-Year Freshman Experience was revamped to enhance the training and development of freshmen over two semesters instead of one. The method for creating and posting course schedules to

- assist in the process of early-advising has taken place. Schedules were made available during the first week of March, and a set of “block-courses” were implemented during this term to not only retain students but to keep students on pace for graduation. The Student Government Association has been very visible across campus and has executed programs for students. An Open House was held on campus, with strong participation from high school students. This initiative was a result of strong collaborations between the Office of Admissions and faculty. Intramurals are being enhanced to include Zumba and volleyball. The Athletics Department was strongly considering becoming a member of the Appalachian Athletics Conference. An application was submitted. As the College moves to increase its graduation rate, 65 students participated in the May 2018 Commencement. Approximately 35% of the anticipated pool of returning students has pre-registered for the fall term. The Office of Admissions reports that over 6,100 applications were received for the upcoming fall term, and almost 3,900 applicants have complete files. A new group of Student Government Association leaders was installed on April 17 during Chapel Service which was hosted by the outgoing SGA officers. There is a focus to increase the number of international students. An articulation agreement has been finalized with the College of Bermuda, and it is our intentions that our first cohort of Bermudians will enroll here at Voorhees very soon.
- C. Goal #3: Ensure Institutional Efficiency and Effectiveness. Recent technology upgrades for the campus were made over the past few months. New servers were installed. A new roof was installed on the Wrights-Potts Library. The EzAudit was completed and filed successfully with the U.S. Department of Education, and the College was able to recoup over \$300,000 in carryover Title III funding that initially was taken away from the institution. The Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness and the Director of Sponsored Programs have been actively engaged in SACSCOC accreditation training. The employee evaluation system was revised and piloted across campus departments. Roofing repairs were made to St. Phillip’s Chapel, and a new roof was installed on the College Bookstore. The College has received a historic preservation grant of \$500,000 to renovate Booker T. Washington (BTW) Hall.
- D. Goal #4: Strengthen Resource Development. Alumni support continues to increase. Informational meetings to establish new alumni chapters were scheduled for Orangeburg, Sumter, and Florence, SC. The relationship between Voorhees College and the Episcopal Church continues to grow. Recruitment efforts with Episcopal high schools are taking place, and the Episcopal HBCU Committee/Task Force has continued its support for Voorhees College. The library’s roof is presently under construction due to the financial support given by the Episcopal Church. The SC Legislature provided Voorhees with \$100,000 to support its career pathways

initiative last year, and it is anticipated that the legislature will provide \$200,000 this year. The Business Office is working diligently to improve the relationship/partnership with current vendors. A Board Retreat, funded by the Episcopal Church, was planned and held last February, and training that encompasses several pertinent educational themes are being planned for the trustees. A meeting with all of the HBCU presidents in the state of South Carolina was held to show unity and support of the economic impact being made by these colleges. Executives from the Lily Foundation and UNCF met with the administration and CPI staff of the Carolina Cluster last year. Voorhees College along with Claflin University and Benedict College continue to serve as a model to other institutions outside of South Carolina for the Career Pathways Initiative. The Episcopal Church is providing new computers for the Office of Admissions. WVCD, the College's radio station, now airs the Sheryl Underwood Radio Show. The College's relationship with the Episcopal Church continues to be strengthened. The President attended both the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church and the Union of Black Episcopalians' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this past summer. Two Trustees' receptions were held: Atlanta; and Greenville. Both events not only highlighted the support of board members, but they also increased the visibility of Voorhees College and its value.

### **III. Recent Activities and Accomplishments**

- The Voorhees College was one of 52 institutions selected to participate in the Project Success Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.
- An increase in the number of new students for the spring term resulted in a 20% increase.
- The Augusta off-campus instructional site has been approved by the Georgia Department of Education.
- Voorhees College qualified to compete in the National Qualifying Tournament of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) in Los Angeles, CA, April 7-11. This is America's premier quiz bowl for top HBCU students, and it is a fast-paced buzzer competition highlighting students' academic prowess and ability to answer questions about history, science, literature, religion, the arts and pop culture.
- The Wrights-Potts Library is currently displaying the Smithsonian Museum's Crossroad Exhibit.
- Voorhees College was selected as one of the 36 HBCUs to participate in the National Honda All-star Campus Challenge in Los Angeles, CA.
- The great, great, great-grandson of Booker T. Washington, Dr. Kenneth Morris, was the 2018 Founder's Day Speaker. Voorhees College Founder



Elizabeth Evelyn Wright was a student of Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee Institute.

