

Journal of the 222nd Annual Meeting of the Convention

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Grace Church, Charleston
March 8-9, 2013

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Porter-Gaud School
University of the South
Voorhees College

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In Memoriam

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The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg

Archdeacon
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole

Chancellor
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Treasurer
The Rev. James Taylor

Communications Director
Ms. Holly Behre

Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mrs. Lauren S. Kinard

Convention Committees

Bishop's Address

Ms. Delores Miller, Chair

Constitution and Canons

Courtesy

Ms. Melinda Lucka – Chair

Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair

The Rev. Colton Smith

Ms. Melinda Lucka

Mrs. Rhoda Votaw

Credentials – Lay

The Rev. Colton Smith

The Rev. Dow Sanderson

Ms. Melinda Lucka

Mrs. Rhoda Votaw

Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Colton Smith

Elections

Mr. Rob Donehue, Head Teller

Finance

Mr. Bart Carson

Ms. Lynn Hopkins

Mr. Mike Jefferson

Ms. Barbara Mann

Necrology

The Rev. Roy Hills, Chair

New Parishes and Missions

The Rev. Wilmot T. Merchant, II
Chair

Nominations

Ms. Erin Bailey, Chair

The Rev. David Williams

The Rev. Chris Huff

Ms. Nancy Potter

The Rev. Wilmot Merchant

Ms. Rebecca Lovelace

The Rev. Mark Brinkmann

Mr. Michael Jordan

The Rev. James Yarsiah

Ms. Emily Guess

Resolutions

Ms. Melinda Lucka, Chair

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

Ms. Nancy Bailey

Ms. Holly Behre

The Rev. Mark R. Brinkman

Ms. Alesia Rico Flores

Ms. Mary Ann Foy

Dr. Charles Geer

The Rev. Roy Hills, Jr.

The Rev. William J. Keith

Ms. Barbara Mann

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson

The Rev. Dr. George Tompkins

The Rev. John A. Zahl

Standing Committee

Ms. Erin Bailey (2016)

Mr. Hillery Douglas (2015)

Mr. Lonnie Hamilton (2016)

The Rev. Rick Lindsey (2014)

Ms. Rebecca Lovelace (2015)

Ms. Melinda Lucka (2014)

The Rev. Wilmot Merchant (2016)

The Rev. Colton Smith (2015)

The Ven. Calhoun Walpole (2016)

Ms. Ginga Wilder (2014)

The Rev. David Williams (2014)

The Rev. Michael Wright (2015)

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale (ex-officio)

Trustees of the Diocese

The Bishop of the Diocese, President ex-officio

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex officio

Mrs. Jan Gibert

The Rev. Bruce Evenson

The Rev. Jack Neitert

Mr. Bob Pinkerton

The Rev. James Taylor

Ms. Betsy Walker

Dr. Charles Carpenter

Mr. Robert Moffit

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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

Episcopal Church Home for Children
(York Place)
234 Kings Mountain Street, York, SC 29745
Mr. Marco Tomat, Executive Director
Ms. Jo Lynne Pearce, Chairman
Mr. Ed Royall, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Walter Brice, Secretary
Mr. Elliot Close, Treasurer

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
The Rev. Cn. J. Michael A. Wright
Mrs. Ann Stirling
Mr. Robert Black

Kanuga Conferences, Inc.
PO Drawer 250, Hendersonville, NC
Mr. Stan Hubbard, Director

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

Voorhees College
Denmark, SC 29042
Ms. Mary Moule, Esq., Chairman of Board of Trustees
Dr. Cleveland Sellers, President
Trustees for the Diocese of South Carolina:
The Rev. James Yarsiah

Commission on Ministry

Ms. Margreit Wright	The Rev. Rick Luoni
Ms. Mary Ann Foy	The Rev. Rick Lindsey
Dr. Amy Webb	The Rev. Dow Sanderson
Mr. Chris Hayes	The Rev. Wil Keith

Examining Chaplains

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, Retired February 24, 1990
Thirteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. Consecrated February 24, 1990, Retired February 1, 2006
Fourteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence Consecrated January 26, 2008-Removed October 2012

List of Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence

RETIRED BISHOPS

Allison, C. FitzSimons	September 25, 1980
Haynsworth, G. Edward (Previous Canonical Residence, 1949)	December 1, 1985
Salmon, Edward L. Jr	February 24, 1990
Skilton, Willam J.	August 1, 1988

PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Baird, Robert	January 4, 1949
Beckwith, John Q., III	April 25, 1966
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
Tompkins, George J., III	February 10, 1987
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
Lewis, Theodore R., Jr.	December 31, 1991
Powell, Marilyn	October 10, 1993
Burton, J. Michael	January 11, 1995
Lantz, John	November 21, 1995
Putnam, Sally	October 4, 1991
Johnson. Emmanuel W.	May 18, 1998
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 Wilmot T. II	October 16, 2000
Cheves, Henry	February 22, 2001
Lindsey, Richard C.	February 14, 2003
Hussey-Smith, Tedra	March 6, 2003
Gray, Douglas	March 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, 2006
Walpole, Calhoun	June 25, 2005
Grant, Sandra M.	September 10, 2005
Limehouse. Capers	September 10, 2005
Thompson, Fred	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
Oswald Todd	July 1, 2006
Smith. Michael W.	October 12, 2006
Russ, Frank D., Jr.	December 19, 2005
Zahl, John.	June 16, 2007
Brinkmann. Mark R.	August 20, 2007
Luoni, Richard B.	December 31, 2007
Devaty. Jean	August 5, 2008

Smith, Gregory	August 14, 2008
Mills, III, Ladson	April 6, 2010
Hershon, Lee	September 11, 2010
Schneider, Matthew	June 2, 2012
Rathman, William	July 16, 2012
Thompson, Henry	December 15, 2009
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

Parishes in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

All Saint's Episcopal Church

3001 Meeting Street Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 (843) 681-8333
Kerry Grant, Linda Hamp, Michael Jordan, George Pinkerton

Calvary Episcopal Church

104 Line Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 723-3878
Alesia Rico-Flores, Mildred Wise, Wilhelmina Frasier, Timothy Armstrong

Grace Episcopal Church

98 Wentworth Street Charleston, SC 29401
Jeremy Cook, Randal Robinson, Robert Behre, Rob Wendt

St. George's Episcopal Church

9110 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485 (843) 873-0772
Jason Shepherd, Don Rodrick, Edmonds Brown, Mary Doar Rodrick

Church of the Holy Communion

218 Ashley Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-2024
Sue Cavanaugh, John Jordan, Joe Villeponteaux, John Pelletier

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

85 Baskerville Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585 (843) 237-3459
Brian Monroe, Michael Cureton, Langston Donkle, Doug Osborne

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

18 Thomas Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-0267
Bob Waters, Robert Hutchinson, Wilma Maiers, John Dash

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

67 Anson Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 723-8818
Iris Carson, Jan Van Norte, Betsy Walker, Elizabeth Hills

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

801 11th Avenue N North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 (843) 249-1169
Eileen Carszn, Doug Roderick, Jack Connell, Bruce Wilt

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

1150 E Montague Ave North Charleston, SC 29405 (843) 747-0479
Frances Bennage, Brooks Moore, Dan Ligon, Yvonne Finne

Missions in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

All Saint's Episcopal Church

511 Jackson Ave E Hampton, SC 29924 (803) 943-2300
Mary Bryan, Terry Meehan

Church of the Holy Communion

401 Main Street N Allendale, SC 29810 (843) 584-2346
Sue Cook, Don Cook

Church of the Heavenly Rest

152 Collie Road Estill SC 29918 (803) 584-2346
Michaele Tison, William Tison

Christ Episcopal Church

5266 Carolina Hwy Bamberg SC 29003 (803) 793-4837
Emily Guess, Joseph Guess

Church of the Epiphany

212 Central Ave Summerville SC 29483- (843) 873-8915
Steve Jackson, Isaac Hutchinson

St. James-Santee Episcopal Church

144 Oak Street McClellanville, SC 29458 (843) 887-4386
Larry Melenchamp, Cheves Leland

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

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

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

196 Brick Church Road St. Stephen's SC 29479 (843) 567-3419
Leslie Clark, Scottie Hoffman

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

305 Hampton Avenue Kingstree, SC 29556 (843) 355-7575
Patricia Richardson, Kathy McCullough

Voorhees College - Voorhees College and St. Philip's Episcopal Chapel

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

Guests Attending from continuing parishes and missions

Old St. Andrews

Andrea McKellar, Ellen Hardin

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (Hartsville)

Earle Phillips, Alex Shifflet, Rebecca Alford, Paul Alford

St. John's Episcopal Church (Florence)

Nancy Bailey, Jane Hart Lewis, Dolores Miller, Elizabeth Caldwell

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Summerville)

Ginga Wilder, George Tupper, Jaqueline Simons, G. Lindsay Luke

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Conway)

Cathy Battle, George Hearn, Geraldine Dubbs, Amy Shea

Trinity Episcopal Church (Edisto)

Gretchen Smith, Mary Ann Foy, Harriet Getty, JohnNickerson

Trinity Episcopal Church (Myrtle Beach)

Mary Lauer, Robert Lauer, Keith Bowling, Lawrence Wilson

Trinity Episcopal Church (Pinopolis)

Jane Pulling, Verne Pulling

Proceedings of the 222nd Annual Convention

Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, 2013

Grace Church < Charleston, SC

MINUTES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Friday, March 8, 2013

First Business Session

The Convention was called to order at 8:20 p.m. on March 8, 2013 by the Bishop, The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg, following a Holy Eucharist service at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston.

