

Journal of the 224th Annual Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston
November 14-15, 2014

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Institutions of the Diocese

Bishop Gadsden

Canterbury House

Episcopal Home at Still Hopes

Kanuga Conferences, Inc.

Porter-Gaud School

Thompson Family Focus (formerly The Episcopal Church Home for Children, York Place)

University of the South

Voorhees College

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The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg

Archdeacon
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole

Chancellor
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Treasurer
The Rev. Dr. James Taylor

Communications Director
Ms. Holly Behre

Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mrs. Lauren S. Kinard

Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Andrea McKellar

224th Annual Convention Committees

Bishop's Address

Ms. Dolores Miller, Chair
The Rev. Jeff Richardson

Constitution and Canons

Mr. Michael Jordan, Chair
Ms. Melinda Lucka
The Rev. Colton Smith
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
The Rev. Sandra Moyle
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Dan Clarke, Chair
The Rev. Wil Keith

Credentials – Lay

Mr. John Pelletier, Chair
Mrs. Betty Rivers

Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Colton Smith, Chair

Elections

The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair
Ms. Mary Neale Berkaw
Ms. Dawn Balsam
Ms. Sandra Fischer
Mrs. Francie Greer

Necrology

The Rev. Roy Hills, Chair

New Parishes and Missions

The Rev. Jim Dannals, Chair
The Rev. John Fisher
Mr. Rick Stall
Mrs. Susie Goss
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex-officio

Finance

Mr. Bart Carson
Ms. Lynn Hopkins
Mr. Mike Jefferson
Ms. Barbara Mann
Mr. Bubba Foy
Mr. Bill Beak

Resolutions

The Rev. Chris Huff, Chair
Ms. Cathy Battle
The Rev. Al Votaw
Mr. Thomas Tisdale, ex-officio

Nominations

The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Chair
Mrs. Nancy Bailey
The Rev. Mark Brinkmann
Mrs. Barbara Gilchrist
Mr. Charles Keith
The Rev. Jeffrey Richardson
The Rev. Colton Smith

Diocesan Council

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Elected by Convention

The Rev. John A. Zahl (2014)

Ms. Alesia Rico Flores (2014)

The Rev. Roy Hills, Jr. (2014)

Dr. Charles Geer (2014)

Ms. Nancy Bailey (2015)

The Rev. Mark R. Brinkman (2015)

Ms. Barbara Mann (2015)

The Rev. Jeffrey R. Richardson (2015)

The Rev. Al Votaw (2016)

The Rev. David Williams (2016)

Mr. Jim Gettys (2016)

Ms. Carol Grish (2016)

Standing Committee

The Rev. Colton Smith (2014)

The Rev. Michael Wright (2014)

Ms. Rebecca Lovelace (2014)

Mr. Hillery Douglas (2014)

Ms. Erin Bailey (2015)

Mr. Lonnie Hamilton (2015)

The Rev. Wilmot Merchant (2015)

The Ven. Calhoun Walpole (2015)

The Rev. Chris Huff (2016)

The Rev. Jean McGraw (2016)

Dr. Frances Elmore (2016)

Dr. Scott Shaffer (2016)

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale (ex-officio)

Trustees of the Diocese

The Bishop of the Diocese, President ex-officio

Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex officio

Dr. Charles Carpenter

Mrs. Jan Gibert

The Rev. Donald McPhail

Mr. Robert Moffit

The Rev. Jack Neitert

Mr. Bob Pinkerton

The Rev. James Taylor

Ms. Betsy Walker

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
Ms. Mary Jo Powers, President & CEO

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
Ms. Mary Ann Foy
Dr. Amy Webb
Mr. Chris Hayes

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

List of Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence

RESIGNED BISHOPS

Allison, C. FitzSimons	September 25, 1980
Haynsworth, G. Edward	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
Votaw, Alastair	October 13, 2013
Porcher, Philip	November 18, 2013
Dannals, James	June 28, 2014

Parishes in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

All Saint's Episcopal Church

3001 Meeting Street Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 (843) 681-8333
Carol Grish, Michael Jordan, Marjorie Milbrandt , Marilyn Roper

Calvary Episcopal Church

104 Line Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 723-3878
Timothy Armstrong, Frederick Fielding, Wilhelmina A. Frasier, P. Alesia Rico Flores

Grace Episcopal Church

98 Wentworth Street Charleston, SC 29401
Jeremy Cook, Jim Hutchisson, Lester Pittman, Cece Stricklin

St. George's Episcopal Church

9110 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485 (843) 873-0772
William Lomax, Nadine Lomax, Steve Shellhammer, Richard Walker

Church of the Holy Communion

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

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

85 Baskerville Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585 (843) 237-3459

Langston Donkle, Sheila Freeze, Lucille Grate, Doug Osborne

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

18 Thomas Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-0267
Pam Deal, Monica Hammonds, Ann Stirling, Hilda Sugg

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

67 Anson Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 723-8818
Iris Carson, Elizabeth Hills, Frank Lee, Betsy Walker

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

801 11th Avenue N North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 (843) 249-1169
Peter Berthrong, Eileen Carzon, Sally Davis, Douglas Roderick

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

1150 E Montague Ave North Charleston, SC 29405 (843) 747-0479
Yvonne Finne, Dan Ligon, Robert Moffitt, Willa Moffitt

Missions in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

All Saint's Episcopal Church

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

Church of the Holy Communion

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

Church of the Heavenly Rest

152 Collie Road Estill SC 29918 (803) 584-2346
No delegates attended

Christ Episcopal Church

5266 Carolina Hwy Bamberg SC 29003 (803) 793-4837
No delegates attended

Church of the Epiphany

212 Central Ave Summerville SC 29483- (843) 873-8915
Patricia Sobol, Kenneth Wallace

Church of the Good Shepherd

PO Box 7 Summerville, SC 29484

George Tupper, Ginga Wilder

Episcopal Church on Edisto

PO Box 239 Edisto Island, SC 29438

Harriett Gettys, Gretchen Smith

Church of the Good Shepherd

403 Dingle Street Sumter, SC 29150

No delegates attended

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

Kathy McCullough, William McCullough

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

PO Box 752 Conway, SC 29578

Barry Dennis, Gail Whitehead

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

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

No delegates attended

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

c/o 425 Byrnes Blvd Florence, SC 29506

Brenda Branson, Lucy Dargan

St. Francis Episcopal Church

c/o 2341 Wofford Rd Charleston, SC 29414

Ellen Hardin, Lisa Seagle

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

PO Box 761 Port Royal, SC 29935

Buster Davis, Anne-Marie Irwin

St. James-Santee Episcopal Church

144 Oak Street McClellanville, SC 29458 (843) 887-4386

Kimber Bates, George Geer

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

196 Brick Church Road St. Stephen's SC 29479 (843) 567-3419

Leslie Clark, Margaret Sauls

St. Philip's Chapel @ Voorhees College

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

Shirley Robinson, Lugenia Rochelle

Worshipping (Continuing) Groups and Guests Attending

East Cooper Episcopal Church

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

Kevin Crothers, Susie Goss

The Church of the Messiah

PO Box 70367 Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

George Mims, Richard Stall

The Episcopal Church on Okatie

231 Hazzard Creek Drive, Ste 1 Ridgeland, SC 29936

Carol Carter, Brenda Reiser

Proceedings of the 224th Annual Convention

Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15

Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, SC

Friday, November 14, 2014

First Business Session

The Annual Convention was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg at The Church of the Holy Communion in Charleston. Bishop vonRosenberg then recognized The Rt. Rev. James Tengtenga, Distinguished Visiting Professor of Global Anglicanism at the School of Theology at the University of the South and former Bishop of Malawi, as the preacher for the Choral Eucharist service that would follow. The Bishop announced that following the Eucharist, the convention would be in recess until 9:00 am, the following day, November 15, 2014.

Bishop vonRosenberg then called upon The Rev. Dow Sanderson of the Clergy Credentials Committee. Father Sanderson reported that 36 clergy delegates and 77 lay delegates had seat, voice, and vote. Bishop vonRosenberg certified that a quorum was present and presented the proposed agenda.

The Bishop reported that the convention needed to elect a Secretary and a Treasurer, and he proposed The Ven. Calhoun Walpole as a nominee for Secretary. He asked if there were additional nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations and elect Archdeacon Walpole. There was a second and the motion was approved.

