

Journal of the 226th Annual Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

“Seek and Serve Christ”

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Institutions of the Diocese

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Kanuga Conferences, Inc.
Porter-Gaud School
Thompson (formerly The Episcopal Church Home for Children, York Place)
University of the South
Voorhees College

Other Reports

Episcopal Relief and Development
Report of Non-Parochial Clergy and Retired Clergy

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

Archdeacon
The Ven. Calhoun Walpole

Chancellor
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale

Treasurer
The Rev. Dr. James Taylor

Communications Director
Ms. Holly Behre

Diocesan Ministry Developer
Mrs. Andrea McKellar

Executive Assistant to the Bishop
Mrs. Lauren S. Kinard

226th Annual Convention Committee Appointments

Bishop's Address

Ms. Dolores Miller, Chair
Dr. Frances Elmore
The Rev. Jeff Richardson

Constitution and Canons

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

Credentials – Clergy

The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee, Chair
The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey

Credentials – Lay

Mr. Cece Stricklin, Chair
Ms. Jennie Cooper

Dispatch of Business

The Rev. Dr. Colton Smith, Chair

Elections

The Rev. Cn. John Zahl
Mr. Christian Basel
Mr. Kenny Inman

Necrology

The Rev. Phil Emanuel, Chair

Finance

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

New Parishes and Missions

Mr. Rick Stall, Chair
Mrs. Susie Goss
The Rev. Jack Nietert
The Rev. Fred Thompson
Mr. Thomas S. Tisdale, ex-officio

Resolutions

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

Nominations

The Rev. Chris Huff
Ms. Evelyn LeGrand
The Rev. Rick Lindsey
Mrs. Pamela Guess
The Rev. John Zahl
Mr. Timothy Armstrong
The Rev. Wil Keith
Mr. Rick Stall

Appointment of Diocesan Committees

Nominations of Commission on Ministry

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

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

Appointment to Title IV Disciplinary Board

The Rev. Caleb Lee
The Rev. William Coyne

Diocesan Council

Ex-Officio Members:

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

Elected by Convention

Ms. Nancy Bailey (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)
The Rev. J. Michael Wright (2017)
The Rev. Rick Lindsey (2017)
Ms. Virginia Weaver (2017)
Ms. Sue Cavanaugh (2017)

Standing Committee

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

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. Doug Billings (2017)
The Rev. John Zahl (2017)
Ms. Ginga Wilder (2017)
The Rev. Jim Dannals (2017)

Trustees of the Diocese

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

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

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

Diocesan Institutions

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

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

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

Thomas Family Services
(formerly Episcopal Church Home for Children, formerly York Place)
234 Kings Mountain Street, York, SC 29745
Ms. Mary Jo Powers, President & CEO

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

University of the South

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

Trustees from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

The Rev. Cn. J. Michael A. Wright

Mrs. Ann Stirling

Mrs. Jane Hart Lewis

Porter-Gaud School,

300 Albermarle Road, Charleston, SC 29407

Mr. Robert Y. Scott, Chairman of the Board

Mr. Dubose Egleston, Headmaster

The Rev. Jennie Olbrych, Lower School Chaplain

Voorhees College

Denmark, SC 29042

Ms. Mary Moule, Esq., Chairman of Board of Trustees

Dr. Cleveland Sellers, President

Trustees for the Diocese of South Carolina:

The Rev. James Yarsiah, Chaplain

Former Bishops of The Diocese

First Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Robert Smith, D.D. Consecrated September 13, 1795, Died October 28, 1801
Second Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Theodore Dehon, D.D. Consecrated October 15, 1812, Died August 6, 1817
Third Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D.D. Consecrated October 15, 1812, Died August 25, 1839
Fourth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D.D. Consecrated June 21, 1840, Died June 24, 1852
Fifth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Thomas Frederick Davis, D.D. Consecrated October 17, 1853, Died December 2, 1871
Sixth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. William Bell White Howe, D.D. Consecrated October 9, 1871, Died November 25, 1894
Seventh Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, D. D. Consecrated July 20, 1893, Died April 22, 1908
Eighth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. William Alexander Guerry, D.D. Consecrated September 15, 1907, Died June 9, 1928
Ninth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D. Consecrated November 30, 1928, Died October 8, 1967
Tenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Carruthers, D.D., T.D Consecrated May 4, 1944, Died June 12, 1960
Eleventh Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Gray Temple, D.D. Consecrated January 11, 1961, Died October 28, 1999
Twelfth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, D. Phil (Oxon.) Consecrated September 25, 1980, Resigned February 24, 1990
Thirteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. Consecrated February 24, 1990, Resigned February 1, 2006
Fourteenth Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence Consecrated January 26, 2008-Removed October 2012