The Bishop announced the appointments of The Ven. Calhoun Walpole as Secretary of the convention and Chancellor Thomas Tisdale, Esquire, as its parliamentarian.

The Bishop also announced several other appointments, including: Committee on Credentials (The Rev. Dow Sanderson); Committee on Agenda and Dispatch of Business (The Rev. Colton Smith); Committee on Parishes and Missions (The Rev. Wilmot Merchant); Committee on Resolutions (Ms. Melinda Lucka); Committee on Necrology (The Rev. Roy Hills); Committee on Bishop's Address (Ms. Frances Elmore); Nominating Committee (Ms. Erin Bailey); Committee on Constitutions and Canons (Ms. Melinda Lucka)

The Bishop then said the convention would be in recess until 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Second Business Session

The convention reconvened at 9:04 a.m. on March 9, 2013 with an opening prayer by the Bishop in which he asked for God's blessing and remembered those meeting this day in Florence.

He then recognized our special guests, including the Right Reverend Neil Alexander, who gave the sermon the previous evening, and Ms. Linda Knowlton and Ms. Kathy North, representatives of the Church Pension Group, also attended.

Report of the Credentials Committee:

The Rev. Dow Sanderson reported that there are 20 clergy delegates having seat, voice and vote registered, as are 22 clergy delegates having seat and voice. Ms. Melinda Lucka, also reporting for Committee on Credentials announced there are 18 parishes with 67 lay delegates and 12 missions with 23 delegates. Also five worshipping communities with seat are present.

The Ven. Walpole declared that a quorum of parishes and missions in the convention is present to conduct the business of this convention.

The Secretary moved that the proposed agenda, found in the handouts, become the official agenda. There was a second and this motion passed.

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Ms. Melinda Lucka proposed Resolutions 1-4 and 7-8 be taken up at this time. She noted Resolutions 5 and 9 will not be presented. Resolution 6 will be offered with the report of committee on Constitutions and Canons later in the agenda.

- Resolution 1 – Resolution on notice and convention. The Bishop said the resolution came from a committee and does not need a second. It was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.
- Resolution 2 was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.
- Resolution 3 was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.
- Resolution 4 was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.
- Resolution 7 was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.
- Resolution 8 was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.

Committee of New Parishes and Missions

The Rev. Merchant presented the petition for admission of St. Mark's Chapel, Port Royal, into this Convention as a mission. He then moved that the 222nd convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina receive St. Mark's Chapel, Port Royal. The Bishop called upon the Chancellor, who said the chapel qualifies and conforms to the canonical requirements to be admitted as a mission in union with this convention. The Convention voted unanimously to accept their petition. The acceptance was followed by applause from the Convention floor. The clergy, delegates, and visitors from St. Mark's, Port Royal, processed in, receiving a warm welcome as they took their place in the Convention.

The Bishop then recognized the delegation of All Saints Hilton Head, members of which presented St. Mark's, Port Royal with a gift of chalice, paten, and pitcher for their use. He congratulated them on their long journey.

Bishop's Address

Bishop vonRosenberg addressed the convention. (See Appendix I)

Report from Committee on Constitution and Canons:

Ms. Melinda Lucka reported that the committee recommended the adoption of Resolution 6, consistent with 2007 version of Constitutions and Canons and in conformance with Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church. She moved the adoption of the resolution. It was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.

Report from the Chancellor:

Chancellor Tisdale then gave an update on litigation and said a lawsuit brought against The Episcopal Church and against The Episcopal Church of South Carolina is pending in Dorchester County. He said the lawsuit seeks a declaratory judgment of property and ownership of property of Diocese of South Carolina. He said The Episcopal Church in South Carolina has not replied to that litigation in a formal way but that will take place between now and April 1.

Chancellor Tisdale said another lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court of South Carolina that has been brought by Bishop vonRosenberg seeking clarification as to the proper identification as to the leadership of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. He said the lawsuit is in the very early stages and more information is available on the church's website.

Elections

The Bishop nominated Ms. Margreit Wright, Ms. Mary Ann Floyd, Ms. Cathy Battle, Dr. Amy Webb, and Mr. Chris Hayes to serve on the Commission on Ministry, along with The Rev. Dow Sanderson, The Rev. Rick Lindsey, The Rev. Wil Keith, and The Ven. Calhoun Walpole. The Bishop nominated Ms. Wright, Ms. Floyd, and Mr. Hayes to serve as officers of this commission. They were approved on a voice vote with no discussion.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Ms. Erin Bailey. She urged delegates to refer to the information in their packets. The floor was opened for additional nominations for Clergy Trustees, and there were none. A motion was made to close the nominations and only those three names would appear on the ballot.

The Bishop then called for nominations for Lay Trustees. Nine names were put forward by the Nominating Committee. By motion, nominations were closed, and these names are included on the ballot.

Ms. Bailey then read the names of three clergy nominees, The Rev. George Tompkins, The Rev. Jean McGraw, The Rev. David Williams, and three lay nominees, Mr. T. David Hoyle, Mr. Carrington Wingard and Mr. Bruce Wilt, for consideration for The Ecclesiastical Court.

The Bishop then asked delegates to mark their ballots for the vote on the Trustees and the Ecclesiastical Court and, then, to hand them to a teller. Results can be found in Appendix III.

Committee on Constitution and Canons

Following elections, the Bishop recognized Chancellor Tisdale. He said the Constitution requires that the Constitution cannot be finally adopted and altered at this convention but has to be voted on by the majority and then voted upon again with a two-thirds vote of both orders at the next convention. The constitutional change was approved on a voice vote with no discussion.

Chancellor Tisdale said the Canonical changes, presented in Resolution 6, must be voted on by this body today and approved by a two-thirds vote of each order to become effective. He asked that would be done. That is required by Canon 37, The Enactment, Alteration and Repeal of Canons. The clergy delegates were asked to vote first. It was approved on a voice vote with no discussion. The lay delegates then were asked to vote. They approved it on a voice vote with no discussion. The Bishop so ordered it.

Special Presentations

The Bishop recognized Linda Knowlton and Kathy North of the Church Pension Group to address the Convention. Ms. Knowlton introduced herself as our new Regional Vice President, serving this diocese, and she currently is moving from Baltimore down South. She welcomed any questions from delegates or visitors after the meeting. Ms. North introduced herself as the Regional Account Specialist for Medical and Pension benefits, and would be working with our diocese.

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. Lucia Lloyd, from Virginia. She said she is excited to be present here and to celebrate the wonderful progress of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. She told the convention members they are not alone and have her love, support, prayers, and encouragement. She said her church has gone through many of the things we are going through, and she urged convention members to remember this day. “Once you realize you have God and each other, blessings just start reappearing.”

The Bishop then called on Mr. Harmon Person, diocesan coordinator for Episcopal Relief and Development, to address the convention. Mr. Person reported that for many years he had requested permission to address this convention and the answer was no, and that he was thrilled to be present and speaking to the convention. He said Episcopal Relief and Development works in four main areas: alleviating hunger and poverty; promoting health and fighting disease; promoting economic activities; and responding to disasters. ERD has ongoing programs in 40 countries right now, and the Bishop would like all parishes to be supportive of it this year.

The Bishop noted that there will be clarification about membership on the Board of Examining Chaplains before the next convention.

Report of the Finance Committee:

The Rev. Jim Taylor, head of the Finance Committee, presented the Treasurer’s report. The Rev. Taylor said the 2013 budget is in the provided packets. (See Appendix VIII) He said the church continues to do well, and we have a tremendous amount to be thankful for. From parishes, worship groups, and individuals, the church expects to receive \$203,000 in receipts, and possibly more. The Executive Council has offered a \$185,000 grant for 2013. Further financial support from the Executive Council of TEC would come in the form of a loan. Rev. Taylor offered words of support for The Bishop, The Ven. Walpole, Lauren Kinard and Holly Behre for their work. He noted there is no provision for health insurance for the Bishop and that The Ven. Walpole’s time, as well as that of Ms. Behre, will be split between Grace Episcopal Church and the diocese. He thanked members of the Finance Committee and then presented the budget to the convention. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented. There was a second. Fr. Taylor was asked if any money from those remaining with Mark Lawrence would be recoverable. That question was referred to Chancellor Tisdale, who replied that the question was yet to be determined. The budget was approved on a voice vote with no further discussion.

Report of Institutions

The Bishop called for the report of Institutions, stating that we have received reports from several Institutions of the Diocese, including Kanuga and York Place.

The Bishop recognized Mr. Bill Greely, of York Place. Mr. Greely shared that York Place became the first accredited residential child facility in state in 1960, and it recently opened a community care center and community health center to reach out into the community at large. York Place is beginning a satellite of that ministry in Gaffney and currently has one in Fort Mill. It also is working on community counseling center in Charleston as well. He noted it costs \$330 per day to minister to each of York Place’s children, or more than \$100,000 per year per child. That is quite an expensive undertaking, but he said these children are well deserving of it. He thanked the diocese, the parishes and missions, and people of the diocese for support.