The Bishop then put forward The Rev. Dr. James Taylor as a nominee for Treasurer and asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none and a motion was made to close nominations and elect Fr. Taylor. There was a second and the motion was approved.

The Bishop then appointed Mr. Thomas Tisdale, Chancellor, as the convention's parliamentarian.

The Bishop called attention to Committee Nominations for the convention, found as a handout in the delegate packets. Bishop vonRosenberg noted a list of nominees was provided in delegates' packets, and he asked if there were any additional nominations or resolutions. There were none, and he declared the nominations closed. He also called upon Archdeacon Walpole, who announced the meeting times and location for the following morning's meetings. The Constitution and Canons Committee would meet at 7:30 a.m., November 15, in the Vestry Room. The Finance Committee would meet at 7:30 am, that same morning, in the Library.

Saturday, November 15, 2014
Second Business Session

The convention reconvened on November 15 at 9:26 am. Bishop vonRosenberg called upon the Archdeacon, The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, to lead Morning Prayer.

A motion was made to approve the proposed agenda and it was passed unanimously.

The Bishop called for a second report from the Credentials Committee, and Mr. John Pelletier reported that the convention has 38 clergy delegates and 78 lay delegates registered.

Bishop vonRosenberg called for a report from the Committee on Admission of Parishes and Missions. Chancellor Tisdale said he was asked by the Bishop to examine applications of three worshiping communities. The East Cooper Episcopal Church, The Episcopal Church in Okatie, and The Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach wish to be admitted as missions. The Chancellor reported that they met all the obligations required by the canons and constitution.

The Rev. Jim Dannals noted that he gave this report with great joy, and moved that these three churches be accepted as missions. This motion came from committee and needed no second. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote. Fr. Dannals congratulated these groups and offered them encouragement and support from all as they continue. Bishop vonRosenberg invited the delegates from these new missions to come forward and take their seat. They did so to a standing ovation. The Bishop joked that it was nice to have these new delegates up at the front, "where we can keep an eye on you," but sincerely shared that, "we all, as a diocese, look forward to watching you grow and succeed."

Bishop vonRosenberg recognized special guests in attendance, including Bishop Tengtenga, The Rev. Tom Brackett, Missioner for The Episcopal Church, who led our workshops on Friday, Mr. Paul Nix, the Diocesan Partner for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina as part of the General Church's Diocesan Partnership Program, The Rev. Cn. Mark Stevenson, Jubilee Officer of The Episcopal Church, and The Rev. Lucia Lloyd, a visiting clergy from

Virginia who has been supportive of this diocese for some time, and we are pleased to have her join us again this year.

The Bishop recognized new clergy and postulants. Rob Donehue is a middler at Sewanee. Jason Roberson is in his junior year at General Theological Seminary in New York. He is doing well in what are difficult circumstances, to say the least. The Bishop recognized The Rev. Jim Dannals, who is now canonically resident in our diocese. He also recognized clergy who are in new positions since our gathering in February. The Rev. Randy Ferebee who is serving as Priest in Charge at Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach, The Rev. Barry Stopfel, who is serving as Priest in Charge at St. Anne's, Conway., and The Rev. John Fisher, serving as Priest in Charge of The Episcopal Church on Edisto.

The Bishop also announced that the Rev. Dagnall Free had been restored as a priest in The Episcopal Church, having gone through a carefully constructed process. Father Free was welcomed with a standing ovation.

The Bishop called upon the mission of The East Cooper Episcopal Church, whose representatives paraded to the front of the church to great applause.

The Bishop called upon Mr. Michael Jordan, Chair, and the Chancellor for the Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Mr. Tisdale noted that we are continuing the process of revising our constitution to take it back to the version that was in use prior to the arrival of Bishop Lawrence. He reminded the convention that they voted in February of this year on the Constitution, and will conclude that process today with a second reading. The Bishop noted that this must be approved by a two-thirds majority of each order.

The Constitution and Canons committee moved the approval of the Constitution for the second reading, as presented at pre-convention deanery meetings, and as posted online. This came from the Committee and needed no second. The clergy delegates voted unanimously to approve on voice vote. The lay delegates also voted unanimously on a voice vote to approve, and the motion carried.

The Chancellor continued his report and presented the proposed changes to the canons. Michael Jordan called attention to the pink sheet in the packet, which deals with Title IV. This is a procedural matter that sets up a process for Ecclesiastical Discipline. Four minor grammatical changes were edited, so Section 1 would read:

The provisions of Title IV of the Canons of the General Convention of The Episcopal Church that are applicable to the Diocese are hereby incorporated as a part of this Canon. To the extent that any of the provisions of this Canon are inconsistent with the provisions of this Title IV, the provisions of Title IV of the General Convention shall prevail. In the application of this Canon, if at anytime there is no Bishop, then the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall exercise all such authority as defined by the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

Mr. Jordan reported that the Committee on Constitution and Canons unanimously recommended approval of this change. The Chancellor added that this sets up an

infrastructure for disciplinary canons to be used in this diocese, stating, “We hope that this never has to be used and that we maintain such a record as we go forward together.”

The Bishop asked for a vote on the proposed canon, as it has been offered and amended. There was a voice vote taken and unanimous approval.

Bishop vonRosenberg thanked the chair, Mr. Jordan, and his committee for all their work over the past eighteen months, and noted that at this time, our canons and constitution are up to date. He continued that part of his responsibility and that of the Convention is to put in place a disciplinary board, according to Canon I that was just approved. The Bishop appoints 5 clergy and 4 lay members to this board. He put the following names before the convention as appointments: The Rev. Rick Luoni, The Rev. Rick Lindsey, The Rev. George Tompkins, and The Rev. Jean McGraw as clergy members; Mrs. Carrington Wingard, Mrs. Iris Carson, Mrs. Debbie Pinckney, and Mr. Lonnie Hamilton as lay members, with Dr. Charles Geer as the alternate. The Bishop then asked for confirmation by vote, and there was a unanimous voice vote to confirm the appointees.

Bishop vonRosenberg gave his Convention address. (A copy of the address can be found in *Appendix I*)

The Bishop called for the report of the Nominating Committee, chaired by The Ven. Callie Walpole.

The Archdeacon thanked the committee for its work and thanked those who sent in nominations. She called attention to the nomination report that was included in the delegate packet. Diocesan Council and Standing Committee are electing two clergy and two lay positions for terms of three years. For the Trustee of University of the South, there is to be an election of one lay person, for a three-year term.

Ballots were distributed to those delegates with voting privileges, and the Bishop asked delegates to mark their ballots, which were then collected by the tellers.

The Bishop called upon the mission of The Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach, whose representatives paraded to the front of the church to great applause.

The Bishop then called on the Chancellor for his report.

The Chancellor reported that the fundamental structure of this diocese is in place and performing wonderfully and competently, and that we have made wonderful progress. He said that we began at Ground Zero in January 2013 and have been going about the business of reorganizing the diocese in the best possible way. We have finished updating the Constitution and Canons. We have, today, admitted the last three of eight new missions in our diocese that were started after the split. He commented that lawsuits were brought against us by the departing officers, and that we went through a difficult and hard trial in Dorchester County, SC, last July. The case has not yet been decided, and the expectations for success in that jurisdiction are low, but there will be appeals from that decision. He added that the legal team feels that our legal positions are quite sound. The Chancellor continued, and reported on the

US District court case that is now in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia. In that case, we are claiming that Bishop vonRosenberg is our bishop, the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina. We asked the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold that position in line with sound legal principles. That appeal will be heard in late January 2015.

He also reported that TEC in SC has been in discussions with the Church Insurance Company of Vermont through mediation in regards to our insurance policy and coverage against false advertisement. He could not report further details, as those must remain confidential, but we have the blessing of diocesan leadership as we move forward.

The Chancellor concluded his report with a quote from Bishop Guerry, spoken in 1920: “If we are Catholic, as Christ himself is Catholic, then this church should be broad enough to hold within its communion every living human soul.”

The Bishop then called upon the Treasurer for his report.

The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor addressed the convention. (*See Appendix III*)

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Fr. Taylor presented the 2015 budget to the convention for approval. (*See Appendix IV*)

The Bishop noted that the budget is before the convention on the cream-colored sheets in the packet of handouts. He asked for any questions, comments, or discussion. There were no questions or comments, and the budget was approved unanimously on a voice vote. The Bishop thanked Fr. Taylor for his work and his report.