List of Clergy in Order of Canonical Residence

RESIGNED BISHOPS

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

PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Baird, Robert	January 4, 1949
Sosnowski, Fredrick S.	June 6, 1968
Lent, Morris J., Jr.	March 1, 1979
Tindall, Byron C.	October 18, 1983
Smith, Roger W.	April 13, 1984
Finch, Floyd W., Jr.	February 8, 1988
Huff, Christopher M.	June 23, 1988
Olbrych, Jennie C.	June 23, 1988
Dover, John R. III	November 29, 1988
Dewey, E. Robinson, Jr.	September 5, 1989
Hills, William L Jr.	June 30, 1990
Rose, William H.	August 1, 1990
Smith, Colton M., III	December 15, 1991
McPhail, Donald S.	December 18, 1991
Lewis, Theodore R., Jr.	December 31, 1991
Powell, Marilyn	October 10, 1993
Burton, J. Michael	January 11, 1995
Putnam, Sally	October 4, 1991
Johnson. Emmanuel W.	May 18, 1998
Niertert, Jack F.	October 6, 1998
Cockrell, J. Grafton	February 25, 1999
Clarke. Daniell., Jr.	June 17, 1999
Cole. Michael G.	November 1, 1999
Merchant II, Wilmot T.	October 16, 2000
Cheves, Henry	February 22, 2001
Lindsey, Richard C.	February 14, 2003
Taylor, James E.	September 1, 2003
Wiseley, Jerry L.	September 1, 2001
Williams. David A	March 1, 2004
Morgan, Randall	May 1, 2005
Richardson, Jeff	June 11, 2006
Walpole, Calhoun	June 25, 2005
Grant, Sandra M.	September 10, 2005
Dubose, Jerry	April 25, 2006
Ewing, Judith	June 22, 2006
Wright, Jonathan Michael	July 27, 2006
Yarsiah, James	August 21, 2006
Evenson, Bruce J.	September 26, 2006
Smith. Michael W.	October 12, 2006
Russ, Frank D., Jr.	December 19, 2005

Zahl, John.	June 16, 2007
Brinkmann, Mark R.	August 20, 2007
Smith, Gregory	August 14, 2008
Mills, III, Ladson	April 6, 2010
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
Lee, Caleb	March 31, 2015
McSwain, David	June 9, 2015
Coyne, William H.	August 12, 2015
Thompson, Fred E.	January 17, 2016
Donehue, Roberson C.	May 14, 2016
McCormick, Matthew	November 11, 2016

Deaneries and Deans

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

Parishes in Union with Convention and Delegates Attending

All Saint's Episcopal Church

3001 Meeting Street Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 (843) 681-8333
Michael Binford, Carol Grish, Michael L.M. Jordan, Marilyn Roper

Calvary Episcopal Church

104 Line Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 723-3878
Arie Bush, Jennie Cooper, Frederick Fielding, Lonnie Hamilton III

Grace Episcopal Church

98 Wentworth Street Charleston, SC 29401
Barbara Christie, Jeremy Cook, Cece Stricklin, Will Suggs

St. George's Episcopal Church

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

Church of the Holy Communion

218 Ashley Avenue Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-2024
Dawn Balsam, Sue Cavanaugh, Stephen Johnston, Cappy Traywick

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church

85 Baskerville Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585 (843) 237-3459
Chad Jones, James Propps, Ron Radcliff, John Shaw

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

18 Thomas Street Charleston, SC 29403 (843) 722-0267
George Bresnihan, Michael Jefferson, Minerva King

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

PO Box 761 Port Royal, SC 29935
Buster Davis, Anne Errington, Barney Forsythe, Ken Kraft

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

67 Anson Street Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 723-8818
Robert Ball, Joey Froneberger, William Ravenel, Nicole Watts

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

801 11th Avenue N North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 (843) 249-1169
Peter Berthrong, Jack Connell, Doug Roderick,

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

1150 E Montague Ave North Charleston, SC 29405 (843) 747-0479
Cheryl Leech, 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
LaClaire Laffitte, Terry Meehan

Church of the Holy Communion

401 Main Street N Allendale, SC 29810 (843) 584-2346
Rebecca Brabham, George Brabham

Church of the Heavenly Rest

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

Christ Episcopal Church

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

Church of the Epiphany

212 Central Ave Summerville SC 29483 (843) 873-8915
Isaac Hutchinson, Jeri Larson

Church of the Good Shepherd

PO Box 7 Summerville, SC 29484
Jane Orenstein, Ginga Wilder

Church of the Good Shepherd

403 Dingle Street Sumter, SC 29150
No delegates attended

Church of the Messiah

PO Box 70367 Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
John Manley, Richard Stall