The Bishop then recognized the president of Voorhees College, Dr. Cleveland Sellers, to address the convention. Dr. Sellers said he has been a longtime friend of Thomas Tisdale. Dr. Sellers said Voorhees College has been affiliated with the Episcopal Church since 1929 and we continue to try to live up to the

1897 vision, which is to provide an adequate education to African American and other students interested in pursuing an educational opportunity. Last July, the college received its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Voorhees also has received an unqualified audit with no recommendations. Dr. Sellers said most students are first generation college students, and 87 percent receive financial assistance. Many students come from the rural area of South Carolina known as the “Corridor of Shame” because of its underfunded schools. Dr. Seller said many Voorhees College buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and are named for Episcopalians. He also said Voorhees has re-instituted its presidential scholarship gala, which will be held in April and is designed to generate scholarship moneys. Dr. Sellers said young people often leave college not because they are struggling in class but because of finances. In conclusion, Dr. Sellers said Voorhees is moving into the 21st Century with the idea that it is going to become a premier liberal arts college in the Southeast.

The Bishop then called on representatives from the Episcopal Forum, Mrs. Barbara Mann and Ms. Melinda Lucka, both past presidents of the Forum. Since the recent “unpleasantness” in the diocese, it was shared that we have had people from all over the United States join the Forum, saying they appreciate the Forum’s work and what it is standing for within the larger Episcopal Church. The Rev. Jim Taylor was presented a check for \$3,000, as an example of the friends and support we have inside and outside the diocese. The Rev. Taylor said others may donate through the church’s website.

The Bishop called for a report on the balloting, and the Secretary, the Ven. Walpole, announced that Jan Gilbert, Betsy Walker, Robert Moffit, Robert Pinkerton, and Dr. Charles Carpenter were elected as lay members of the Trustees of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina .

The Bishop recognized Mr. Rob Donehue for an announcement. Mr. Donehue shared that a Darkness to Light training session to prevent child sexual abuse will be held on April 6 at Grace Episcopal Church, free of charge, and all are welcome. The Bishop noted such safety measures are important, and that moving forward we will continue to take them seriously.

Committee on Bishop’s Address

Ms. Dolores Miller, member of the Florence Worship Community, presented this report. She said the Bishop referred to Absalom Jones and not surprisingly found a parallel in present day history. She said the Bishop urged those present to choose to be grateful about life, as gratitude lays the foundation for loving relationships and offers motivation for Christian mission. She said we have heard and embraced the Bishop’s wisdom.

The Bishop then called for the report of the committee on Necrology. He said a prayer for those involved in diocesan leadership who had passed away this past year.

The Bishop then called for the Committee on Courtesy. Ms. Lucka read courtesy resolutions and asked that they be voted on collectively. They were approved on a voice vote with no discussion.

- 1) To Bishop Charles vonRosenberg.
- 2) To the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander of Sewanee.
- 3) To Rev Canon Michael J. Wright of Grace Episcopal Church.
- 4) To Dr. Scott Bennett and St. Gregory Choir.

- 5) To the Gracious Gourmets of Grace Church.
- 6) To Grace's Altar Guild Flower Guild, ushers, chalice bearers and acolytes
- 7) To Grace Jones for Chalice cue cards
- 8) To those who have contributed this convention, including the Standing Committee, the Rev'd Lucia Lloyd, Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie. Rev'd sin van Gars of Church Pension Group, Dr. Cleveland Sellers, and Bill Greely of York Place, and the many faithful Episcopalians who have remained loyal to the Episcopal Church.
- 9) To members and clergy serving St. Marks Chapel, Port Royal.

The Bishop then called on the Convention Committee report and invitation to 223rd Diocesan Convention. The Rev. Rick Lindsey thanked many members, including Grace Episcopal Church, for their hospitality. He said as we prepare for the next convention, All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head invites the diocese to convention on Feb. 21-22, 2014. Bishop vonRosenberg said we are happy to accept the invitation.

The Bishop then asked those present to turn to a special liturgy in their brochure for meeting today. The Chancellor and the Archdeacon were then inducted. The Rev. Wright noted that an acceptable gown has not been found, but he gave the Chancellor a hat in the color of Charleston green. Chancellor Tisdale replied that his only comment is that the imagination of our chief liturgist is beyond comprehension.

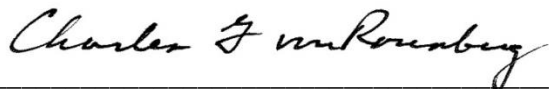
The Rev. Wright then noted the Archdeacon, the Ven. Walpole, will be engaged in two ministries, as vicar of Grace Episcopal Church and as the diocesan archdeacon. Since she will be wearing two hats, the Rev'd Wright gave her two hats, one with an Episcopal shield hat and, the other, a Grace Church Charleston hat.

The Archdeacon then announced that lunch will be served in Hanahan Hall.

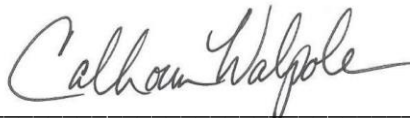
For the Committee on Dispatch of Business, the Rev. Colton Smith said all the items listed on the convention's agenda have been completed as presented.

The Bishop then adjourned the convention with a Benediction at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



The Right Rev'd Charles Glenn vonRosenberg
Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Church in S.C.



The Rev'd Calhoun Walpole
Special Convention Secretary

Appendix I Bishop's Address

INTRODUCTION

Several weeks ago, I was honored to be asked to preach at the Absalom Jones feast day commemoration at Voorhees College. As I prepared for that sermon, I was struck again by the significant example and witness of Absalom Jones. Born a slave, he managed to educate himself and, later, to purchase his freedom and that of his wife. Eventually, he became the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church here in this country. Indeed, as a historical figure in this land and in The Episcopal Church, Absalom Jones is someone important for us to remember.

One thing in particular I want to call to your attention today about this remarkable man. Absalom Jones had every reason to engage in self pity - but he did not. He easily could have claimed the role of victim - but his life had no place for that. Rather, Absalom Jones chose the path of liberation and affirmation, as he followed the way of Jesus Christ.

For us today, it is important to recognize that we have choices to make in our lives - and that by those choices, we set the direction of our faith journey through life. I am referring here to the message that we probably heard countless times as teenagers - and those who are parents of teenagers have repeated the same message - that our choices have consequences. And, I need to add, as adults we still need to hear and to heed that same message. We have choices to make in this life. By means of those choices, we set the direction of our lives. Thus, our choices do have consequences.

THEME OF GRATITUDE

Now, having made that point here, it occurs to me that I could apply it in a variety of ways appropriate to our time and circumstances. That is, applications are numerous and wide-spread in our day, here in South Carolina. However, in this Address, I will mention only one example ... and I will leave you to contemplate others. I want to suggest a choice for your life which is biblically appropriate and spiritually enriching. It represents a choice that I am convinced will make all the difference in your life as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. That is, I commend to you today a life of gratitude ... a life focused on giving thanks.

To live such a life, we must make the choice to do so. It does not always come naturally. In fact, it seldom does. Like Absalom Jones, we sometimes could justify an attitude of self pity or the role of victim - no doubt. But we have a choice to make - and a consequence of our choice involves the health of our spiritual lives. I implore you today to choose to be grateful about life ... and to give thanks continually to God for that life.

Such an attitude puts us in right relationship with God, for giving thanks acknowledges God as Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier - and as the ultimate source of all good gifts. Gratitude also puts us in right relationship with other human beings, who are our fellow travelers in this life, companions on our way, and brothers and sisters of Jesus, along with us. As we live in those right relationships with God and with our fellow human beings, therefore, we are enabled to accomplish the convention theme - "To love and serve the Lord." Therefore, gratitude provides the basis for

loving relationships, following the Great Commandment. And gratitude also offers the motivation for Christian mission, as we love and serve the Lord.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO “LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD”

Now, let me practice a bit of what I preach. I want to give thanks to a number of people who love and serve the Lord, in significant and important ways.

Thanks, first of all, to those who have made ready for this Convention - the clergy, the staff, and the people of Grace Church; our brand new, part time, hard-working, highly competent diocesan staff; and the various other groups - official and unofficial - who have helped prepare for this convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. These folks had precious little time to prepare for a convention ... and, yet, in six weeks time, they have hosted two of them! They certainly deserve our thanks.

Thanks, also, to the people who have agreed to accept positions of leadership in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. The fact is that few remaining Episcopalians had any previous experience in diocesan leadership, for obvious reasons. Nevertheless, your willingness and your commitment are as impressive as they are necessary. I am grateful to you for your service and for the exercise of your considerable gifts.

Thanks, as well, to those Episcopalians who have journeyed out into the wilderness in recent times, seeking the Promised Land. You have had to leave your spiritual homes behind, trusting in God and one another, and facing an uncertain future. But you have persevered thus far, and God will provide a way forward in days to come. Thanks, in particular today, to St. Mark's, Port Royal, for your past faithfulness in this regard and for the good example you offer to others traveling this way.

Next, thanks to the several resource parishes with which we are blessed in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. These larger communities of faith bear witness to the reality and the importance of our connections within The Episcopal Church. Already you have been generous in sharing resources with others, and that generosity will be even more important in days and months to come. Indeed, to a great extent, the degree to which we are healthy and flourish as a diocese in the future will depend on your continuing commitment to the whole of our diocese.