The Bishop then called upon the Rev. Chris Huff, chair of the committee on Resolutions. Fr. Huff reported that there were no resolutions to bring before the convention at that time.

The Bishop asked for the report from Jubilee Ministry. He introduced The Rev. Cn. Mark Stevenson, Domestic Poverty Missioner for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and Jubilee Officer of The Episcopal Church. Before assuming his current role, he served as Canon to the Ordinary in Louisiana.

Canon Stevenson addressed the Convention.

The Bishop thanked Canon Stevenson for his presentation, and then called upon the representatives from another new mission, The Episcopal Church in Okatie, who paraded in to a round of applause.

Bishop vonRosenberg noted that the historiographer, Mr. Scott Powell, was not able to attend convention.

The Bishop called for the report of the Standing Committee from the President, The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II. (*See Appendix V*)

The Bishop asked The Rev. Dow Sanderson for the report for the Commission on Ministry. (*See Appendix VI*)

Bishop vonRosenberg thanked Fr. Sanderson and Fr. Merchant for their reports, and then requested that the deputies to General Convention in June 2015 please stand. He introduced Tom Tisdale, Lonnie Hamilton, Andrea McKellar, Mary Ann Foy, Charles Geer (lay alternate), The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor, The Rev. Dr. Wilmot Merchant, The Rev. Canon Michael Wright, The Rev. Rick Lindsey, and The Rev. Wil Keith (clergy alternate) as the deputies who will represent The Episcopal Church in South Carolina in Salt Lake City in summer of 2015.

He asked that they stand for commissioning in this new ministry. The Bishop offered prayers for the deputies and the 78th General Convention.

The Bishop called upon the Rev. Dow Sanderson, chair of the Elections Committee, for the report on the ballot.

Fr. Sanderson announced that Doug Billings and Ginga Wilder were elected as lay members of the Standing Committee, and The Rev. John Zahl and The Rev. Jim Dannals were elected as clergy members of Standing Committee. For Diocesan Council, Sue Cavanaugh and Virginia Weaver were elected as lay members and The Rev. Rick Lindsey and the Rev. Cn. Michael Wright were elected as clergy members of the Diocesan Council. Ann Stirling was elected to be the lay trustee to University of the South. (*See Appendix VII*)

The Bishop then called on the Secretary of Convention, the Ven. Callie Walpole, for a special recognition of Harmon Person, who has served the diocese for many many years, as our liaison to Episcopal Relief and Development. Harmon has passed the torch on to Rob Wendt who is working, along with Mary Person, to make a smooth transition over the next few months. She asked the convention to join with her in thanking Harmon for his service.

Archdeacon Walpole also reminded the Standing Committee and the Commission on Ministry that they will eat lunch together in the library, with the seminarians. She also shared that Carolina Grace, a gathering of writings and thoughts from people around the diocese, is at the printers and should be out by Thanksgiving. The next issue will be a Lenten issue, and she asked those in attendance to submit a meditation or a prayer. The archdeacon noted that it is a wonderful way to share around the diocese, and that the theme for the next issue is pilgrimage.

The blessing was offered for lunch and the Bishop announced that the convention would reconvene shortly after 12:30.

Bishop brought the convention back to order at 12:38 and recognized representatives from diocesan institutions who were present at convention: University of the South, Kanuga Camp and Conference Center, Porter Gaud School, Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community, and Voorhees College. The Bishop noted that Thompson (formerly York Place) was not able to make it this year, but their report was submitted and is included in the handouts.

The Bishop also called attention to other exhibitors whose efforts expand the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. He welcomed Charleston Port & Seafarers' Society, Church Insurance Group, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, Companions of the Holy Cross, Daughters of the King, Episcopal Forum, Episcopal Church Women, Episcopal Relief & Development, Education for Ministry, Jubilee Ministries, Order of Saint Helena, and

The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. He noted that we are grateful for all who have been present representing these institutions and all these other ministries.

The Bishop reported that a decision was made not to have presentations from each institution this year as we have done in the past, but that we would highlight one or two. The Bishop invited the Rev. John Zahl, a Trustee member of Porter Gaud School, to share a report from that institution.

The Rev. John Zahl addressed the Convention.

The Bishop thanked Fr. Zahl for his report and invited the Chaplain to the Retired Clergy to share his report with the Convention.

The Rev. Al Votaw addressed the Convention. This report can be found in the *Appendix VIII*.

The Bishop invited Ms. Dolores Miller to give the report from the Committee on Bishop's address.

Ms. Miller shared her report with the convention.

The Bishop noted that he generally sends Dolores a copy of the address in advance and keeps her in touch with any updates. He suggested she does such a good job in her response, that next year he'll have Dolores just send him the address!

The Rev. Roy Hills, chair of the committee on Necrology, reported to the Convention. We remember our priest and friend: The Rev. Manney Carrington Reid, From Good Shepherd, in Sumter: Vernon Ezekiel Hampton, Mary L. Curtis and Edmond Morris McDonald. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters from St. John's, Florence, we remember Betty Anne Darby, and The Rev. Philip West, Pastor of Harborview Presbyterian on James Island, who died suddenly last evening. He ended his report with a standing prayer.

The Bishop called upon the Committee on Resolutions for the Courtesy Resolutions, chaired by The Rev. Chris Huff. (*Courtesy Resolutions may be found in Appendix XIV*)

Fr. Huff asked if he might make a resolution from the floor in recognition of Enthusiastically Episcopalian, held in May at Holy Cross Faith Memorial.

Resolution Offered from the congregation of Holy Cross Faith Memorial:

In recognition of the fact that the 275 attendees of the "Enthusiastically Episcopalian Conference held at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawley's Island on May 13,

2014, benefited from leadership and encouragement provided by the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, the Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, Mr. Doug Billings, President, and other members of the Episcopal Forum in South Carolina and

the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price and other distinguished guests of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh,

This convention expresses its thanks requests that the secretary of this convention relay a copy of the resolution to the above-mentioned servants of Christ.

--Passed by acclamation at the 224th Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina on November 15, 2014


The Bishop called upon The Rev. Wil Keith, rector of Holy Cross Faith Memorial for the invitation to the 2015 Annual Diocesan Convention. Father Keith spoke briefly of the history of the Episcopal Church on the neck of the Waccamaw River, as he and others distributed invitations to delegates. He concluded by sharing the words of St. Paul: We are “determined not only to share the gospel of God but our own selves.”

Bishop vonRosenberg replied, ‘On behalf of our diocese, we are delighted to accept your invitation.’ He added that the staff is a little worried about not having much to do since we have 12 months to prepare.

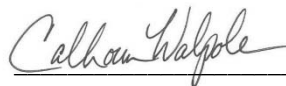
The Rev. Colton Smith, Chairman of the Dispatch of Business, was asked for his report. He found that the business of this 224th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, as adopted in our agenda, has been completed.

In closing, the Bishop recognized all delegates, clergy and lay, who traveled to this place and gave of their time to be the church. His remarks were met with a standing ovation.

A motion was made to adjourn, there was a second. The Bishop asked all those who supported the motion to rise and he concluded the convention with a prayer at 1:21 pm.



The Rt. Rev. Charles Glenn vonRosenberg
Provisional Bishop of the Episcopal Church in S.C.



The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
Convention Secretary

Appendix I Bishop's Address

Bishop's Address

The 224th Annual Convention
of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina
November 15, 2014 at Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston

Once again, I want to begin my Address with words of thanks – thanks which are as well-deserved as they are inadequate. For our diocesan staff, I and you should be especially grateful – to my Executive Assistant, Lauren Kinard; to the Archdeacon, Callie Walpole; to the Communications Director, Holly Behre; and to the Administrative Assistant, Andrea McKellar. I am the envy of my colleagues in the House of Bishops with this fine staff, even though each staff member is officially “part time.” Our diocesan officers likewise do noteworthy and admirable work, and we are certainly grateful to them – Tom Tisdale, Chancellor; and Jim Taylor, Treasurer. Along with these folks, of course, many others – many of you who are present, in fact – have labored hard and well in the vineyard which is The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Please accept my thanks and the thanks of this convention gathered.

Also on behalf of us all, I want to thank the staff and parishioners of the Church of the Holy Communion. For your care in making preparations and for your graciousness in extending hospitality to us all, we are grateful indeed.