East Cooper Episcopal Church

C/o 2621 Crooked Stick Lane Mt .Pleasant, SC 29466
Bonny Collins, Hannah Heyward,

Episcopal Church on Edisto

PO Box 239 Edisto Island, SC 29438
James Gettys, Nancy Skardon

The Episcopal Church on Okatie

231 Hazzard Creek Drive, Ste 1 Ridgeland, SC 29936
Linda Boulware, Nancy Gault

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

305 Hampton Avenue Kingstree, SC 29556 (843) 355-7575
Gordon "Bubber" Jenkinson, Peggy Jenkinson

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

PO Box 752 Conway, SC 29578
Barry Dennis, Gloria Geter, Rebecca Lovelace,

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

c/o 425 Byrnes Blvd Florence, SC 29506
Joe Waters, Pattie White

St. Francis Episcopal Church

c/o 2341 Wofford Rd Charleston, SC 29414
Sharon Crossley, Jean Spedden

St. James-Santee Episcopal Church

144 Oak Street McClellanville, SC 29458 (843) 887-4386
Robert Hopkins, Alice Jordan

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
Lugenia Rochelle, Ophelia Yarsiah

Proceedings of the 226th Annual Convention
Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12
Grace Church Cathedral

Friday, November 11, 2016
First Business Session

The Annual Convention was called to order at 6:04 pm by the Rt. Rev. Gladstone B. Adams III at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston, SC.

Bishop Adams then called upon The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee of the Clergy Credentials Committee. He reported that 24 clergy delegates and 56 lay delegates had seat, voice, and vote. Bishop Adams presented the proposed agenda. It was adopted as presented.

Bishop Adams recognized the Archdeacon, The Ven. Callie Walpole, who certified that a quorum was present.

Bishop Adams recognized The Rev. Jean McGraw, President of the Standing Committee, who nominated The Ven. Calhoun Walpole as Secretary. Bishop Adams asked if there were additional nominations. Seeing none, a motion was made to close nominations and elect Archdeacon Walpole. There was a second and she was elected by acclamation.

The Rev. Jean McGraw nominated Mr. Thomas Tisdale to the position of Chancellor. There were no additional nominations, a motion was made to elect Mr. Tisdale. She then nominated The Rev. Dr. James Taylor to the position of Treasurer. The Bishop asked for additional nominations, and hearing none, a motion was made to close nominations and elect Fr. Taylor. There was a second and he was elected by acclamation.

Bishop Adams recognized the Ven. Callie Walpole, as Secretary, for announcements. She pointed out the nearest exits and restroom locations, alerted all that the bishop's staff are wearing diocesan nametags, and Grace Cathedral volunteers are wearing Grace nametags. Instructions were given as to the WiFi in the church, and how to address the convention. She lastly asked for all in attendance to silence their cell phones.

Bishop Adams introduced and welcomed the Rev. Winnie Varghese, Director of Justice and Reconciliation, at Trinity Wall Street, NY, NY. Bishop Adams noted that she was the speaker at the morning session on Friday, and will be the guest preacher at the Convention Eucharist, immediately following these brief business matters.

Bishop Adams announced those individuals he has appointed to the Commission on Ministry for the next year. These individuals are: The Rev. Dow Sanderson, Chair, The Rev. Wil Keith, The Rev. Rick Lindsey, The Rev. Jean McGraw, The Ven. Calhoun Walpole, Ms. Mary Ann Foy, Ms. Monica Hammonds, Mr. Chris Hayes, Ms. Jane Hart Lewis, and Dr. Amy Webb.

The Bishop nominated Mr. Thomas Tisdale as Parliamentarian of the Convention.

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

He then appointed The Rev. Wilmot T. Merchant II, as well as Ms. Barbara Gilchrist, and Mr. Peter Hearn to serve on the Title IV Disciplinary Board, which filled the board as required by canons.

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

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

She announced that there is a reception in Hanahan Hall and the Garden following the Eucharist and all are welcome, and also announced that there will be no committee meetings Saturday morning, prior to the start of the Second Business Session.

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

Saturday, November 12, 2017
Second Business Session

At 9:05 am. Bishop Adams called upon the The Rev. Jon Coffey, to lead Morning Prayer.

At 9:20 am, Bishop Adams reconvened the Convention. The Bishop called for a second report from the Credentials Committee, and Mr. Cece Stricklin reported that the convention has 26 clergy delegates and 71 lay delegates present with seat, voice, and vote.