Speaking of connections, thanks also to the greater Episcopal Church. This body of which we are blessed to be a part has offered us support and encouragement in many, many ways. Parishes and missions from other dioceses have sent money and supplies to our continuing churches and worshipping communities. Priests have traveled great distances to lead worship services here. The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church has granted us funds to assist us in this initial year of reorganizing. Workshops on surviving church traumas and on improving communications will be offered in two weeks time by members of The Episcopal Church staff. Be aware, also of other opportunities for engagement with the larger church, some of which have already been scheduled and are identified on fliers in your registration packets: for instance, opportunities to be involved with Province IV youth events and the invitation to attend a diocesan Acolyte Festival. Finally - in terms of reasons for gratitude for the greater Episcopal Church - we are organizing opportunities for

clergy continuing education and for encouraging and supporting healthy congregations, with the help of the Church Pension Group.

Thus, there are many, many things to be thankful for, in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. May gratitude guide our hearts, direct our wills, and inform our prayers, in all the days to come. And may we be enabled, therefore, to love and serve the Lord.

CONCLUSION

In summary, then, we have so very much to be thankful for - as individuals, as churches and worshipping communities, as The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and as Episcopalians who are part of the Anglican Communion. But, being thankful requires a choice, as does a life of gratitude. I commend that choice to you, as a way of life. The choice of gratitude will enable faithfulness, as we follow the way of Jesus Christ and as we seek “to love and serve the Lord.” And, it will be a whole lot more fun as well!

Appendix II Bishop's Journal

Holy Eucharists – 35

Sermons – 25

Church visitations – 25

Baptisms – 2

Confirmations –

Marriages – 2

Funerals – 1

Other services – 5

Vestry meetings and workshops – 7

Parish / mission meetings – 52

Diocesan meetings – 107

Provincial and Church-wide meetings – 35

As Bishop vonRosenberg is canonically resident in East Tennessee, this report has been submitted to the Diocese of East Tennessee as a non-parochial report, but should also be recorded as part of the record for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Appendix III Elections

Trustees – The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (*all six year terms*)

Lay: Ms. Betsey Walker
Ms. Jan Gilbert
Mr. Robert Moffit
Mr. Bob Pinkerton
Dr. Charles Carpenter

Clergy: The Rev. Jim Taylor
The Rev. Jack Neitert
The Rev. Bruce Evenson

Ecclesiastical Court

Lay: Mrs. Carrington Wingard
Mr. David Hoyle

Clergy: The Rev. George Tompkins
The Rev. Jean McGraw
The Rev. David Williams

Appendix IV
Resolutions Adopted

R-1

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NOTICE
AND CALLING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVENTION**

WHEREAS, on or about February 7, 2013, the Secretary of Convention timely caused notice to be made of this Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, and Canon VIII of the Diocese.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Annual Meeting has been duly noticed and called in accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution, and Canon VIII of this Diocese, and to the extent that any defect or deficiency exists or existed in such notice or calling, this Convention hereby waives any such defect or deficiency and otherwise ratifies the notice and calling of this Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

R-2

RESOLUTION TO GRANT SEAT AND VOICE

RESOLVED, that all clergy who are currently licensed in this Diocese, retired for fewer than the requisite number of years and actively serving, and all clergy serving Worshiping Communities or other such organized worship groups in union with this Diocese, be granted seat and voice at this Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, meeting in Charleston, March 8-9, 2013.

R-3

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED
AFTER THE PERMITTED TIME PERIOD**

WHEREAS, due to the unusual circumstance precipitating the need for this Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and having been without local Ecclesiastical Authority until January 26, 2013 after the departure of the prior Ecclesiastical Authority, resolutions to be considered by this Convention were unable to be timely submitted to the Committee on Resolutions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all resolutions submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be deemed approved for hearing and consideration by this Convention and presented to the Convention in accordance with Canon XXXI, Rules 1-25 of the Canons and Rules of Order of this Diocese.

R-4

DISPATCH OF BUSINESS

Resolved, that the Dispatch of Business is permitted flexibility in presenting and re-ordering the agenda in order to expedite the business of convention.

R-5

**RESOLUTION TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THIS DIOCESE**

Whereas, a Nominating Committee for the nomination of elected and appointed officeholders was duly appointed by the Bishop of this Diocese, pursuant to the Canons and Standing Resolutions of this Diocese.

Whereas, Canon XIII requires that a Board of Trustees be elected by ballot at the Annual Convention.

Be it Resolved, that this Convention hold such election, in conformance with all applicable Standing Resolutions, and with Canon XIII and all other applicable Canons and Rules of Order of this Diocese.

R-6

**A RESOLUTION MODIFYING CERTAIN
CONSTITUTIONAL AND CANONICAL CHANGES**

[Exhibit of Amendments attached]

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Diocesan Constitution and Canons were purportedly made in 2009, 2010, and 2011 by prior Diocesan Convention action which declared the Diocese to be “sovereign”, and removed and/or limited the unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, such resolutions and amendments are in conflict with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and were declared in Special Convention January 26, 2013 to be null and void.

WHEREAS, the diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons has reviewed these changes and hereby proposes that such amendments be modified by Convention, so as to be consistent with the 2007 version of the Constitution and Canons, and of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Annual Meeting of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on the first day, proposes to affirm all such modifications to correct prior

actions purporting to remove accession clauses from the Diocesan Constitution and Canons and all other provisions which do not comply with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church. The attached listing of modifications is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit R-6.

It is the intent of the Convention to revise and enact all revisions to be consistent with language from the 2007 Constitution and Canons and in conformance with the current Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church. Due to a judicial restriction placed the Diocese, these amendments are being adopted under the working name of the Diocese, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. In the event that the Diocese is instructed or otherwise authorized to change its name, the documents may be revised administratively to substitute the name.

A vote to modify the Constitution shall be offered for first reading approval, followed by a vote to modify the Canons, pursuant to the additions and deletions from the following incorporated Exhibit.

EXHIBIT: R-6

Prior Amendments to the Constitution and Canons and Related Resolutions to be Modified Consistent with 2007 Constitution and Canons

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

[First Reading]

Provisions of the Constitution are hereby amended to read as follows

ARTICLE I

The Church in the Diocese of South Carolina [insert: The Episcopal Church in South Carolina] accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ***[DELETE: In the event that any provision of the Constitution of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America is inconsistent with, or contradictory to, the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese shall prevail.]***

ARTICLE XII

Of Altering the Constitution-No alteration or amendment of, or addition to this Constitution shall be made unless the same be proposed in writing and in duplicate on the first day of a ***[INSERT: an Annual]*** Convention and after reference to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, is adopted by a majority vote of the Convention at which it is proposed, and further adopted by a two thirds vote of both Orders present at the next Convention.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE CANONS:

The Canons are hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE I

CANON II Of the Organization of Missions

Section 1

Whenever not less than ten persons residing in any neighborhood not included within the limits of a Mission or Parish already organized desire to be organized as a Mission, they shall make application to the Bishop in writing, expressing their desire, and promising conformity to the Constitution and Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the **[INSERT: of the Episcopal Church in the United States and in this]** Diocese, and to the rules regulating such Missions. They may propose a name for the Mission, and shall state the minimum amount they are able to contribute to the support of the proposed Mission.

CANON III Of the Organization of Parishes

Section 1

Whenever any organized Mission shall desire to become an organized Parish, it shall make application to the Bishop in writing, which application may state such facts as applicant deems pertinent; but it must show (a) the facts of applicant's organization in accordance with the **[INSERT: Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and of this]** Diocese and its continued existence thereunder for at least one year, (b) that its organization has not been dissolved by the Ecclesiastical Authority, (c) the number of adult members and the number of Communicants, (d) its willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of the Diocese, which are then, or thereafter may be, enacted by the authority of the same, and (e) evidence that it is self-supporting and the prospects of remaining so, which evidence of self-support shall include its ability to pay the full salary of its minister at or greater than the minimum salary scale approved by the Department of Missions with the approval of the Bishop. The application must be accompanied by a certified copy of its corporate charter, with the approval of such charter by the Chancellor. Said charter must contain the provision that the corporation is formed for the purpose of operating a Parish or Mission, organized pursuant and subject to the Canons of the Diocese as now in force or as thereafter may be amended. In the event said charter does not otherwise contain a provision for the orderly distribution of assets upon dissolution in a manner consistent with the intents and purposes of the Diocese, said charter shall contain a further provision that upon being dissolved pursuant to the Canons of the Diocese, automatically the offices of the Vestry, Wardens, and other officers of the corporation shall become vacant, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese (the "Standing Committee") shall become the managing body of the corporation, with full power and authority, without restriction, to liquidate the property of the corporation, to sell or mortgage its property or any part thereof, to convey any or all of its property to the Trustees of the Diocese of South Carolina, and upon complete liquidation to surrender the charter of the corporation.

CANON V Of Dormant Parishes and Missions

Section 2

If any Parish or Mission shall have failed for three successive years to elect a Vestry (if a Parish), or to send a Deputy to the Convention (if in union with the Convention), or to make the **[INSERT: reports required by Section 1, Canon 6, Title I of The Episcopal Church]**, or to make a financial contribution to the program of the Diocese, such Parish or Mission shall be considered dormant, and may be dissolved by the Bishop with the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Section 3

Dormant Parishes or Missions may not again become in union with the Convention, except under the provisions of Article VIII of the Constitution.