Another significant object of our thanks are the people of our newly recognized mission congregations – Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach; the East Cooper Episcopal Church; and The Episcopal Church in Okatie. We are grateful for your efforts, and we join you in this time of celebration.

Thanks, also, to our guests at this convention, for joining us here – Bishop James Tengtenga, Canon Tom Brackett, Canon Mark Stevenson, and Paul Nix. You honor us by your presence. In addition, a personal word of thanks to my wife Annie surely is appropriate. I know that you join me in this indication of gratitude because on the occasional times that Annie does not accompany me to some event, my presence alone is often met with disappointment. So, thanks to you, Annie, on behalf of me and of everyone here.

A Look Back at the Journey Thus Far

As we turn our attention to the past year or – more accurately – to the past nine months since the last convention, we may appropriately observe that it has been a busy time! We have found ourselves in the headlines more often than I would have wished and, sometimes, for reasons that

are not very appealing. For instance, we have spent more time in court and on legal matters in general than is probably in the best interests of the church.

As we travel this journey, a particular biblical image may be especially enlightening. The Exodus event seems to relate to our experiences in various ways. For instance, I have heard from many of you about the sense and reality of oppression in this part of the church, in previous times. Then, a kind of separation and exodus took place. And now, people of God, we find ourselves traveling through the wilderness. Our Red Sea may be Lake Marion; our wild beasts may be forty-four lawyers and a judge; and our Mt. Sinai may only be Mt. Pleasant. But, we do know something about being pilgrims in the wilderness!

In this time of wilderness wandering, we realize that we cannot make it on our own. We must rely on each other and on God's grace – known through many people – to help us through these times and this place. And – very importantly – we have hope for a better time and place ... a promised land. We are being led toward that destination, even though we may sometimes seem to wander along the way.

Two Marks of the Journey – Identity and Accountability

In the wilderness of this time, I want to hold up two essential marks of our community life on the journey – identity and accountability. Identity and accountability are landmarks for us to keep in our sight as we travel through the wilderness. Indeed, we must remember who we are, and we must remember to whom we are accountable – or else, we will lose our way.

We are The Episcopal Church in this part of the Kingdom of God. As such, we possess a wonderful heritage of faithfulness in prayer, commitment to community, and dedication to service. We are marked by the cross in baptism, as the sign of our identity. This baptismal seal, indicating Christ's presence, is confirmed at various points on our journey. Thus, we affirm our commitment to the way. And, we are sustained by Christ himself in Eucharist as well, providing strength for the journey. Indeed, we are The Episcopal Church here – as we have been in the past and as we will continue to be.

Also, in terms of our identity, we are the Anglican Communion in this part of God's Kingdom, regardless of what you may have heard or read elsewhere. The Episcopal Church is the only recognized member of the Anglican Communion in this country – and that membership provides us with a sign of our catholicity as a church. That is, the Anglican Communion provides the sign that we are members of Christ's one, holy, catholic church. Please recognize that the body in convention here represents the Anglican Communion in this part of South Carolina.

It is important for us to remember such indications of our identity – who we are – especially in this wilderness time of our journey.

We also must remember to whom we are accountable, as we travel along this way.

We are accountable, first of all, to God who created us and who sustains us, as Christian pilgrims. That accountability is lived out, in practical ways, through The Episcopal Church – that part of the Body of Christ of which we are members. Without such practical accountability, we simply would be fooling ourselves about any claim of authenticity and authority. Like the people of God in the wilderness, we need to be held accountable to our pledge of faithfulness. Without accountability, our pledge would lack substance and meaning. Therefore, we cannot make up our own rules because we are accountable to a greater body. Such membership curbs our tendencies toward self-righteousness and self-deceit – and, in biblical terms, toward sin. We need each other within the Body of Christ – and as parts of the Body of Christ – to hold us accountable.

Therefore, on this journey, I call your attention to those fundamental marks of our life in community – identity and accountability. May we give thanks to God – regularly and often – for who we are in the Body of Christ. And may we not forget as well the importance of accountability – as parts of that Body – in the life and journey of faith.

Reorganizing and Repacking for the Journey

Related to those topics of identity and accountability is the matter of the on-going task of reorganizing our diocese. To continue with the idea and image of journey, we are repacking ... and we have fewer bags to carry now. As we look at this matter, perhaps remembering some recent history at this point will be instructive.

After the former bishop and Standing Committee left The Episcopal Church, there was no diocesan organization left for the church here. Church canons are clear about authority in terms of bishop and Standing Committee. However, our canons do not anticipate that neither of those authorities will be present. Thus, what developed – thanks primarily to Tom Tisdale – was something called a “Steering Committee.” As the only loosely organized group, in pre-organizational days, this body had a wide variety of responsibilities. In fact, it did everything that got done, as The Episcopal Church here, beyond local church communities. And, this group steered us to the point that a bishop and a Standing Committee were elected for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

As you might imagine, members of the former Steering Committee provided significant leadership in various groups of the reorganizing diocese – groups like the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council. Soon afterwards, though, it became my responsibility to remind each

group that we do not have a Steering Committee, which did everything, any longer. Rather, we now have a Standing Committee and a Diocesan Council – each with distinct and separate responsibilities. Thus, you see, matters of identity and accountability continue to be significant ways to mark who we are and what we are called to do, as we reorganize ourselves as a diocese. In theological terms, these are important steps, as we grow into that part of the Body of Christ we are called to be.

More recently, our Finance Committee has taken on matters relating to identity and accountability, also, as we continue this journey of reorganizing. In the process, particular and specific responsibilities have come to light, in addition to handling diocesan assets – for instance, facilitating church audits, developing diocesan stewardship practices, and evaluating personnel and compensation. Some of these responsibilities appropriately fall within the purview of the Finance Committee, while others do not. Therefore, this committee has added some matters to its job description, and we have identified other groups to accomplish other responsibilities. Again, then, as we continue the journey of reorganization, we need to ask questions related to identity and accountability ... and, then, to put into practice the answers which come to light.

Traveling Our Way as the Body of Christ

Soon after the first of next year, we plan to initiate a capital funds drive, to help us take next steps on our diocesan journey of faith. Specifically, we must address two financial needs beyond what the annual budget can meet. Those needs are funding for a full-time bishop and additional support for our mission congregations. You will hear more about this capital funds drive soon. When you do, please be aware of the importance of addressing these needs on our journey ahead ... and please respond generously.

I want to highlight a specific biblical image here that I have mentioned already in this Address. St. Paul often wrote to Christians elsewhere, and he used the analogy of the church as the Body of Christ. For instance, to the church in Rome, he wrote, “As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another” (12:4-5). In our efforts toward reorganizing, one goal should be to define particular responsibilities for each part of the body, for the good of the whole. Identity and accountability provide important measures for this task. The whole Body of Christ offers the framework. And, it is that whole Body of Christ that we pray benefits from the particular efforts and offerings we are able to make.

Questions for the Way

I want to sum up this combination report and reflection by asking several questions, which I hope you will find compelling. These questions intend to direct our attention to who we are and to what and why we are called to be – identity and accountability as the church. Further, I hope

that dealing with such questions will help us understand the part we are called to play in the whole Body of Christ. Then, after asking the questions, I want to share a story with you ... a story which has helped me address these very questions.

First, then, how are we – as churches and as a diocese – living into our identity as the Body of Christ in the world today? That really is the foundational question. How are we – as churches and as a diocese – living into our identity as the Body of Christ in the world today? The next two questions deal also with the matter of accountability, given our identity. Secondly, then, how can we grow more fully into the part we are called to play in Christ’s Body? And finally, how can we hold this image of the Body of Christ before us, more convincingly, so that we and the world may recognize our very reason for being? It seems to me that these questions serve to provide us with a clear and definite framework for our self awareness, as churches and as a diocese. Further, these questions direct us outwardly, in mission, toward the world for which our Lord gave his life.

As we consider such questions, we come squarely to the theme of our convention – “The World to Christ We Bring.” Indeed, that phrase is one way to state our responsibility as the Body of Christ. “The World to Christ We Bring.”

A Story About the Body of Christ on the Pilgrimage of Faith

Now, let me offer you a story about an experience I had some years ago – a story that helps me consider questions like the ones I just posed to you. This is a story that some of you have heard before. With apologies to you, though, I offer it here.