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

The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor addressed the convention. (*See Appendix II*) He expressed gratitude for the individuals and parishes pledging and supporting the diocese. He gave his thanks and appreciation to the Finance Committee and Diocesan bookkeeper, Ms. Sue Schady, for their work and efforts this past year. He reported that the diocese had an official audit completed by McGregor and Co. from Columbia, and the report from the auditors was clear. He reported that in 2015, The Mission Grants Committee and the Trustees approved approximately \$200,000 in grants to support and further the ministry of our congregations. Fr. Taylor called attention to the proposed budget, which was included in the delegate packet, as the gray handout. (*See Appendix III*)

Bishop Adams asked Ms. Sue Cavanaugh, member of Diocesan Council, to move that the proposed budget be presented to the floor. Ms. Cavanaugh made such a motion. The Bishop

called for discussion, there was none, and he called for the vote. The motion carried and the budget was approved.

Bishop Adams thanked Fr. Taylor and the Finance committee for their work and their report.

The Bishop called upon Mr. Michael L. Jordan, Chair of the Constitution and Canons committee, for their report. Mr. Jordan asked the delegates to look at the salmon-colored handout in their packet, for the report of the committee. (*See Appendix IV*) This is the second reading of the proposed Constitutional change for Article VII., replacing the words ‘Assistant Chancellor’ with ‘Vice Chancellor’ wherever they are used in the Constitution. This recommendation comes from committee and needs no second, and the Bishop asked for discussion. There was none. Bishop Adams called for a vote, and the resolution passed.

Mr. Jordan also discussed possible changes to Article 5, Section 4, as listed in the report and noted that no change was recommended, but also advised that the committee is in continued discussion on this matter and welcomes comments, feedback, and suggestions.

Bishop Adams called upon Mr. Richard Stall, chair of the Committee of New Parishes and Missions. He reported that since the last convention, there has been no official business, as no congregations have applied for mission or parish status, but he did want to recognize a new Worshipping Community, The Episcopal Church in Cheraw. This group meets in a bank and is served by the Pee Dee Ministry Team, specifically The Rev. Roy Hills and The Rev. Stuart Hoke.

The Bishop recognized those priests who had been ordained since the last convention – The Rev. Fred Thompson and The Rev. Rob Donehue. He announced that The Rev. Matthew McCormick had been restored as a priest in The Episcopal Church yesterday, having gone through a carefully constructed canonical process. He was pleased to share that Fr. McCormick has received a call to a parish in Minnesota and will be moving in the coming weeks to begin his ministry there. He recognized clergy who are in new positions since our gathering last November: The Rev. Paul Gilbert, Priest in Charge at The Episcopal Church on Edisto; The Rev. Rob Donehue, Priest in Charge at St. Anne’s, Conway; The Rev. Chris Huff, Rector at St. George’s, Summerville; The Rev. Roy Hills and The Rev. Phil Emanuel as members of the Pee Dee Ministry Team. We also were pleased to grant a License to Officiate to the following clergy since November 2015: The Rev. Jon Coffey, The Rev. George Welles, Jr., The Rev. Phil Emanuel, The Rev. Stuart Hoke, The Rev. Philip Linder, The Rev. Robert Diehl, The Rev. Mike Jones, and the Rev. Robert Bagwell. The bishop also granted a License to Serve as a Deacon to The Rev. Jane Diehl and The Ven. Kirby Smith. Bishop Adams recognized the seminarians of our diocese who have joined us for Convention – Jason Roberson, in his Senior Year at VTS, and Lauren Kay, in her junior year at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He noted that he was glad to celebrate, congratulate and welcome all of the clergy to their new positions, or to TEC in SC.

Lastly, the Bishop recognized the Tellers for this Convention, headed up by Mr. Christian Basel and Mr. Kenny Inman, who will oversee the volunteers, and thanked them in advance for their efforts.

Bishop Adams called upon The Very Rev. Chris Huff, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Fr. Huff called attention to the report of the Nominating Committee, the thicker packet on white paper in the delegate handouts, which lists the names presented to the committee for election to the positions of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee, with two lay and two clergy positions elected for each, as well as one lay Trustee for the University of the South (Sewanee). This convention must also elect the deputies for the 79th General Convention, to be held in Austin, Texas, in July 2018. We must elect four clergy deputies and four clergy alternates, as well as four lay deputies and four lay alternates. Bishop Adams asked for discussion about the ballot, and asked for a motion to distribute the ballots. There was a second, the motion carried, and the ballots were distributed to voting delegates and then collected.

Bishop Adams announced a 10 minute recess, with the business restarting at 9:55 am.