Section 4

It shall be the duty of the Ecclesiastical Authority to adopt measures necessary to preserve the property of such Parishes or Missions as may be dormant or virtually extinct, and as to a dormant Parish, if not dissolved pursuant to Section 2 of this Article, the Ecclesiastical Authority may appoint a Minister-in-Charge for such Parish if it be without a Rector, which Minister may be withdrawn at any time.

CANON XI Of the Historiographer

It shall be the duty of the Historiographer, or of the Secretary if a Historiographer has not been appointed, to collect and take charge of all documents and papers pertaining to the history of the Diocese or in any one of the congregations, and to **[INSERT: collect and keep for reference a set of Journals of this Diocese and of the General Convention]** and to report to the Annual Convention the important events in the life of the Diocese in the year preceding, and the important events in the life of the several congregations of the Diocese in the year preceding.

CANON XVII Of The Pension Fund

[INSERT: Section 1

In conformity with the legislation adopted by General Convention, setting forth the principles upon which a pension system for the Clergy of the Church and their dependents should be constructed, pursuant to which the corporation, the Church Pension Fund, has been created to carry these principles into effect, this Diocese adopts the system of the Church Pension Fund.

Section 2

The Subcommittee established as a subcommittee of the Department of Finance of the Diocesan Council pursuant to Subsection (d) of Section 1 of Canon XIX is hereby established as the Committee on the Church Pension Fund, and charged with the responsibility to keep the Diocese in compliance with the Church Pension Fund, to the end that all qualified personnel of the Diocese including the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, or the Suffragan Bishop, if there be one, shall be covered by the Church Pension Fund.

In general, the Committee shall inform the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of the pension system created by General Convention, whereby the Clergy of the Church are assured of pensions, as of right, to their widows and minor orphans, and to do all things that may be necessary or advisable in the premises to that end, that the monies necessary to be paid by the Parishes, Mission and other ecclesiastical organizations may be fully and systematically paid.

Section 3

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to pay to the Church Pension Fund, at its home office, the premiums payable on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop

Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop, the Archdeacon, and other qualified personnel on the Diocesan Staff, if there be such.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Parish and Mission in this Diocese to pay to the Church Pension Fund, at its home office, the premiums payable as required by the Church Pension Fund.

Section 4

It shall be the duty of every clergyman receiving remuneration, to furnish a statement of such remuneration, and of every change in the amount thereof, as soon as such change shall occur, to the Church Pension Fund, at its home office.

[DELETE: All clergy of the Diocese shall participate in the Diocesan Pension and Health Insurance Programs. All qualifying lay employees may participate in keeping with the established guidelines of the program.

Section 2.

The Bishop shall appoint the members of a Benefits Subcommittee of the Department of Finance to oversee and manage the Pension and Health Insurance programs of the Diocese. The subcommittee shall be composed of no less than 6 and no more than 8 individuals with experience or significant knowledge of these industries. Appointments shall be on an annual basis. One member shall be a member of the Finance Department. Ex-Officio members of the subcommittee shall be the Diocesan Bishop, the Diocesan Treasurer and the Chancellor. A Chairman, appointed by the Bishop, shall conduct the meetings of the subcommittee.

Section 3.

Recommendations of the subcommittee will be made through the Finance Department to the Diocesan Council.

Section 4.

In general, the Committee shall inform the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of the pension and health insurance systems created by the Diocese, whereby the Clergy of the Church are assured of pensions, as of right, to their widows and minor orphans, and to do all things that may be necessary or advisable in the premises to the end, that the monies necessary to be paid by the Parishes, Missions and other ecclesiastical organizations may be fully and systematically paid.

Section 5.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocese to pay to the Pension and Health Insurance premiums payable on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Bishop Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop, the Archdeacon, and other qualified personnel on the Diocesan Staff, if there be such. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of every Parish and Mission in this Diocese to pay to the Diocese, the premiums payable as required for the Pension and Health Insurance programs.

Section 6.

It shall be the duty of every clergyman receiving remuneration, to furnish a statement of such remuneration, and of every change in the amount thereof, as soon as such change shall occur, to the Diocesan office.

CANON XXII Of a Commission on Ministry

Section 1.

[INSERT: Pursuant to the Canons of The Episcopal Church, there is hereby established a Commission on Ministry in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.] The Commission on Ministry shall consist of not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) Presbyters, and not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) laypersons, nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by vote of the Annual Convention of the Diocese. The number of Presbyters and the number of laypersons on the Commission to be determined by the Bishop. The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be three years and until his or her successor is nominated and confirmed. The Chairman shall be a Presbyter, and both the Chairman and Secretary shall be named annually by the Bishop from among the Commission.

[INSERT: Section 2 The Commission on Ministry hereby established shall have the duties and powers as prescribed by the Canons of The Episcopal Church. The Chairman shall be a Presbyter, and both the Chairman and Secretary shall be named annually by the Bishop from among the Commission.]

[Delete: Section 2

The Commission on Ministry hereby established shall have following duties and powers: To assist the Bishop (a) in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized persons and (b) in the design and oversight of the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and assessment of readiness therefor.

Section 3

With respect to the discernment process, the Bishop, in consultation with the Commission on Ministry, (a) shall provide encouragement, training, and necessary resources to assist each congregation in developing an ongoing process of community discernment for persons seeking direction in their call to ministry; (b) may utilize college and university campus ministry centers and other communities of faith as additional communities where discernment takes place. (c) shall actively solicit from; congregations, schools and other youth organizations, college and university campus ministry centers, seminaries, and other communities of faith names of persons whose demonstrated qualities of Christian commitment and potential for leadership and vision mark them as desirable candidates for positions of leadership in the Diocese; and (d) shall assist persons engaged in a process of ministry discernment to determine appropriate avenues for the expression and support of their ministries, either lay or ordained.]

CANON XXIV Elections

Section 1.

No person shall hold elected membership at the same time on more than one of the following Boards of the Diocese:

Diocesan Council

Standing Committee
Board of Trustees of the Diocese

Section 2

In the elections for membership, the Diocesan Council, Board of Trustees, and the Standing Committee, **[INSERT: as well as Deputies for General Convention (but not the alternates)]**, the vote necessary for election shall be by a majority. In all other elections the vote necessary for election shall be by a plurality.

TITLE II

Of Ministers and Their Duties

CANON XXV Of the Parish Register and Reports

Section 1.

Each Clergyman shall keep a register of all baptisms, marriages and burials solemnized by him or in his Parish by another Minister; and if he has a cure of souls, a list of persons confirmed in his Parish or congregation; and of Communicants, and baptized persons not Communicants belonging to same.

Section 2.

The register so kept shall specify the name and date of birth of the person baptized, the names of the parents and sponsors --in the case of an adult the name, and those of the witnesses --the names of persons married and buried with the date of every rite performed.

Section 3.

In every Parish these entries shall be made by or under the direction of the Rector, in a book provided by the Church Wardens for that purpose and in case there be no Rector, the Wardens themselves shall see that such registry be made which book shall be known as the Parish Register, and preserved as a part of the record of the Parish. And it shall be the duty of every Rector, in case of removal from a Parish, to deposit this register with the Church Wardens.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of every Rector in charge of a Parish or congregation, or if there be no Rector in charge, of the Church Wardens, or other proper officer, **[INSERT: to prepare upon a blank form adopted by the General Convention]** a report for the year ending December 31 preceding, and to deliver the same to the Bishop of the Diocese, or where there is no Bishop, to the Secretary of the Diocese, not later than February 1. This report shall include the following information: (1) The number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials during that year; the total number of baptized persons and Communicants at the time of the report; (2) a summary of the receipts and expenditures, from whatever source derived, and for whatever purpose used; and (3) a statement of the property held by the Parish whether real or personal, with an appraisal of its value together with a statement of the indebtedness of the Parish, if any, and of the amount of insurance carried. And every Minister not in charge of any Parish or congregation shall also report his occasional services, and if there have been none, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same. And these

reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop may deem proper, shall be [~~DELETED: recorded and such records will be maintained for future reference~~] [**INSERT: shall be entered in the Journal**].

Section 5.

The fiscal year shall begin January 1.

Section 6.

All reports shall be made in the form of a schedule, prepared by the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of this Canon. And the failure of any persons to make out his Parochial Report according to this form shall be deemed sufficient cause for the exclusion of such report from the [**INSERT: pages of the Journal**] [~~DELETED: records of the Diocese~~]

TITLE III

CANON XXVII Dissolution of Pastoral Ministry

Section 1

Except upon mandatory resignation by reason of age as provided in [**INSERT: Title III, of the Canons of The Episcopal Church**] [~~DELETED: Canon VII.6~~], a Rector may not resign as Rector of a Parish without the consent of its Vestry, nor may any Rector canonically or lawfully elected and in charge of any Parish be removed therefrom by said Vestry against his will, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 9.

(1) Statements made during the course of proceedings under [**INSERT: Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church and of this Canon**] are not admissible in any proceeding under Canon XXVIII of this Diocese. This section 9 does not, however, require the exclusion of evidence in any proceeding under the Canons of the Diocese which is otherwise discoverable and admissible, merely because it was also presented in proceedings under this Canon.