While I served as rector of Church of the Resurrection in Greenwood, South Carolina, we opened a soup kitchen in the church basement, in response to a community need that the police department there had identified. Some months later, I was walking downtown one day. And, a homeless man accosted me. We talked for a few moments, and then he asked me what church I served. I pointed across the town square and said, “That one, over there.” His response was something I have not forgotten. “Oh, that’s the place that feeds people”, he said.

Now, I was just about to point out that we did a lot more than that. We have worship services; we provide Christian education; we offer fellowship opportunities. But then, I closed my mouth and nodded. Indeed, I realized the church often is known in ways less appropriate to our mission. “That’s the place that feeds people.” That will do, just fine.

So, again, the questions I have for you today are these. How are we – as churches and as a diocese – living into our identity as the Body of Christ in the world today? How can we grow more fully into the part we are called to play in Christ’s Body? And, how can we hold this image of the Body of Christ before us, more convincingly, so that we and the world may recognize our very reason for being?

Conclusion, As We Consider the Rest of Our Journey

My friends, without a clear answer to these questions, then we lack integrity as we identify ourselves as the church which claims Jesus as Lord and Savior. May we, therefore, claim our identity and respond to our accountability – as The Episcopal Church in South Carolina – even as we travel through the present wilderness. Further, may we grow into full membership in the Body of Christ, living out the calling we are receiving from Jesus himself – even now.

Thank you for who you are and for your efforts to respond to who you are called to be, in this time and in this place!

The Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenberg

Appendix II Bishop's Journal

Church Visitations - 28

Holy Eucharists - 40

Sermons - 32

Confirmations - 115

Receptions - 46

Baptisms - 3

Marriages - 1

Funerals - 2

Other services - 7

Vestry meetings / workshops - 8

Parish / Mission meetings - 45

Diocesan meetings - 143

Provincial / TEC meetings - 56

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 Report of the Treasurer

Proposed Budget For 2015

The Episcopal Church In South Carolina

In one of our most beloved hymns, “King of Glory, King of Peace,” we sing these words taken from George Herbert’s poem: “**King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; the cream of all my heart I will bring thee...**” These words “**the cream of all my heart I will bring thee**” express what stewardship is about. We take the very best we have to offer in time, talent, treasure, gratitude and offer ourselves to God, just as God offers redeeming love and mercy to us.

Over the past year, The Episcopal Church in South Carolina has been blessed by the generosity of many people. Parishes, missions, worshiping communities and individuals have demonstrated their faith and desire for the Diocese to prosper and grow. As Christians, we are called not only to receive the grace of God, but through your witness and ministry it is “**The World To Christ We Bring.**”

In 2014, we did not receive any loans or grants from the Episcopal Church for the diocesan operating budget. I am glad to say that in 2015 this will once again be the case. Thank you for your generosity and support. The budget presented to the 224th Annual Diocesan Convention is a good faith effort to perform quality ministry with known assets and resources. Bishop, on behalf of the Finance Committee and Diocesan Council, I present to you the 2015 budget for approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Taylor+

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

Finance Committee:
Bill Beak, Charleston
Bart Carson, North Charleston
Bubba Foy, Edisto Island
Lynn Hopkins, Charleston
Mike Jefferson, Charleston
Barbara Mann, Charleston

Appendix IV Proposed 2015 Budget

The Episcopal Church In South Carolina Budget For 2015

	Budget
	2015
Receipts	
Parishes, Missions, WG. And Ind.	\$435,450
Interest Income	\$50
Total Receipts	\$435,500

The Episcopate	
Bishop's Compensation	\$68,564
Bishop's Mileage	\$7,000
Bishop's Office	\$500
Community Relationship Building	\$1,500
Meetings and Conf. Fees	\$8,000
Lambeth Conference	\$2,500
Reserve For Bishop Search	\$5,000
Total Episcopate	\$93,064

Archdeacon	
Archdeacon Stipend	\$45,840
Mileage	\$1,000
Total Archdeacon	\$46,840

Diocesan Support	
Administrator Salary	\$32,130
Lay Pension	\$2,892
SS & Medicare	\$2,570
Total Administrator	\$37,592

Diocesan Office Assistance	
Assistant Salary	\$6,500
SS & Medicare	\$520

Total For Assistant	\$7,020
Communications	
Communication Director	\$12,240
SS & Medicare	\$979
Total Communication	\$13,219

Support For Personnel	
Conference and Education Fees	\$3,000
Mileage Reimbursement	\$2,000
Total For Personnel Support	\$5,000

Administrative Expenses	
Annual Financial Review	\$500
Bank Charges	\$250
Church Insurance and Surety Bond	\$4,700
Computer & Internet	\$1,500
Dues and Subscriptions	\$1,000
Equipment Usage	\$1,000
Meeting Expenses - Diocesan	\$3,000
New Equipment & Software	\$2,000
Office Supplies	\$1,500
Payroll Processing	\$1,500
Postage	\$1,600
Rent To Grace Episcopal	\$2,000
Telecommunications	\$1,500
Treasurer Support/Conf. Fees	\$1,000
Safeguarding God's Children	\$500
Workers Compensation	\$1,279
Total Admin. Expenses	
	\$24,829

Diocesan Programs & Support	
Advertising	\$1,500
Background Checks	\$500
Clergy Conference	\$3,000
Communication Newsletter	\$8,000
Deanery Meetings	\$1,644
Diocesan Convention	\$4,000
Mileage Reimbursements - Dio.	\$750

Vestry, Wardens & Treasurer's Mts.	\$250
Worship Group Education	\$2,000
Youth Programming/Scholarships	\$2,000
Total For Edu. & Support	\$23,644
Parish, Mission and WG Supp.	
Dept. of Missions	\$100,000
Education	\$2,600
Total Dept of Diocesan Coun	\$102,600

Work Outside The Diocese	
The Episcopal Church(TEC)	\$58,900
Millennium Development Goals	\$2,800
Canterbury House	\$1,000
Children's Home (York Place)	\$2,100
Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy	\$2,000
Deputies to General Convention	\$5,000
Kanuga Support	\$1,650
Province IV Assessment	\$1,191
Seminarian Support	\$1,000
Synod Meeting - Kanuga	\$2,200
University of the South	\$2,000
Voorhees College	\$1,600
Ecumenical Ministry	\$250
Total Work Outside the Diocese	\$81,691

Diocesan Revenue	\$435,500
Expenses	\$435,500
Difference	\$0

Appendix V Report of the Standing Committee

The minutes of the Standing Committee are filed for our records; however, let me use this opportunity to give you a summary of this year, and to express and appreciation to all those who have helped us with the work of the Diocese. First of all, we are all aware that we are meeting a second time in this calendar year, because we have change our Convention from February to November.

On behalf of the Diocese and the Standing Committee, I want to extend our thanks and appreciation to Bishop vonRosenberg for his leadership as we continue our journey in this part of God's Kingdom. Our thanks also to Annie, for her continued support of our Bishop, especially, during the first three weeks of July when the virtue of patience was tested. I also want to extend thanks and appreciation to Thomas S. Tisdale for his work as our Chancellor; as he continues to lead the effort with our many legal cases. To the diocesan staff, The Ven. Callie Walpole, our Archdeacon, Lauren Kinard, Holly Behre, and Andrea McKellar, I want to extend our thanks and appreciation for the hard work that you have done and continue to do.

Our year began with a workshop entitled: "Who, Where and How are we, in this Transition?" which was led by Dr. Amy Webb. At the conclusion of the workshop Dr. Frances Elmore was elected secretary and I was re-elected President of the Standing Committee.

During the year we recommended the release and removal of Deacon Lee Hershon and we joyfully recommended the reinstatement of The Rev. Dagnall Free.

We consented to Episcopal elections in Diocese of Maryland, Massachusetts and East Carolina.

The Standing Committee recommended to the Bishop that we move forward with The Witnessing and Blessing of a lifelong Covenant, and we know that Bishop vonRosenberg gave the go-ahead with instructions.

As we got closer to November, we began to focus our attention on the Diocesan Convention; Deanery meetings were scheduled and held.

Our thanks and appreciation to the entire Standing Committee for a job well done, but especially to those who now rotate off after this Convention.

To God be the Glory for all that has been done in this part of his Kingdom, the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

-The Rev. Wilmot T. Merchant II, President

Appendix VI

Report of the Commission on Ministry

In 2014, the Commission on Ministry really found its *sea legs*. Having spent the previous year studying new canons, ensuring our Diocesan compliance, establishing and implementing protocols for the psychological examinations of candidates for ministry, we were ready for mission.