Bishop Adams called upon Dr. JoAnn Ewalt, Chair of the Futures Committee. Ms. Ewalt explained that the Futures Committee was formed in Fall 2015, as an ad-hoc committee, to research, discuss, and evaluate options for future leadership of the diocese. She reviewed the report with the Convention (*See Appendix VI*), and Bishop Adams asked for any questions or discussion.

Bishop Adams addressed the Convention. (*See Appendix I*)

At the conclusion of his address, Bishop Adams recognized Ms. Rebecca Lovelace, Chair of the Resolutions Committee. Ms. Lovelace called attention to the report of their committee, found on the green paper in the handout packet. (*See Appendix VII*) She began with the second of the proposed resolutions, a resolution in thanks for The Rt. Rev. Charles G. vonRosenberg, our retired Provisional Bishop, for his years of service, dedication, and ministry to our diocese. The resolution was read aloud, and the Bishop asked for approval, and the resolution passed by acclamation.

The second of the proposed resolution is a revision on the Diocesan Alcohol Use Policy, that was adopted in 2015. It was moved by a sub-committee of the Diocesan Council: The Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, The Rev. Faith Bledsoe, The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey, and The Rev. Cn. John Zahl. Fr. Rick Lindsey read the resolution and asked for approval. The Bishop asked for discussion. Ms. Nancy Gault, of The Episcopal Church in Okatie, who asked a question about the wording ‘Rector, vicar, priest-in-charge,’ as some congregations don’t have any clergy. Rick responded that it was the responsibility of the ‘faith community’ – anyone else could be tasked to oversee. The Bishop added that if there is no priest, the responsibility falls to the wardens and the vestry. The Bishop called for a vote by a show of hands and the resolution passed.

Bishop Adams called upon the Chancellor, Mr. Thomas Tisdale, for his report. The Chancellor reported that the diocese continued to be in great shape canonically. With the changes passed today to edit the Canons and bring them up to date, we have completed the necessary updates. As time continues and we discover other changes to be made, they will be brought forward to the Constitution and Canons committee.

The Chancellor shared updates on the legal matters, both the federal and state court cases. There is no change with the state case, as we continue to wait on a South Carolina Supreme Court decision. In the federal case, we will have a hearing in Richmond with the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to ask them to remand the case back to the court of Judge Houck in Charleston to be heard. He reiterated that whatever path we end up on, decision or not, we are in great shape.

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Cn. John Zahl, Chair of the Elections Committee, for election results. Fr. Zahl gave his report, noting that a second ballot would not be needed in any election, and shared the election results (*See Appendix VIII*):

For the Standing Committee, in the lay order, Ms. Carol Grish and Ms. Rebecca Lovelace were elected, and in the Clergy order, The Rev. Jeff Richardson and The Very Rev. Wil Keith were elected to three year terms.

For Diocesan Council, in the lay order, Ms. Pat Neumann and Mr. Woody Rutter were elected, and The Rev. Jean McGraw and The Very Rev. Chris Huff were elected in the clergy order.

Ms. Jane Hart Lewis was re-elected to serve a three year term as a lay trustee of The University of the South.

For General Convention 2018, the clergy deputies elected were The Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor, The Very Rev. Wil Keith, The Rev. Jean McGraw, and The Very Rev. Rick Lindsey. The lay deputies elected were Ms. Pam Guess, Ms. Andrea McKellar, Mr. Lonnie Hamilton, III, and Mr. Mark Szen. The clergy alternates elected were The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II, The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee, and The Rev. William Coyne, and the lay alternates elected were Ms. Maggie Dunlap and Ms. Carrington Wingard.

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

Bishop Adams called upon The Rev. Rob Dewey, Executive Director and Founder of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy to address the Convention. Fr. Dewey referred to the brochure for Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy and spoke about the purpose of the organization and how TEC in SC and our congregations have been supporters of this group and chaplains through the years. He shared his gratitude for this continued support and shared a few examples of

The Trustees of The University of The South from TEC in SC, The Very Rev. Wil Keith and Ms. Jane Hart Lewis, addressed the Convention. They spoke to the history of Sewanee, and the unique circumstance of being owned by a number of Episcopal dioceses. They requested that each group consider putting money in to their next budget in support of Sewanee. They noted that there is diocesan support, but that our individual congregations do not support, even with seminarians or clergy alumnae in the midst. Bishop Adams thanked them for their report and request, and noted he was eager to learn more about this university as he also sits as a Trustee.

Bishop Adams called upon the Committee on Bishop's Address, chaired by Ms. Dolores Miller. Ms. Miller shared their report with the Convention.