(2) In the course of proceedings under this Canon, if a charge is made against the Rector that could give rise to a disciplinary proceeding under the Canons of the Diocese [**INSERT: or of The Episcopal Church**], all proceedings under this Canon shall be stayed until the charge has been resolved or withdrawn.

CANON XXIV Of the Trial of a Priest or Deacon

Section 1 (11) (a) The Chancellor shall give the members of the Court and of the Trial Court his/her opinion as to the procedure required by the Canons for them to organize and comply with the provisions of canon law but shall not directly or indirectly express any opinion as to the facts of the case or the guilt or innocence of the respondent. After a Lay Assessor or Assessors have been appointed, the Chancellor shall have no further communication with the Trial Court, unless specifically asked by the Trial Court to give an opinion on canon law. When requested by the Lay Assessor, Church Attorney, or by counsel for the Respondent, the Chancellor shall give his/her opinion on the meaning or purport of a provision of the Constitutions and Canons of the Diocese [**INSERT: and of The Episcopal Church.**] The Chancellor shall be permitted to attend all open sessions of trials before the Court

Section 1 (13) The Trial Court shall be governed by the portion of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure set forth in Appendix A to **[INSERT: Title IV of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America]** **[DELETE: this Canon XXVIII.10.13 attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.]**

Section 4 Of Presentments

(1) A Presentment to the Ecclesiastical Court may be issued only by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

(2) A Charge against a Priest or Deacon Canonically Resident in the Diocese shall be in writing, verified and addressed to the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

(3) A Charge may be made as by **[INSERT: those persons as provided for in Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.]**

[DELETE: the following: (a) by a majority of the lay Members of the Vestry of the Parish of the Respondent; or (b) by any three Priests Canonically Resident in the Diocese or; (c) by any seven adult Communicants in Good Standing whether in a Parish in this Diocese or in another Christian Church, in the Diocese; or (d) in a case where the alleged Offense is the violation of Ordination vows involving the disregard or disobedience of a Pastoral Direction issued by the Bishop, only by the Bishop or the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, or by a successor to the Bishop of South Carolina if the Bishop who issued the Pastoral Direction has resigned, retired, or died or is unable to act; or (e) in a case where the Offense alleged is a Charge specifying the Offenses of Crime, Immorality or Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy, by any adult who is (i) the alleged Victim, or (ii) a parent or guardian of an alleged minor Victim or of an alleged Victim who is under a disability, or (iii) the spouse or adult child of an alleged Victim; or (f) in a case where the Offense alleged is that of a member of the Clergy of the Diocese holding and teaching publicly or privately any doctrine contrary to that held by this Diocese, only by a majority of the members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Section 5 The Ecclesiastical Trial

(5) If on or during the trial, the accused shall confess the truth of the charges as stated in the Presentment, the Court may dispense with hearing further evidence and proceed to tender judgment; but if he/she shall appear and proceed to trial on the Presentment, the Court shall adjudge him/her guilty or not guilty, according to the evidence. If he/she be found guilty, the Court shall declare to the Bishop to what ecclesiastical censure he/she ought, in their judgment, to be subjected.

[INSERT: The Lay Advisor shall also inform the accused of his/her right to appeal as provided by Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church.]

Section 6 Inhibitions, Sentences, and Appeals

(1)-(8) **[INSERT: in compliance with the provisions of Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church]**

Section 7 General Provisions

(4)(a)(1) and (b)(5) **[INSERT: as required by the provisions of Title IV of the Canons of The Episcopal Church]**

CANON XXX Prohibiting the Desecration of Consecrated Buildings and the Alienation of Church Property Without Consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee

[INSERT Section 5: All real and personal property held by or for the benefit of any Parish, Mission, or Congregation is held in trust for The Episcopal Church and the diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. The existence of this trust, however, shall in no way limit the power and Authority of the Parish, Mission, or Congregation existing over such property so long as that particular Parish, Mission, or Congregation remains a part of and subject to, The Episcopal Church and the diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

R-7

**ALL OFFICES ELECTED OR APPOINTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CONVENTION DEEMED TO BEGIN AT
ANNUAL CONVENTION MARCH 8-9, 2013**

Resolved, consistent with the terms of offices that were elected or appointed at the January 26, 2013 Special meeting of this Convention, all offices, elected or appointed at Annual Convention, will be deemed to commence March 8-9, 2013.

R-8

**DEDICATING THE OFFERING FROM HOLY EUCHARIST
TO BISHOP'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Be it resolved:

That we, members of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, at its Annual meeting of March 8-9, 2013, hereby declare that the offering received this day from the Holy Eucharist service, will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

R-9

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM APPOINTMENTS TO
THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Whereas, Canon XXII affirms the canonical requirement of the Canons of The Episcopal Church to establish a Commission on Ministry, such that the Bishop nominates members, and a vote of Convention is required to confirm such appointments; and

Whereas, the Bishop has nominated members of the Commission on Ministry, consistent with the requirements set forth in Canon XXII.

Be it Resolved, that the appointments for the Commission on Ministry, nominated by the Bishop shall be offered for a vote of Convention.

Appendix V Courtesy Resolutions Adopted

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

In this historic time, there are many people to recognize and thank for their gifts of time, thought and resources. As we go forward, we know that we are not alone and continue to do Christ's work in this part of God's Kingdom. These thanksgivings deserve recording and to that end this resolution is submitted.

Be it resolved:

That we, members of the Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, at its Annual Convention of March 8 and 9, 2013, express our thanks and appreciation:

R-1: To our Bishop, Charlie vonRosenberg and his wonderful wife Annie; we thank you for your love and support that you have shown the people of this diocese. Bishop, we are blessed to have you in our midst, and are grateful to have your guidance as bishop and pastor, which will help us continue in our service as ministers of justice and mercy as we go forward from this place.

R-2: To the Right Reverend Dr. J. Neil Alexander, Dean of the School of Theology at The University of the South and former Bishop of Atlanta for his willingness to travel from “the Mountain” to be with us today on the occasion of the Annual Convention of this Diocese.

R-3: To the Reverend Canon J. Michael A. Wright, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, South Carolina, his clergy and staff for providing this gathering place so generously for a celebration of the Eucharist and to conduct the business of this Convention.

R-4: To the St. Gregory and St. Cecilia’s Choirs of Grace Episcopal Church, for the gift of beautiful music that has been shared with us today.

R-5: To the Gracious Gourmets of Grace Church who have labored in their service to provide us with the delicious food and drink that we have enjoyed at this time.

R-6: To the Grace Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, the Ushers, Chalice Bearers, Lectors, Acolytes; to Elizabeth Jones for her time and talent in making the delegation pew cards, and to all other service participants whose dedication is deeply appreciated.

R-7: To those who have contributed to the support of this Convention and the ongoing ministry of the Diocese, especially those present with us today from the

Diocese of Virginia, and the kind words of support from the diocesan Standing Committee:

- 1) The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia
- 2) The Rev. Lucia Lloyd, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia;
- 3) The Rev. Jennifer McKenzie, Rector of the continuing Episcopal parish of the Epiphany Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia;
- 4) The Rev. Sven vanBaars, Rector of Abingdon Episcopal Church, Diocese of Virginia;
- 5) Linda Knowlton Vice President of Client Service of the Church Pension Group
- 6) Kathy North, with special congratulations and best wishes in her new position with the Church Pension Group.

R-8: To the many faithful Episcopalians in this Diocese who have remained loyal to The Episcopal Church, for their strength, courage, and unending support for this Diocese and The Episcopal Church, especially the members and clergy serving the Worshiping Communities and Continuing Parishes and Mission throughout the Diocese.

R-9: To the members and clergy serving St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, with whom we celebrate the momentous occasion of their recognition of Mission status in this Diocese today.

Appendix VII Report of the Treasurer

Over the past several months, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina has been blessed by the generosity of many people. Parishes, missions, worshiping communities and individuals have demonstrated their desire for the Diocese to prosper and grow, by giving of their time, talent and treasure. As St. Peter said, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”(1 Peter 4:10) In 2013 as we all strive “To Love and Serve the Lord”, the Diocese promises to be worthy managers of all assets given towards ministry. The budget presented to the Convention is a good faith effort to perform quality ministry with known assets and resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Taylor+

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

Finance Committee:
Bart Carson, North Charleston
Lynn Hopkins, Charleston
Mike Jefferson, Charleston
Barbara Mann, Charleston

Appendix VIII Proposed 2013 Budget

		Budget
		2013
Receipts		
Parishes, Missions, WG. And Ind.		\$203,000
Receivable TEC		\$175,000
Total Receipts		\$378,000

2013 Grant

The Episcopate		
Bishop Compensation		\$50,000
Bishop Mileage (Inside Dio.)		\$6,000
Bishop Travel (Outside Dio.)		\$3,500
Meetings and Conf. Fees		\$2,000
Discretionary Expenses		\$2,000
Community Relationship Building		\$3,000
Reserve For Bishop Search		\$5,000
Total Episcopate		\$71,500

Archdeacon		
Archdeacon Compensation		\$40,000
Mileage		\$3,200
Total Archdeacon		\$43,200

Diocesan Support		
Administrator Salary		\$30,000
Lay Pension		\$2,700
SS & Medicare		\$2,400
Total Administrator		\$35,100