- The Voorhees College Historical Museum held its grand opening on April 12, 2018.
- The Class of 1968 celebrated its Golden Year Anniversary during the May 2018 Commencement Exercise. This is the first group of graduates to have earned the bachelor's degree at Voorhees College.
- Voorhees College served as a Summer Food Program Sponsor and feeding sight for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- The Voorhees College's Charleston off-campus instructional site has relocated to Cummins Theological Seminary.
- The College's new tagline was launched: "Begin. Believe. Become."
- The 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual UNCF Corporate and Community Luncheon occurred on October 24, 2018, and it yielded the largest amount of funds collected from the previous years.
- There is an increase in Track and Field athletes and Cheerleaders.
- The College hosted a President's Pastors Meet and Greet for local and area pastors and ministers.
- Voorhees College ranked 55<sup>th</sup> out of 103 HBCUs on the U.S. News 2019 Top HBCU Rankings.
- College expanded its online continuing education offerings.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Franklin Evans, Ph.D.

President

Appendix XVI  
Reports from Diocesan Leadership

Report of the Standing Committee - 2018

Report of the Diocesan Council -2018

The Diocesan Council is scheduled to meet 7 times a year. The minutes for all meetings are on record in the Diocesan Office. Included below are significant actions taken at each meeting from January 2018 through November 2018

January

- The Council approved the number requested by Bishop Adams for his Housing Allowance, as such approval is required the first meeting of the calendar year by the IRS.
- The Treasurer presented very preliminary numbers for 2017 and reported on end of the year gifts and collections.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.
- A brief update on Forma was shared, as the conference has doubled in size and will descend upon Charleston in late January.

February

- Diocesan Council approved an additional \$10,000 to add to this year's budget for 2018 General Convention. This additional funding supports the Director of Communication being able to attend and communicate back to the diocese what is happening, and also allows all deputies to attend without personal expense.
- The Council also approved funding for The Rev. Roy Tripp and Andrea McKellar to attend Evangelism Matters as well as Lester Pittman to attend the Association of Episcopal Deacons conference.
- The Bishop solicited names for the Strategic Visioning committee.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.

- The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey stepped down as a part of the Dominican Development Group. The Rev. Jason Roberson will represent our diocese as a part of this group's leadership.
- The Council passed a motion, requesting the Trustees to release \$100,000 to fund an additional grant cycle, payable in June.

### March

- Bishop Adams reported on the most recent House of Bishops meeting.
- The Council affirmed the Bishop's decision to postpone the creation of a Strategic Planning committee, given our situational realities.
- Council also affirmed the idea of creating a position, specific to the overseeing transition planning, of congregations as they return. The position could be lay or clergy, but the individual would have critical skill sets necessary for this work.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.
- Bishop Adams shared the expectation that the members of Diocesan Council would host and lead the pre-convention deanery meetings, including presentation of the budget.
- It was announced that the Trustees had agreed to fund \$100,000 to Mission Grants for the year and the work to set a deadline for requests and then committee approval to fund was underway.

### April

- Council welcomed Mr. Bruce Murdy, of Rawle Murdy, for a quarterly update on Communications.
- Council approved the recommendation from the Finance Council to set aside \$100,000 in a budget to be used for Transition purposes. The funding would cover salary, equipment support and associated clerical assistance costs.
- Diocesan Council affirmed Mark Szen to be our new diocesan bookkeeper and thanked Susan Schady for her good work and ministry during her time with us.
- Council approved the financial assistance requests of Calvary and St. George's, to help assist fund clergy positions.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.
- A FAQ document draft was shared with the Council and feedback was solicited.

### May

- Bishop Adams updated the Council on the development and hiring for the position of Missioner for Returning Congregations.
- The Council discussed and affirmed the FAQ document.
- Council approved the funding of \$25K to assist and parish and a cleric who are working to address a pension situation. The Cleric owes money back to the Pension Fund, per paperwork signed at retirement. Funds will assist the congregation in assisting the priest.
- Bishop Adams reported updates with the Commission on Ministry, as well as partnerships between the Upper Diocese, the Presiding Bishop's office and the HBCU task force regarding Voorhees College.
- The Chancellor provided a legal update.

### June

- Diocesan Council approved the request for financial assistance from St. Thomas.
- Bishop Adams reported on the great support that has been shared and offered in reaction to the US Supreme Court's decision to not grant the petition for writ of certiorari to the disaffiliated diocese.
- A report from Prov IV Synod was shared from the most recent meeting, in preparation for General Convention 2018.
- Bishop Adams announced that The Rev. Bill Coyne has been hired as the Missioner for Returning Congregations, and the Council affirmed his hiring.
- Updates were shared on the work of the transition committee, as well as the Commission on Ministry. It was announced that there will be 3 seminarians beginning in Fall 2018.
- The Chancellor provided a legal update.