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


The Bishop called upon The Rev. Caleb Lee and The Rev. James Yarsiah to share a report on Campus Ministries. (*See Appendix X*) Fr. Lee updated the Convention on the campus ministries taking place at Coastal Carolina University, as well as the College of Charleston and the Citadel. Fr. Yarsiah shared greetings from Voorhees College, and the newly-elected President of Voorhees College, Dr. Franklin Evans. He thanked the diocese for their support of Voorhees, especially the Southern Deanery, and issued an invitation for all to attend the Absalom Jones celebration on February 7, 2017.

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

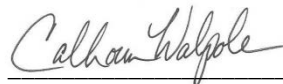
The Bishop called upon The Rev. Very Rick Lindsey, rector of All Saint's Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island, for the invitation to the 2017 Annual Diocesan Convention. Fr. Lindsey invited the convention to Hilton Head November 11-12, 2017 for the 227th Annual Diocesan Convention. Bishop Adams, on behalf of the convention, accepted the invitation.

Bishop Adams called for any other business to be brought to the floor. There was none. A brief announcement was made about a prayer vigil amongst faith communities, being organized by Gov. Haley's office, of which we plan to participate. More information will be shared as it is available.

Bishop Adams gave the blessing for lunch and adjourned the meeting at 11:55.



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



The Ven. Calhoun Walpole
Convention Secretary

Appendix I

Bishop's Address to the Annual Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina November 12, 2016

Let us pray: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

I offer a word of thanksgiving to all of you who, in so many ways, have made my transition to come among you as your bishop so full of grace. Your hospitality and good care has been stellar. Your graciousness was apparent from the moment the interview process began and it has continued right up to the events of this convention. It is clear to me that you want us to prosper together as the Episcopal Church in this part of God's vineyard. I am blessed to be here and am grateful for this opportunity and privilege to be your provisional bishop.

So let me tell you a bit of what I already see in the two months or so in your midst. In great measure I see the evidence of a deep deep faithfulness to our Lord, a commitment to being the best the Episcopal Church has to offer, a creative spirit that wants to engage one another in mission rooted in hopefulness, and an infectious energy that tells me that the Holy Spirit is alive among us.

You have done the very hard work of re-organization in order to be a diocese. That hard work has not been in vain. People beyond us have noticed and are noticing. At the September House of Bishops meeting, bishop after bishop came to me to offer words of thanksgiving for what is unfolding here in South Carolina. I have discovered that the Presiding Bishop has a deep affection for us and I know that we remain in his prayer and the prayers of many throughout the Church. I have shared with some of you that in the middle of the night during hurricane Matthew, 3:44 AM to be precise, I received a text from Bishop Curry that said, "+Skip, you are in the midst of the storm at this point I suspect. Just know I'm praying for you and the people of South Carolina. God be with you, my brother. +Michael."

All of this raises for me the question of what we are to do now. Having done the hard work of re-organization, I see a people who do not merely want to passively wait for a court decision. We have urgent Gospel work to do. So it was at the October Diocesan Council meeting I offered

the possibility that we begin to formulate a process whereby we develop a diocesan vision with goals and strategies that enable us to continue to move into the new future God is preparing for us. We would do so with a sense of coordination amongst the many groups and committees already serving us so well such as the Futures Committee, Stewardship and Development, Strategic Planning, the Episcopal Forum and Under One Roof. To my great delight I received a unanimous affirmation that now is the time to move forward in this endeavor.

Now, I want to be clear that I do not have some pre-conceived plan with which I have come and want to impose on you. Quite the opposite. I want to gather the people of our diocese together in conversation and discover the wisdom that is already among us, the wisdom of the body of Christ, and allow the Spirit to bubble up as she is manifested among us. My role as your bishop will be to continue to find ways to develop relationships, build bridges, and offer a clear center from which this work can have the greatest opportunity to be fruitful. My desire is to flatten hierarchy and to have what I might call a shared episcopate. It remains embodied in a particular person, me, but episcopacy, oversight, is a ministry of the entire body. God trusts you with this work. I trust you with this work.

So how to begin? I want to pose a question to all of you. It is a question I will ask often, directly and indirectly in the time God gives us together. It is a question posed by Psalm 137 to the Hebrew people in exile, “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” The question suggests at least three things to me. First is the landscape in which we are to be singing. It is indeed strange. Second, it is not Skip Adams’ song we are to sing, or St. Swithen’s In-the-Field’s song, or that of any particular interest group. It is God’s song. Third, the question implies the need for a response on the part of God’s people.