Communications		
Communication Director		\$10,000
Website Renewal and Software		\$1,200
Advertising		\$10,000
SS & Medicare		\$800
Total Communication		\$22,000

		Budget
		2013
Diocesan Education and Dev.		
Deanery Lay Leadership Mts.		\$1,500
Clergy and Deacon Gatherings		\$1,500
Standing & Council Gatherings		\$1,500
Clergy Spouse Gatherings		\$1,300
Vestry, Wardens & Treasurer's Mts.		\$1,500
Continuing Worship Group Gaths.		\$1,500
Total Dio Education and Dev		\$8,800

Administrative Expenses		
Insurance and Surety Bond		\$2,000
Workers Compensation		\$750
Annual Audit		\$2,000
Treasurer Support/Conf. Fees		\$1,500
Chancellor		\$1,500
Postage		\$2,000
Books & Publications		\$500
Rent To Grace Episcopal		\$3,000
New Equipment & Software		\$5,000
Office Preparation		\$5,000
Telecommunications		\$3,600
Office Supplies		\$3,000
Equipment Usage		\$2,000
Total Admin. Expenses		\$31,850

Diocesan Support		
Diocesan Convention Expenses		\$3,500
Historiographer		\$1,000
Background Checks		\$1,000
Contingency		\$5,000
Total Diocesan Support		\$10,500

Support Personnel		
Conference and Education Fees		\$3,000
Total Personnel		\$3,000

Dept. of Diocesan Council		
Parish & Mission Support		\$12,000

Christian Education		\$1,000
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		Budget
		2013
College Work		\$1,000
Inst. Ministries		\$1,000
Stewardship		\$1,500
Church Extension		\$1,000
Youth Ministries		\$1,000
Christian Social Relations		\$1,000
Evangelism		\$1,000
Camp and Conference		\$1,000
Total Dept of Diocesan Coun		\$21,500

Diocesan Ministries		
Commission On Ministry		\$10,000
Safeguarding God's Children		\$1,279
Episcopal Relief & Development		\$2,050
Spiritual Life Committee		\$2,000
Total Diocesan Ministries		\$15,329

Work Outside The Diocese		
The Episcopal Church(TEC)		\$39,650
Millennium Development Goals		\$2,661
Deputies to General Convention		\$5,000
Lambeth Conference		\$2,500
Seminarian Support		\$4,000
Province IV Assessment		\$1,250
University of the South		\$2,000
Children's Home (York Place)		\$2,010
Kanuga Support		\$1,500
Canterbury House		\$1,100
Voorhees College		\$1,550
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy		\$2,000
Total Work Outside the Diocese		\$65,221

Legal Expenses		\$50,000
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Diocesan Revenue		\$378,000
Diocesan Expenses		\$378,000
Difference		\$0

Institutions of the Diocese

Canterbury House (No report submitted)

Bishop Gadsden

BISHOP GADSDEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

Introduction. The words from the liturgy for the ordination of a priest “**Now you are called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher**” (*BCP*, page 532), describe the dimensions of the ministry of a chaplain. My duties at the Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community are therefore threefold: to serve as a **pastor, priest, and teacher**. I provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance, I administer sacraments and lead worship, and I offer Christian education and training for the laity so they may fulfill their respective ministries as baptized member of Christ's body, the Church.

Pastoral Care.

I realize that I do not serve as the primary pastor to the more than 430 residents at Bishop Gadsden, so I am diligent in contacting the area pastors of residents who are members of local congregations of the region to ensure they are receiving the spiritual nurture and support needed during a crisis. The Rev. Joseph DiRaddo generally provides pastoral/sacramental coverage for me when I am away, as well as occasionally assisting with the Sunday liturgy, and assisting with several funerals of residents.

The year brought 41 deaths, compared with 40 in 2011. Given the number of deaths each year, it is obvious that a major portion of my priestly/pastoral ministry would be devoted to caring for the dying and their families. The hospital census was higher in 2012 with 146, compared with in 2011 with 123. I made 289 hospital calls in 2012. Clearly hospital visitations are a central aspect of the Chaplain's ministry.

There are 8 licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors, who administer Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament to over 586 residents/staff during the year (over and beyond the communions administered in the chapel during a celebration of the Eucharist). Some of them share in the ministry of administering communion to residents in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities.

Priest – Worship and Sacramental Ministry.

The Regular Schedule of Worship (from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer): Sunday Morning Eucharists in the chapel; Tuesday Morning Eucharists in the chapel, followed by the Eucharist in the Read Cloister; Thursday Noonday Prayer service. Planning and leading regular weekly worship, as well as on holy days, along with preaching, make up another vital dimension of the Chaplain's ministry. I have observed that many of the new residents who moved to BG in 2012 are affiliating with the chapel as their community of faith, compared with other residents who have lived at BG for longer periods and who are affiliated with local congregations. In addition to Episcopalians, many of the newer residents who attend the chapel regularly are not Anglican. To make the service increasingly user friendly, we produce a worship booklet in large print that contains all portions of the liturgy, including the hymns. We also purchased additional hearing devices that receive the radio signal from the PA system to aid the hard of hearing. In addition, all regularly scheduled services are televised over closed-circuit television.

I work closely with the local Roman Catholic parish that provides a weekly communion service (and a monthly mass) in the chapel. There is also a monthly communion service provided by the clergy of First Scotts Presbyterian Church. A small oratory has been created in the narthex where Jewish residents meet monthly for a Shabbat service.

There were 23 funerals in the chapel in 2012, or for 56% of residents who died in our community. I generally served as celebrant/officiant. In the event other clergy are officiating, I serve as a facilitator for the event. The Chapel is clearly being used more for funerals by the families of residents. I participated in or attended a total 26 funerals during the year (including the funerals in the chapel indicated above).

A total of 4101 persons attended the Sunday Eucharist for the year, with an average attendance of 79 per Sunday.

Christmas events were certainly a high point of the year, with 220 attending the Service of Lessons and Carols, offered by the Grace Church Choir; and 116 attended the Christmas Eucharist, with as many as four generations of families attending the service together. The Easter Day Eucharist had 150 in attendance.

Teacher – Christian Education and Formation.

The instruction that the chaplain typically offers is twofold: 1) Christian education (Bible, church history, spirituality and prayer, theology), and 2) training to equip the laity for their ministries as the people of God. I lead a weekly Lectionary class September through May. The average attendance was 15. I also offer a weekly session during Lent. Our topic of the series was an introduction to Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church. Fifteen residents attended sessions for training (or refreshing) LEMs and LEVs.

As a part of the Bishop Gadsden community and member of the Bishop Gadsden staff I provided educational opportunities for staff, either as a presenter, or a coordinator for and education event. My presentation on personality types was offered during Nurses Appreciation Week. I also consider the monthly contributions I make to the BG newsletter as a component of my ministry as teacher.

Administrator.

One of the offices of the Church listed by Paul is “leadership” (see 1 Corinthians 12:28). One way I describe my role as an administrator is that of a team player in the BG community. Another is to identify the ways I contribute to the larger life of Bishop Gadsden beyond the conventional ministry of chaplain and priest. I serve as a member of the management team, and serve as a support person to our CEO and other senior administrators, as well as a peer among other managers. Participation in this arena involves attending weekly management meetings and monthly residents’ updates in the various residential levels of the community.

I also serve as coordinator for the Employees Helping Employees Fund Committee, a resource for financial assistance for employees who encounter unexpected or emergency expenses, providing no-interest loans. In addition to financial assistance, a financial counselor is available to recipients in an attempt to help them make better financial decisions.

I also oversee a departmental budget for chapel expenses and that provides funding for the chaplain’s ministry. I have an administrative assistant who provides clerical support. I also work with a retired priest, the Rev. Gale Cooper, who serves as chaplain for our skilled nursing unit one day a week.

I attend weekly resident status meetings, in which residents in each healthcare area or residents with other medical issues are discussed. This is an interdisciplinary gathering.

Conclusion. As the chaplain and member of the Bishop Gadsden team I strive to uphold **the “BG Way”** that is best expressed as employees who see their work as ministry, and who are always willing to go the extra mile in the fulfilling of their duties. I can think of no better way to emulate the example of Christ than through the service of others in this community and working as a fellow minister with other staff members, a mission which has been supported and inspired by those who have created and contributed to the BG Way and spirit that is akin to the very spirit of Christ.

Supporting statistics for liturgical, sacramental, and other duties follow.