We are pleased that we have two Masters of Divinity candidates pursuing Holy Orders. Rob Donehue (sponsored by Grace Church) is a Middler at The University of the South School of Theology, and Jason Roberson began his first year at General Seminary, New York (subsequently transferred to the Virginia Theological Seminary) Jason is also sponsored by Grace Church.

We have begun to turn our attention as well to enhanced lay ministries, learning new skills from consultants such as Tom Brackett and others. We have also written each Mission and Worship Community, soliciting a list of their current and future needs. Personal visits to these congregations are also in the works.

It is hoped that by next year, we will also have begun the work of re-establishing a school of training for future Vocational Diaconate Candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chairman

Appendix VII

Elections

Standing Committee

Lay: Mr. Doug Billings
Mrs. Ginga Wilder

Clergy: The Rev. Jim Dannals
The Rev. John Zahl

Diocesan Council

Lay: Ms. Sue Cavanaugh
Ms. Virginia Weaver

Clergy: The Rev. Richard Lindsey
The Rev. Cn. J. Michael Wright

Trustees – The University of the South

Lay: Ms. Ann Stirling

Appendix VIII

Report of the Chaplains to the Retired

We continue to find ourselves in an unusual situation here in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina – there are more retired clergy that live in our part of the state than there are active clergy. A great number of our new missions, and many of our other mission congregations, are served by retired clergy- either as interim priest in charge positions, or as regular supply. With all of these great persons participating in the life of our diocese, I can affirm to this convention that we are most blessed. I feel fortunate to be the circuit rider of the diocese, tasked with creating the opportunities to gather and meet, sharing pastoral care, and engaging them in the life of our diocese and TEC to the extent that they wish to be.

A large part of my role extends past the clergy themselves and to their families and their surviving spouses. There are a lot of surviving spouses in our diocese. We work to find connections among the clergy and the spouses. We make an effort to hold regional meetings, and we intently work to involve these surviving spouses, particularly the widows. Our church continues to reach out to retired clergy and keep them informed and engaged, and it is my role to try to do the same for the spouses who outlive their clergy husbands or wives.

On this note, I ask for your help. We want to be in touch with our retired clergy and surviving spouses, we want to include them in our events, pray for them, and be there if they should have needs. I ask all clergy to keep an eye out for these individuals. The clergy may have served right here in South Carolina, or they may have simply retired to our part of the state – but all are included in our ministry. I ask you to “Come Labor On”, from a popular hymn, to share our ministry and our mission with these wonderful folks.

Thank you again for your opportunity to serve in this ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Al Votaw and Mrs. Rhoda Votaw, Chaplains to the Retired

Appendix XIV

Courtesy Resolutions Adopted

Courtesy Resolutions for the 224th Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, offered on November 15, 2014 by the Resolutions Committee, the Rev. Chris Huff, Chairman

Be it resolved:

that we, members of the 223rd annual convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina on this the 15th day of November, 2014 express our thanks and appreciation:

R-1: to the Rt. Rev. James Tengtenga, former bishop of Southern Malawi and Visiting Professor of Global Anglicanism at the University of the South, who reminded us that we are “destinied” [sic] to the task of mission, by seeking not only what He asks of us, but also by asking how He wants it done, and endeavoring not only to do the right thing, but also to do the right thing at the right time

R-2: to the Rev. Tom Brackett, Missioner of the Episcopal Church for the Friday workshops and for reminding us to embrace our belovedness in Christ, and for reminding us that all who come to us are seeking their own belovedness in Christ

to the Rev. Paul Nix, Diocesan Partner for TEC in SC for being present as part of the General Church’s Diocesan Partnership Program

to the Rev. Lucia Lloyd, visiting clergy from Virginia who has been supportive of this diocese for some time

R-3: to the Rev. Dow Sanderson, his clergy staff and lay leadership here in the beautiful Church of the Holy Communion, for their gracious hospitality, and especially to the Convention Coordinator, John Pelletier and his convention committee and their many servant ministers

to Calvary Episcopal Church, its vestry, Sr. Warden, Joe Frazier, the Rev. Wilmot Merchant, Interim Priest-in-Charge, for hosting the Friday workshops

to the servant ministers of the Charleston Peninsula and West Charleston Deaneries who joined Holy Communion in their convention efforts

R-4: to the Diocesan staff, Lauren Kinard, Holly Behre and Andrea McKellar for their dedicated and tireless efforts,

to their dedicated volunteers, the Rev. Colton and Angie Smith and Daisy Stoudemire.

to Annie vonRosenberg, Daisy Stoudemire, Betty Rivers, Sue Cavanaugh, and Jo Hayes for their help in baking and preparing the cookies enjoyed at Convention

R-5: to The Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg, bishop of the Episcopal Church in SC, and his wife, Annie, who selflessly serve us and guide us and lead us

R-6: to the newly admitted missions: The Episcopal Church in Okatie
The Mission of East Cooper Episcopal Church
The Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach

for offering themselves in Jesus’ name for mission and ministry to their region of the world.

R-7: to all delegates, clergy and lay, who gave of their time to travel to this place in unity and love to be the church, and to be God’s witness of the same community that exists in the Trinity, to His glory and honor.

Courtesy Resolution offered from the floor

Resolution Offered from the congregation of Holy Cross Faith Memorial:

In recognition of the fact that the 275 attendees of the “Enthusiastically Episcopalian Conference held at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawley’s Island on May 13, 2014, benefited from leadership and encouragement provided by the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings , President of the House of Deputies, the Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, Mr. Doug Billings, President, and other members of the Episcopal Forum in South Carolina and the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price and other distinguished guests of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh,

This convention expresses its thanks requests that the secretary of this convention relay a copy of the resolution to the above-mentioned servants of Christ.

--Passed by acclamation at the 224th Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina on November 15, 2014

Appendix XV Reports by Institutions of the Diocese



www.yorkplace.org
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Thompson is the premier provider of clinical and prevention services for children and families across the Carolinas. With more than 300 employees and from 10 locations, our mission is to serve children and families through healing, teaching, worship and play.

Thompson is blessed to have had a relationship with the Episcopal Churches of both North and South Carolina since our very beginnings as Thompson Orphanage (Charlotte, NC) and the Episcopal Church Home for Children (York, SC). This very special partnership allows Thompson to serve the most fragile children and families. With your assistance, our ministry currently provides the following services in South Carolina:

Counseling Centers: Outpatient therapy services, psychiatric assessments and medication management serving children, adults and families from 4 regional locations.

Medicaid Targeted Case Management: helping eligible youth with access to doctors, social services, educational resources, etc.

Foster Care Services: The Thompson Foster Care team identifies, trains, and continually supports dedicated, engaged families who can provide long-term and respite care for children re-entering community life.

Family Care Center: providing residential care for mothers in substance abuse recovery and family support services for their children who live on campus with them during treatment.*

We continue to be grateful for the loving outreach of so many who support the Thompson mission in so many caring ways by:

- Participating in the historic annual Thanksgiving church offering.
- Visiting our website (www.thompsoncff.org) to get involved.
- Collecting Labels for Education and sending them to Thompson.
- Supporting us with your prayers, financial offerings and service.

For more information, please contact Kathy Grier at 803-684-4011, ext. 1013 or kgrier@thompsoncff.org

*closing early 2015

Thank you for joining Thompson and helping change a child's life forever!



This has been another banner year for Bishop Gadsden. We continue to maintain our position as the premier retirement community in our market area, as well as enjoy a national reputation for the quality of our architectural design, programs and services.

As a result, we enjoy full occupancy and a healthy waiting list. We also introduced an addition to our Community, the Quay, which consists of three buildings, with 15 spacious "flats" each, surrounding a large lake. This has been well received and all but five have already been reserved. Construction is underway and we anticipate occupancy to begin in the fall of 2015. At present, the Community has 425 residents.