The strange land. There are many strange lands beside our own, now and in history. We are not unique in this regard. Just as the exiled Hebrew people had to deal with this issue, so did the Church through the centuries and so will the Church yet to be born. A part of our unique strange land is the split and the pending law suit. No question. We know that reality. Yet I want to say that even though decisions made will have significant impact upon us, we must not allow the time of waiting or the pending results to be our defining narrative. We are more than that. You are God’s own people and seeing that awareness in you is one of the main reasons I said yes to what I believe was the Holy Spirit’s call to come here.

We live in the strange land of the 21st century in South Carolina, the USA and the world. We live amongst a generation of people who are greatly suspicious of institution and all the structures around it, including the Church. The day of ringing the steeple bell and the people automatically showing up is passing if not already over, even in the South according to the Pew Research Center. Add now to our strange land the post election confusion and fear expressed by many no matter one’s affiliation. There is our strange land of community anxiety and

nervousness as preparations are made for two high profile trials as we seek to be a presence for peace and reconciliation even as we address the sin of racism straight on. We have the unknowns of a world rapidly shifting around us.

We do know, however, that people are spiritually hungry. The sale of spiritual books remains off the charts. Not interested so much in cerebral theological arguments, we see that people want an encounter with the sacred, the holy, with God. Folks want to be a part of something that matters. We live in the strange lands of technology, new medical possibilities, globalization and pluralism. I really knew I am in a strange land when I walked into a grocery store in clericals and a young customer looking for assistance came up to me and asked if I worked there.

It is our strange land of all the above and more into which we are being called to be faithful. Our scriptures and our tradition tell us that when we are singing the Lord's song, there is always hope. Henri Nouwen tells us, "The deepest motivation for leading one another to the future is hope. Hope makes it possible to look beyond the fulfillment of urgent wishes and pressing desires and offers a vision beyond human suffering and even death. A Christian leader is a person of hope whose strength in the final analysis is based not on self-confidence derived from one's personality, nor one specific expectation for the future, but on a promise given to that person."

God's song. It is precisely this promise that led Abraham and Sarah into unknown territory. It was this promise that enabled Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery. It is this promise that enabled Jesus to go to the cross. It is God's promise of abiding presence and all-embracing love that leads any person of faith to point to new life even in the face of corruption and death. There is light on the other side of darkness. We know it not because of mere optimism, but because of the event of Christ himself. God's song is life out of death, that there is no place God is not, and that all are invited into the divine embrace for wholeness and strength and joy and hope and meaning. May we always sing that song boldly, robustly, in praise to God.

If the song is truly the Lord's, we must remember we are not called here to be a success. That may sound odd to you. We are here to respond freely, gratefully, sacrificially to the gift already given to us in Jesus. We are called to build a future without attachment to results, and to be part of a walk in God not concerned primarily with bottom lines or upper limits. Our response needs to be one of gratitude, to hold lightly what we have done and what we have failed to do. Then, knowing that God already holds our future, we entrust that future to God.

Our response. Some years ago a woman who had previously achieved the feat of swimming across the English Channel attempted to swim from Catalina Island, off the coast of California, to Los Angeles. This is a journey of some 25 to 30 miles. On the way she encountered cold water, sharks, dehydration and significantly, dense fog. Only 400 yards from her destination she

gave up her quest. She quit, 1200 feet from the goal! Why? She could not see the shore. The destination was not in sight, so she failed to complete the journey.

This is why we must now, together, turn to building a compelling, coordinated vision for The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Diocesan Council and I believe we are ready to do so. We need to be able to see our shore, our destination, and develop some strategic goals to get there. And may I say, this vision not only needs to be shared and owned among us, it also needs to be one that takes us out beyond our walls so that all who are not part of us will want to join us in a vision that seeks to participate with God as light and food as we engage the world. The place to engage our neighbor is in the neighbor-hood. Not only are we to “Seek and Serve Christ,” we are to **be** Christ for one another.

So we are going to be asking questions of ourselves and I would like to encourage you to be asking questions in your own faith communities like, “Why do we exist?” “What are the values we hold at our core that makes us who we are as a community of Christ?” “What needs to shift, how are we to adapt, what must be re-imagined in order to more clearly sing the Lord’s song in a strange land?” “How will we resource congregations and develop leadership in order to be missionally prepared for the rest of the 21st century?” We must be willing to dream big, take some risks and even know that it is okay to fail. If we never fail, we are probably not dreaming big enough. This is where we live the cost of the cross of Jesus and find ourselves so deeply rooted in the love of God that we are free to imagine a renewed Church that God can ever more fully use for the work of the transformation of all creation.