### July

- Reports were shared from General Convention from Bishop Adams and others who attended as part of our diocesan deputation. Highlights included welcoming Cuba back to The Episcopal Church, and the election of our own Andrea McKellar to Executive Council. Lonnie Hamilton was recognized on the floor of the House of Deputies and was awarded the House of Deputies Medal, honoring his leadership and his witness in serving the church.
- Bishop Adams and others reported on the three Open Conversations that were held around the diocese the week following the conclusion of General Convention- Bluffton, Charleston and Conway.
- The Chancellor provided a legal update.

### September

- The Bishop and others reported on the aftermath of Hurricane Florence and where there was need, and what that need looked like, throughout the diocese.
- The Draft 2019 Budget was presented and discussed at length. Edits were suggested and the draft budget was approved to be shared at Pre-convention deanery meetings.
- The Council approved an interest-free capital loan to St. George's as part of their three-phase Standing Tall project.
- The Chancellor provided a legal update.
- Mr. Bruce Murdy, of Rawle Murdy, offered a quarterly communication plan update.
- Diocesan Council approved a motion to request an additional \$18,000 from the Trustees to meet the costs of the end of the communication plan this year, as the original request was \$100,000 and the total for 2018 will be \$118,000.

### October

- Meeting cancelled due to hurricane.
- Agenda carried forward to November.

### November

- Auditors from Macgregor and Company were present to share the Audit Report for 2017. The audit was clear, as was expected, and few recommendations were made.

- The Draft 2019 Budget was discussed, after the pre-convention meetings around the diocese. The Council approved a few edits and passed the 2018 Proposed Budget to be sent to Convention for approval.
- Council approved the motion to fully fund the lay pension for Holly Votaw for 2018. Inadvertently left out of the 2018 budget that was approved by Convention, this should have been included and it should be paid.
- An update on the Open Conversation held October 12 on Facebook live was reported to Council.
- It was announced that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be present for our 2020 Diocesan Council in the Pee Dee Waccamaw deanery.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.

#### December

- Newly elected members to Council were welcomed
- The Treasurer reported on 2019 Declaration of Intents returned, as well as very early estimates of 2018 numbers.
- A report on the 2018 Annual Diocesan Convention was shared by Bishop Adams.
- Bishop Adams also reported on the Prov IV House of Bishops meeting
- Reports were offered on dates to save for Under one Roof in June 2019, and Racial Reconciliation Training for February 2019.
- The Chancellor offered a legal update.

### Report of the Commission on Ministry - 2018

In 2018, we began the year by thanking the Reverend Jean McGraw for her excellent leadership as Chair of the Commission. Mother Jean resigned her position in order that she and her husband Stan could spend more time in their home in the mountains of North Carolina.

Charles Jenkins, who holds an MDiv from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, was interviewed by the COM, and was subsequently made a Postulant for Holy Orders by Bishop Adams. Charles will continue his education with a one year Anglican Studies program at Sewanee.

Christian Basel of Grace Church, Charleston, was likewise interviewed, and named a Postulant for Holy Orders. Christian will begin his three-year course of studies towards a Masters in Divinity at the Virginia Theological Seminary.

Pam Crossley, an aspirant from All Saints' in Hilton Head, was interviewed by the Commission on Ministry. Bishop Adams granted Postulancy to Pam, and she will enter the new Vocational Deacons Program supervised by Dr. Lester Pittman.

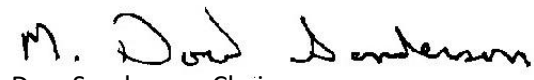
Those who were already Postulants, Lauren Kay and Mac Magee were interviewed and granted Candidacy by Bishop Adams. Mac was ordained to the Diaconate in July.

Lauren, a Senior at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas, is expected to be ordained to the transitional diaconate following her graduation in 2019.

In September, Bishop Adams accepted with regret the resignation, for reasons of health, of Monica Hammonds of the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston. We are grateful to Monica for her service, and wish her a full and speedy recovery.

I am also grateful for the wisdom and faithfulness of my colleagues on the Commission, Archdeacon Walpole, Fr. Wil Keith, Fr. Rick Lindsey, Dr. Amy Webb, Mrs. Mary Ann Foy, Mr. Chris Hayes, and Dr. Jane Hart Lewis, and for the constant support and encouragement of Bishop Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dow Sanderson, Chair

## Appendix XVII Report of Necrology Committee

Here now the names of those clergy, clergy spouses, and laity, who, having served faithfully in their diverse ministries, died in faith since las we met in convention, who now rest from their labors in the paradise of God.