We had an amazing development when, in the spring of this year, residents Jim and Patty Fei announced they wished to make a \$1M gift to be matched for the creation of the C. William Trawick General Endowment, honoring the Community's President and CEO for the past 29 years. Although a two-year time was allowed for the match, \$1.2M has already been raised. This endowment, which now stands at \$2.2M, will help assure that the mission and ministry of Bishop Gadsden will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Bishop Gadsden continues to embrace its mission to "reach out with a generous spirit." This year it is anticipated that nearly \$400,000 will be given to support residents who have depleted their funds. The Community also supported Lowcountry Food Bank and Respite Care of Charleston with grants of \$37,900 each and Sea Island Habitat for Humanity's land purchase efforts with a grant for \$71,200. These charitable activities reflect the Community's commitment to both care for its own and to benefit the greater Charleston community.

In response to the developments between the Episcopal Diocese of S. C. and The Episcopal Church (TEC), the Board of Trustees amended the Corporation's Constitution and By-laws to clarify that Bishop Gadsden is maintaining its historical affiliation with The Episcopal Church (TEC). In so doing, the bishop which holds an ex officio seat on the board is now designated to be the Bishop of The Episcopal Church in S. C., and two-thirds of our board members must be members of parishes associated with The Episcopal Church (TEC). While clarity regarding the corporation's governance affiliation is important, we also believe it is important to continue to be inclusive and welcoming to all faiths and to be sensitive that some of our residents are members of parishes no longer affiliated with The Episcopal Church (TEC). Therefore, although our chaplain is an Episcopal priest and our primary Sunday service is Episcopal, we act purposefully to ensure that our chapel and chaplaincy program serve the broad range of beliefs and faiths of our residents. It's one of the important activities which make us a "community."



**Spiritual Life Update Porter-Gaud School
Board of Trustees Spring 2014 Meeting**

[PROVIDED ON FEBRUARY 7, 2014 TO RIGHT REVEREND MARK LAWRENCE AND RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES G. vonROSENBERG]

BACKGROUND

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. Mr. Egleston also serves on the Governing Board of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. This organization serves over 250 member schools in the US. The Board held their most recent meeting in January in the Diocese of Haiti and visited some of the over 254 Episcopal Schools in that country.

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 80 Upper School students serve on Vestry and participate in two retreats each year. In addition, 35 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, including one during the summer of 2013 to work with Water Missions in Honduras.



2013-2014 REPORT TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

College of Arts & Sciences

Enrollment from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 57 students total (28 report Episcopal heritage)

Financial aid awarded to all college students from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$895,924

The School of Theology

Seminary

Enrollment from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 1 student total (1 in the summer Advanced Degrees Program)

The Beecken Center

Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups: 5 EfM Diocesan Coordinator: Dr. Walter Elliot Limehouse Jr., wlimehouse@comcast.net, 843.573.9136

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

Support Received from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina churches: \$1,350

About Sewanee

The University of the South is home to an outstanding liberal arts college, a School of Letters, and a seminary of The Episcopal Church. Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn., Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus, the second largest campus in the United States, provides vast opportunities

for research, recreation, and reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands-on research.

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

An Episcopal Center of Learning

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

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

2013–2014 Statistics for the University of the South

College of Arts and Sciences total students: 1,620
Class of 2017: 488
SAT combined: 1710-1990 ACT: 26-30
High School GPA: 3.6
Female: 50.5% Male: 49.5%
Percentage of all college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 29.2%
College tuition and fees: \$35,756
College faculty: Full-Time: 127 Part-Time: 37

Student/faculty ratio: 10:1
School of Theology students: 144 (includes summer students)
School of Theology full-time tuition and fees: \$15,330
School of Theology faculty: Full-Time: 9 Part-Time: 8
Student/faculty ratio: 7:1

University Fiscal Year July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014 (unaudited)

Unrestricted operating revenue: \$66 million
Endowment: \$350 million

2013–2014 Highlights from the University of the South

Details may be found at <http://news.sewanee.edu/> and theology.sewanee.edu/news.

- * Re-Visioning EfM Conference Held, July 17, 2013
- * Sewanee Campus Certified as a Tennessee Arboretum, August 6, 2013
- * Deborah Jackson Appointed Associate Dean for Community Life, September 5, 2013
- * Miller and Woodfin Receive the 2013 Freeman Award for Merit, November 6, 2013
- * Seminaries that Change the World, November 13, 2013
- * The School of Theology Receives Lilly Endowment Grant, December 9, 2013
- * Four-year Tuition Guarantee Continues, December 11, 2013
- * Four Sewanee Seniors Nominated for Watson Fellowships, December 12, 2013
- * Sewanee Faculty Members Receive ACS Grants, January 14, 2014
- * University Launches Green Revolving Fund, February 14, 2014
- * New Initiative Equips Missional Leadership Needs for Dioceses, February 17, 2013
- * Gift Provides New Name and Support for Programs Center, March 25, 2014
- * Sewanee Inn Ribbon-cutting Held, May 12, 2014
- * James Tengtenga Appointed to the School of Theology's Faculty, May 13, 2014
- * Awards and Honors for College Students and Faculty, May 16, 2014
- * Sewanee Summer Music Festival Earns ASCAP Award, June 10, 2014



2014 Report to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Serving the Episcopal Church since 1928, Kanuga is located six miles from Hendersonville, NC on 1,400 mountain acres with scenic Kanuga Lake at its center. Kanuga welcomes approximately 25,000 guests annually to its year-round conference center, two youth camps and outdoor education school. Kanuga is embracing the future and its boards and staff are exploring ways to speed accomplishment of long-range plans, completed in 2010. The long-range plan provides a clear roadmap for phased enhancements of Kanuga's campus, facilities, programs, funding basis and overall capacity for ministry from now until Kanuga's centennial in 2028.

Kanuga recently underwent a campus-wide conversion from propane to natural gas to provide efficient heat for buildings and a consistent supply of hot water. The project was completed in the spring of 2014 and incorporated all three campuses, including both camps, Historic Cottages, Guest Houses, program buildings, kitchens and staff housing. The Kanuga Lake Inn and 10 other buildings will continue to utilize solar-thermal heating for hot water. Seventy locations will receive brand new, high-efficiency furnaces and ninety will receive "on-demand" water heaters, meaning fewer repairs needed and reliable heat and hot water across the campus.

This project aligns with Kanuga's long-range plan and goals of continued environmental stewardship, fiscal responsibility and an improved guest experience. Through extensive research and consultation with the Kanuga Board of Directors' Property Committee, Kanuga's Environmental Projects Manager, General Heating and PSNC Energy, natural gas was found to be the most appropriate solution to the massive job of heating water and indoor spaces across Kanuga's 1,400 acres campus.

Kanuga will save thousands annually on heating costs through purchasing natural gas rather than propane; an estimated \$7.5 million over the next 20 years. Dozens of large propane tanks around the campus have been removed (submarines with blue lids). A wireless energy management system installed has allowed staff to remotely monitor and control the climate in most buildings.

Kanuga has partnered with Sodexo, our food service provider, to finance the project in a way that allows Kanuga to avoid the initial investment in equipment and labor and utilizes the energy savings to repay the investment. The annual payments will actually be cheaper than what Kanuga currently pays for propane and repairs.

The Board of Directors decided the first major enhancement project to facilities would be the renovation of the Kanuga Lake Inn & Lodge. Architects' completed studies, recommendations, initial design concepts, cost projections and time lines have been reviewed, accepted and approved. Staff continued work with the Advancement and Property Committees of the Board to map out analyses and decisions needed in 2014 to keep planning on track for the capital campaign and renovation.

Historic Cottage preservation is an ongoing project and its guidelines are to improve consistency as we renovate, use longer-term solutions, preserve historical elements and feel, and meet the needs of more constituents. Generous support in 2013 and 2014 enabled the total remodel of Cottages 27 & 28, with over 12 other cottages receiving improvements to roofs, floors, steps and paint.

Kanuga continues to be a change agent for the environment, providing leadership in environmental stewardship among institutional peers through consultations with sister nonprofits regarding programs in environmental stewardship education. Mountain Trail Outdoor School is a residential environmental and outdoor education program that works with public and private schools, churches, non-profits, and businesses to complement their curriculum or goals with environmental science, community building and adventure activities. Staff worked with the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy, US Fish and Wildlife, NC Natural Heritage Program, and various other state and federal agencies to remove invasive species from the bog and other management efforts to protect the bog and its endangered inhabitants.

October 2014

The program was also one of 18 organizations nationwide to be awarded the BEEETLES grant through the Lawrence School of Science at UC Berkley that provided staff training to help build on our outdoor science curriculum.

