

# **Resolutions at the 228<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

## **RESOLUTION #1**

### **to Acknowledge Guests from Returning Congregations**

***Be it RESOLVED***, that we, the members of the 228<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on this 16<sup>h</sup> Day of November 2018, recognize The Reverend William Coyne and his team for his work of reconciliation as we rejoice and give thanks for the presence at this Convention of guest parishioners from Returning Congregations to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. We have missed you and welcome you home. Until these Congregations duly establish Lay and Clergy delegates to Convention as established by our Constitution & Canons - we hereby acknowledge guests present today and grant them Seat and Voice at this Convention.

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

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## **RESOLUTION #2**

### **to Celebrate the Episcopal Forum of South Carolina**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **RESOLUTION #3**

#### **to Recognize the Ministry of the Very Rev. Richard C. Lindsey**

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

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

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

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

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

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

He has been a committed leader regarding parish outreach in our community and beyond; locally in facing the issues of hunger, homeless and literacy and abroad, in support of the

Diocese of the Dominion Republic through mission trips and monetary support year after year.

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

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

He will leave taking with him our affection and gratitude.

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

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**RESOLUTION #4**  
**to Recognize the Ministry of the Rev. Dr. Jennie Olbrych**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Holy Communion by William Baldwin*

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

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

Submitted by

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