Remembering:

- Ms. Mary Geer ‘Goodie’, widow of The Rev. Joseph DiRaddo, who served a number of churches in our diocese
- Dr. Marlene O’Bryant-Seabrook, Calvary Church
- Mr. George M. Long,
- The Rev. Cn. John Ball, priest of the diocese
- The Rev. Cn. Ted Lewis, priest of the diocese
- The Rev. William M. Branscomb, Jr. priest of the diocese
- The Rev. V. Creighton Evans, priest of the diocese
- The Rev. Loren Mead, priest of the diocese
- The Very Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Johnson, priest of the diocese.

Please join me in praying the prayer listed in your agenda or on page 493 of the Book of Common Prayer.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant N., being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Appendix XVII Courtesy Resolutions Adopted

**On behalf of the The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, the Resolutions Committee, the Reverend Pamela Fahrner Chair, presents the following courtesy resolutions.**

*Be it resolved:*

**That we, the members of the 228th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on this 17th day of November 2018, express our thanks and appreciation to:**

R-1: The **Rev. Becca Stevens, our Convention Workshop Leader and Keynote Speaker**, who, with her team from Thistle Farms, enlightened us and inspired us to remember and embrace that all of us, clergy and lay, are called by God, and are gifted and equipped by the Holy Spirit to bring our compassion, our energy, and especially, our love, to the service of Jesus Christ and His one, holy catholic and apostolic church to promote social justice to the ends of this earth.

R-2: We appreciate The **Rev. Jeffrey Richardson and the lay leadership** of the Church of the Holy Communion and The Rev. **Philip Linder of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston** and the **Rev. Matt McCormick of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston** and their lay leadership of for their gracious hospitality, and especially to the staff: Ms. Anita Jefferson, and their Sr. Wardens: Tim Armstrong and Aaron Harvey as well as Ms. Sue Cavanaugh (our convention co-chair) and Ms. Kim McAtee from Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston and Ms. Mary Neale Berkaw and her volunteers from these congregations who have worked diligently to make this convention a reality.

R-3: We are grateful to **The Diocesan staff**, Lauren Kinard, Holly Votaw and Andrea McKellar, as well as The Rev. Bill Coyne and the Ven. Calhoun Walpole for their dedicated, excellent and tireless efforts for our benefit.

R-4: We profoundly thank **The Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. "Skip" Adams III**, bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, whose wise and discerning leadership has helped to bring us to greater health and vigor as a diocesan body in the service of Christ within the larger Episcopal Church and the even wider Anglican Communion, and who gives of himself sacrificially as a servant of God on our behalf, along with his wife, Bonnie, who encourages him and us together.

R-5: We Express our thanks to the **public relations firm Rawle-Murdy** and Bruce Murdy for their excellence in performance and attention to detail. We recognize and appreciate not only their expertise, but their generosity, both spiritually and financially.



R-6: We are grateful to The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, for his encouragement of our diocese and in particular for his care and concern during Hurricane Florence.

R-7: We congratulate The Rev. Roy Tripp, Rector of St. Mark's Parish Port Royal, along with the St. Mark's Vestry, Wardens, and all its members, we wish to congratulate you for your recent purchase of the Union Church from the Town of Port Royal. We recognize this as a blessing to you, as you strengthen the long-standing presence of The Episcopal Church in the Port Royal/Beaufort area of our Diocese.

R-8: We further congratulate The Rev. Robertson Donehue and all the members of St. Anne's Parish in Conway, the newest parish in this diocese, and admitted with celebration as such to this convention.

R-9: We further congratulate the Very Rev. Rick Lindsey and the The Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych on their retirements. We are grateful for the ministry you have both shared within our diocese and know that your ministries will continue, wherever the roads may take you! We also note the 're-retirement' of the Rev. Bill Rose, who has faithfully served the congregations of Heavenly Rest – Estill and Holy Communion – Allendale as a retired priest for the past 10 years. Best wishes to you all in this next chapter of your lives.

R-10: We congratulate St. James – Santee Episcopal Church in McClellanville, as they celebrate, this Sunday, the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brick Church at Wambaw. The Brick Church was consecrated in 1768 and has stood for 2 ½ centuries through the faith and dedication of generations of Anglicans and Episcopalians. We offer our prayers and best wishes as you continue to serve our Lord for many years to come.