Camp Kanuga and the Kanuga Trailblazers welcomed and embraced 649 campers during the summer of 2014. With the support of grants and increased scholarship funds, these programs hope to increase the number of children served and ministered to in 2015. Kanuga's youth programs department continues to serve both Episcopal youth groups and other youth organizations through hosting retreats at both of Kanuga's youth campuses throughout the year.

Partnering once again with the National Military Family Association, based in Arlington, VA, Kanuga's outreach camp, Camp Bob, hosted a session of Operation Purple Camp in July. The session provided to 100 children a comprehensive camping experience staffed by Camp Bob counselors and offered at no cost to children with parents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

In 2013 and into 2014 Kanuga was the site chosen by many Episcopal groups from the national, provincial, diocesan and parish levels, confirming the important role it plays in the many ministries of the Church. Nationally we hosted the spring meeting of the House of Bishops, CPG Benefits Partner Conference,

Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers, Federal Chaplains for both TEC & ELCA, the General Board of Examining Chaplains, Integrity, New

Community Lay & Clergy Retreat and Nuevo Amanecer. From Province IV were the Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, HIV/AIDS Ministry, Synod and Women's Conferences. On the diocesan level we hosted clergy retreats, executive councils, standing committees, youth retreats and the Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. At the parish level there were over 35 parish retreats, 25 vestries, several choirs and retreats for men, women and youth.

Kanuga welcomes all types of organizations for events such as training, education, retreats, workshops, conferences, and more. With its quiet setting and accessible location, Kanuga offers a unique venue with a variety of spaces and services to accommodate many groups needs. Over 50 organizations such as the Diocese of Charleston (RC) Priests Retreat, the Haden Institute, Medicine & Ministry Conference and the SC/NC Planned Giving Conference enable Kanuga to succeed as a viable business and further its own programming and mission.

In 2013 and into 2014 Kanuga had a terrific lineup of its own conferences. Subjects sounded comfortably familiar but the speakers and formats were fresh and innovative. For example, the Church Leadership conference unlocked the new church with help from keynoters Bishop Stacy Sauls and Lutheran pastor Jay Gamlin along with workshops presented by ECF. The Christian Formation Conference, the largest event of its kind in the Church, got face to face with keynoter Walter Brueggemann. Nuevo Amanecer, a bi-annual conference to better equip for ministry those working within the Latino/Hispanic community, was co-sponsored by TEC & ELCA. Kanuga's youth conferences served 300 participants over the year at the summer Youth Week conferences and Winterlight.

We look forward to seeing you soon. All of us at Kanuga continue to be grateful to friends, supporters, conference and Guest Period participants, campers and partners in ministry from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Please join us with your wonderful presence and your amazing Kanuga Spirit as we head onward through the year!

Faithfully,



James L. Haden
Vice President of Hospitality & Sales



More than just a great place to live, Still Hopes is a place to thrive...

Looking back over the past several months I realize that never before in the history of Still Hopes has our ministry been closer to truly fulfilling Dr. Jane Bruce Guignard's vision of a place that nurtures mind, body and soul.

I say this because in 2014 Still Hopes has continued to offer more ways for seniors to not only stay active, but also be actively involved in our community. Still Hopes has partnered with the University of South Carolina and Midlands Technical College in providing experience and internships both in clinical care observance and Wellness Center activities. We also partner with Palmetto Health in conducting studies of new and upcoming electronic devices which will be a part of future care for seniors in their homes by detecting falls and other issues as soon as they happen. Here our residents enjoy a state of the art Wellness Center which offers a wide variety of programs including water aerobics, strength training and Triathlon team training to name a few. We believe we are the only CCRC with a full Triathlon program in place who have competed in a local event for the past three years. We also have a fully certified Triathlon coach who leads this group of residents, staff and community members to the finish line each year.

Many programs offered off the main campus of Still Hopes allow residents to attend theatre and musical productions, hiking trips, peach and apple picking trips just to name a few. These and other initiatives have put our continuing care residential community at the forefront of high quality care for seniors. Still Hopes has become a resource for Episcopal churches within the Diocese and for other communities striving to help our aging population achieve wellness through better design and an all-inclusive approach. Still Hopes' "boutique" Medicare Rehabilitation Suite for short-term "get well go home" stays has been a great success.

Construction began at Still Hopes in January of 2013 for our Main Street project. This project will provide 36,000 square feet of newly renovated open space where social gatherings can happen daily, new dining venues, new entertainment space and more. An active capital fund campaign has reached the half-way point and we feel will continue to be successful. The first phase of this new space has opened. The space includes a new library with much more conversational and reading space, a new "main entrance" with a porte cochere, and entry with no stairs. The new space also provides a café featuring flavored coffees, lattes and cold beverages along with pastries, parfaits and fresh salads – most importantly this space also has a very large seating area for visiting with friends.

Because of our Service Excellence Initiative, the bar has continued to be set even higher for our staff to meet and exceed expectations in providing exceptional care at Still Hopes. Families can be at peace knowing their loved ones are in the very best place, receiving the very best care as well as opportunities to stay active and to thrive.

We live here. We live in faith. And we live well. Thank you for being part of our journey. We will continue, as always, to covet your prayers and your support for this ministry.



Danny Sanford



Voorhees College is experiencing unprecedented expansion, growth and stability. We have an incredible administration, faculty, and staff. Our students are some of the best in America.

While we continue to have challenges, we have done remarkable in implementing structural and cultural changes that make our challenges relative. In the area of fundraising, recruitment/admission, retention, assessment/learning outcomes and graduate rates, we have established new priorities and dedicated our meager unrestricted dollars to those priorities.

As we begin to initiate Voorhees College's New Strategic Plan, New Title III Five Year Program Plans and the New Vision for Voorhees College 2013 -2018, there is some excitement as we look deeper into the future and see the College assuming the role of a more productive educational enterprise.

Voorhees College Vision

- I. **Build a Premier Liberal Arts College.**
 - I. Promote Academic Excellence, 'An Institution where education pursuits, institutional and intellectual discourse takes place.'
 - A. New majors: Environmental Science, Emergency Management, African American Studies, Psychology
 - B. Improve student writing proficiency with the implementation of the Qualify Enhancement Plan (QEP) and writing center.
 - C. Expand Honors College
 - D. Increase support of excellence in research, scholarship and creativity.
 - E. Improve quality and effectiveness of educational programs through academic reviews.
 - F. Sustain faculty excellence by increasing percentage of faculty with terminal degrees.
 - G. Strengthen Academic Curriculum; re-focus attention and resources in the Humanities and STEM Science.
 - H. Strengthen academic related programs in Health, Recreation and Sports Management.
- II. **Manage Financial, Physical, and Information Resources Efficiently and Effectively**
 - A. Implement sound strategies to manage financial resources of the college.
 - B. Implement Debt Reduction Plan to reduce overall expenditures of the college of the college.
 - C. Identify new and cutting edge technology to support academic and administrative computing and include cyber security planning and implementation.
 - D. Restructure IT infrastructure to reduce operating and maintenance cost.
 - E. Identify new cost reduction RFPs for contractual services; food services, auditing, attorney, security and other auxiliary services
 - F. Manage a system for inventory management and fixed assets.
- III. **Establish a Healthy and Student Centered Campus Environment**
 - A. Increase student activities: create service learning programs/activities; Activate intramural programs; Expand student leadership programs/activities; Increase student engagement activities/programs.
 - B. Develop county-wide collaborations and partnerships to create a healthier campus.
 - C. Student centered healthy campus initiative; tobacco-free campus, healthy life style models and partnership for prevention.
 - D. Provide greater access to health care services for students, faculty and staff.
- IV. **Increase Capacity**
 - A. Increase enrollment up to 1,000.
 - B. Increase freshmen to sophomore persistence to 85%
 - C. Improve overall 5 year retention rate (60%) and Graduation rate (48%)
 - D. Expand academic support services via the Academic Success Centers, Writing Center, Freshman Year, Student Support Services, the African American Mentoring Program and General Studies.

- V. **Capital Campaign - \$20 million**
 - A. Facilities: Science Building, Student Fitness and Wellness Center, Fine Arts Center, new smart classrooms, student housing, enlarge track, annex to St. Philip Chapel.
 - B. Endowment (Restricted and Non-Restricted)
 - C. Faculty Development (Publishing and Research)
 - D. Institutional Scholarships (Double numbers of Dean and Presidential)

Appendix XVI

In Memoriam