I. Pastoral Care

<i>Activity or task</i>	<i>Occurrences</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Number of residents hospitalized	146 Total	This is up from 123 in 2011
Number of hospital visits to residents (generally includes anointing/ministration to the sick)	289 Total	This is up from 231 in 2011
Number of visits to staff		
Number of deaths	41	There were 40 deaths in 2011
Ministration (or present) at time of death	7	
Ministration prior to death	12	
Home/Hospital Communion (including anointing/ministration to the sick)	586	The majority of communions were administered by Lay Eucharistic Visitors to residents in our three healthcare areas
Other pastoral visits (including counseling) with residents	54	
Counseling with staff members	19	
Dinner or reception with residents	10	

II. Worship & Prayer

<i>Activity or service</i>	<i>Occurrences</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Sunday Principal Services (Eucharists, occasional MP)	53	4101 Total	
Weekday Eucharists			
Chapel	53	458 Total	
Cloister/Arcadia	53	1070 Total	

Other (e.g., feast day)	8	528 Total	Feast of the Holy Name, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Ascension Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day
Special Holy Day Services (not Eucharists)	6	657 Total	Evensong, Good Friday (BCP), Good Friday (Stations), Blessing of the Animals, Veteran's Day, Lesson & Carols
Funerals in Chapel (including planning service with family)	23	2805 Total	Cooper, Rodgers, Reynolds, Smith Hazzard, Swenson, Ireland, Foster, Lowrey, Mueller, Hall, Thornton, Heins, Freeman, Ferguson, Ball, Lloyd, Downen, Hawkey, Whitener, Haynesworth, DuPont, Hall
Inturnment only (or other)			
Funerals chaplain attended/assisted away from BG	3		Elise Robertson' son, Nancy Richek, Nancy Smythe
Noonday Prayers	52	3 Avg.	4200 Total Prayer Requests from residents and staff
Other Regular Services: Jewish Presbyterian Communion Roman Catholic Mass/Communion			This office does not keep these statistics

III. Education

<i>Activity or class</i>	<i>Occurrences</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Training for laity (in chapel) <i>Attendance per session</i>	4	7 Total 8 Total	Lay Eucharistic Ministers Lay Eucharistic Visitors
Series: Lectionary study	19	Average 15	

In service and staff training	1	33	Personality types
Personal study, prayer and preparation (sermons, class presentation/lectures)			8-10 Hours per week

Episcopal Home at Still Hopes



In 2002 Still Hopes set a course to become a community focused on living a full life, better than one could do by staying at home. One of the ways this was envisioned for our residents was through the building of a Wellness Program. The vision was purposefully designed to accomplish this lofty goal in steps. Step One: To enlarge the vision of our then current residents to see that they could live healthier lives and that it was possible to almost flat-line the physical decline that had long been thought to be “inevitable.” Step Two: To locate and attract a Director for the program that would be able to continually enlarge Still Hopes’ vision of what this healthy living would look like and to inspire all of us, staff, residents, and family members to want to get healthier. Step Three: To design and construct, through a fund raising effort, a place (The Marshall Shearouse Center for Wellness) where this dream could be turned into a reality.

That was then, this is now. I can happily say that Still Hopes achieved, in a high fashion, that lofty goal. We do have a Wellness Program and Center that are second to none in the US. We have raised the bar, indeed we have set the standard, for what retirement communities should be doing to become and remain a community of choice for any person over 55 who wants to maintain, even improve, their physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness.

Still we have much to do. We now have our sights set on making the socialization spaces of Still Hopes equal in stature to our fitness programming space. We call this area “Main Street.” Brought to life, it is a place where residents, family members, and staff will experience interpersonal relationship enhancement opportunities which will add quality to life and will, as study after study has recorded, add high quality years to these now fit and vital lives our residents are set to live.

We will soon begin our fund raising efforts to make Main Street a reality and we invite you to join us on this most exciting journey into the future of aging services yet!

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The Episcopal Church Home for Children (York Place)



REPORT TO THE TEC CONVENTION MARCH 2013

"The late 1950's and early 1960's was the Golden Age of the Children's Home." Keith-Lucas, A. (1987).
135 Years of Caring...Episcopal Church Home for Children

More than 60 children called this place home, and the average length of stay was 4 years. However, huge changes were to come, not because referrals were down, or that the children who called this place home were not served well; it was because the child welfare system was going through major changes and the Church Home was being advised to make some course corrections. York Place transitioned from being an orphanage to an accredited Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and group home for children. Thus beginning another chapter for York Place.

We are at that crossroad again. Child welfare is in flux again and the changes needed at York Place are as important as they are difficult. Because the state allowed for hundreds of PRTF beds to become accredited through a waiver process, York Place is seeing many of its out of county referrals go to regional PRTFs. However, another major issue at play is the reluctance of many state agencies to refer to PRTFs due either to financial concerns or the ongoing debate over whether or not "least restrictive settings" are the best place to treat children. We all should know the issues by now and since we have a strategy that will guide us to uncover what is our new course, we must be decision makers and not just advisors.

We have several new programs that we are undertaking that will create wonderful new clients for York Place. The Family Care Center looks to get started in April. The Family Care Center (FCC) combines the efforts and expertise of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, DAODAS, SC Vocational Rehabilitation, and service providers around the care of abused and neglected children and parents with Substance abuse issues. The FCC treats the family as a unit; addressing the core issues of addiction,

abuse, neglect, trauma, and child development while maintaining the family safely intact in a supervised setting. Work is going on now preparing the cottages for family life, programming the needed components, licensing requirements, staffing, trainings, etc. This program will serve up to 12 women and their children on our campus.

We always look for ways to become more efficient and effective in the way we operate our 2 community counseling centers. We will continue to expand our community counseling centers next year and grow our out-patient census.

There are opportunities that are being afforded to us and we cannot ignore or discount them. As we see fewer children in need of PRTF care, we see an increase in the need for new types of group home, foster care, and community based care around the state.

It is with great pleasure to announce that the boards of trustees for York Place and Thompson Child & Family Focus (based in Charlotte, N.C.) have signed a “memorandum of understanding,” paving the way for the completion of a merger by the middle of April. Informal talks between the agencies have been underway since this summer. Both agencies share parallel Episcopal faith-based legacies, missions of treatment and care, and quality service histories.

York Place shares with Thompson a mutual mission to serve as a beacon of hope and healing for children of trauma. Both agencies were established as orphanages by Episcopal Dioceses; Thompson in 1886 by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and York Place in 1850 by the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Each has evolved to meet the increasingly complex needs of traumatized children and at-risk families. Both agencies have served as successful ministries and treatment centers that have provided for children and family’s needs for over 150 years. However it is essential in times when resources are becoming increasingly scarce that like-minded agencies pool their strengths and strategies to work as partnerships in order to help continue to expand access to affordable and quality services to children and families in need.

In the next few months we will be working on transitioning to a combined 2 state agency, while each of our boards will continue to work out the details of governance. Both boards of trustees have been entrusted to try and reach a final merger agreement by the middle of April. Each agency has already established an effective line of communication with each other as we look to the future. Let me assure you that your much needed and continued gifts of support, legacy endowments, philanthropy, and donations will continue to go to support York Place programs and children. We will continue to associate ourselves in a Christian context, remain a non-profit charity, and continue to *provide comprehensive, innovative, and effective services, through which God's love, hope, and grace bring emotional and spiritual healing to those we serve, both at our York Place campus and beyond.*

We are thankful to the individuals, parishioners and churches who give to York Place. We thank you for the time, energy, and prayers you give to York Place children and families.

Kanuga Conferences, Inc (no report submitted)

Porter-Gaud School

[PROVIDED ON MARCH 5, 2013 TO BOTH RIGHT REVEREND MARK LAWRENCE AND RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES G. VONROSENBERG]

Update prepared for the Porter-Gaud School Board of Trustees Meeting on March 19, 2012

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 chaplains on campus: the Rev. Brian McGreevy serves as Head Chaplain, Mr. N. Hutson Dodds is Associate Chaplain for the Middle School, and the Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych is Associate Chaplain for the Lower School. The School has a Board Chair (Bob Scott '77), Head of School (DuBose Egleston '93), and Chaplain (Brian McGreevy '74) who are Porter-Gaud alumni and have long experience with the School's mission and values. A highlight of the past year was having the Head of School and all three chaplains participate in the National Association of Episcopal Schools Biennial Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Wednesday morning in St. Timothy's Chapel and special services offered on major Holy Days, there is weekly chapel on a divisional basis for the Lower, Middle, and Upper School students and faculty. The School also has a divisional Christmas Eucharist for the Middle and Upper School, as well as divisional services on Ash Wednesday and divisional Eucharist during Holy Week. 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.

Voluntary lunchtime Bible studies offered for Middle and Upper School students continue to attract 70-100 students respectively each week. The Upper School Vestry, selected by a nomination and interview process, serve as spiritual and moral leaders on the campus; some 70 Upper School students serve on Vestry and participate in two retreats each year. In addition, 25 freshmen serve on the Chaplains' Advisory Council, a leadership group for 9th graders who work with the chaplains. Vestry members assist with chapel programs at all levels of the School and help the chaplains coordinate various service and fellowship opportunities.

ACADEMICS

Porter-Gaud offers a religion and character education curriculum in the Lower School that focuses on the major stories of the Bible in tandem with selected virtues each month. In Middle School there is a required course on the Old Testament, and in Upper School a required course on New Testament, along with an elective on C.S. Lewis. In 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 assisting various agencies throughout the Lowcountry. Porter-Gaud has entered a strategic partnership with Water Missions International, and regularly offers mission trip opportunities.

University of the South (Sewanee) - no report submitted

Voorhees College - no report submitted

Other Reports

Report of Non-Parochial Clergy and Retired Clergy

The Rev. Colton Smith

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist: 57 times

Preaching: 52 times

Officiating at Daily Offices: 3 times

Officiating at Marriages: 2 times

Assisting: 7 times

The Rev. Randall C. Morgan

Assisting at a Marriage: 1

Officiating at a Marriage: 3

Performing a Graveside Service: 1