Walter Wink has said that we are called to stand “foursquare in the midst of a broken, tortured, oppressed, starving, dehumanizing reality, yet seeing the invisible, calling it to come, behaving as if it is on the way, sustained by elements that have come already, within and among us, in those moments when people are healed, transformed, freed from addictions, obsessions, destructiveness, self-worship or when communities or even rarely, whole nations glimpse the light of the transcendent in their midst, there the New Creation has come among us. The world for one brief moment is transfigured. The beyond shines in our midst—on the way to the cross.”

Our Presiding Bishop loves to say, and I affirm his words with full vigor, that we have a loving, life-giving and liberating God. All of our faith communities and each individual Christian need to sing this song from the rooftops. It is God’s song. Each of our faith communities needs to be a missionary outpost of this song and embody Jesus’ call to be a missionary people. We are called to be one, a team in this endeavor, and it is a glorious calling given to us by God. As Episcopalians we have deep roots on which to draw that give us a vital voice for our times.

Trust that Christ is alive among us as we pray with rejoicing. Whatever our vision becomes, we want to live it with a renewed sense of wonder, joy and astonishment for the Good News of

Jesus. In so doing, we want the table of God's Church to be open to all as we reach out to give meaning and hope to one another and all God's people. Please join me with your prayer and your commitment as we work together in this amazing venture. So good people of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina, "How will we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?"

Bishop Skip Adams

Appendix II

Report of the Treasurer

In Charles R. Lane book, “Ask, Thank, Tell, Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation” he defines stewardship as the following: *“The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God’s people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of time, talents and finances **God has entrusted to them.**”*

Since 2013, I have witnessed first-hand The Episcopal Church in South Carolina living out their faith by being wise stewards. **WE**, as members of the body of Christ have been blessed by the generosity of many people. Parishes, missions, and individuals with the giving of their time, talent and treasure, have demonstrated that we are a **“Holy people with a Heavenly call”**. As Christians, we are called not only to receive the gospel, but to assure God’s message to **“Seek and Serve Christ”** is performed in both Word and Deed. For individuals, as you come to the end of the year consider making a pledge to the diocese. You can do this by making a monetary donation or stock transfer. For parishes if you are blessed with extra, please remember the diocese as well.

One of privileges, I have been blessed with is to work with a wonderful Finance Committee. The goal of the Finance Committee is to not only to properly manage the finances of the diocese, but also through wise stewardship, **to elevate** each mission and parish in this diocese. The Finance Committee takes seriously their responsibilities and ministry. I would like to thank Bill Beak, Bart Carson, Bubba Foy, Lynn Hopkins, Mike Jefferson, Barbara Mann, and Susan Schady, our Bookkeeper for a job well done.

Audit: Recently, a financial audit was completed for calendar year 2015 by McGregor and Company. This is the same accounting firm that has performed the audits for Diocese of Upper South Carolina for over a decade. The audit results and report was presented to the Diocesan Council in October. I am pleased to say the Episcopal Church in South Carolina received a “cleaned audit.” Once again, I thank the Finance Committee for their dedicated work.

Grants Committee: The theme of **elevating** our mission churches was not limited to the Finance Committee and Diocese Council. During 2015 the Grants Committee and Trustees approved nearly \$200,000 in grants for our missions. The stories of dedication, commitment and courage coming from our missions are **inspiring**. They are finding new and creative ways to be the church and to **Seek and Serve Christ**.

Also, one of the jobs I have been busy with this year is assisting missions and parishes with Church Insurance claims. I am pleased to say that Church Insurance has assisted the diocese with nearly \$175,000 in claims. This has allowed our buildings to stay structurally sound and looking good.

In your Convention folder, you will find the Proposed Budget for 2017. If you have any questions, I will be glad to take them at this time.

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

Susan Schady, Bookkeeper

Appendix III
Proposed 2016 Budget

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina		
Proposed Budget 2017		
Accounts		Annual Budget 2017
Revenues		
Parishes & Missions		\$579,313.25
Interest Income		\$50.00
Total Revenues		\$579,363.25
Expenses		
Compensation		
Bishop Salary		\$61,254.00
Bishop Executive Assistant Salary		\$35,424.00
Archdeacon Stipend		\$49,095.00
Diocesan Ministry Developer Salary		\$34,650.00
Director of Communications Salary		\$13,495.00
Total Compensation		\$193,918.00
Deferred Compensation		
Bishop Deferred Comp		\$0.00
Total Deferred Compensation		\$0.00
Social Security & Medicare		
Bishop Adams		\$5,074.00
Bishop Executive Assistant		\$2,834.00
Diocesan Ministry Developer		\$2,772.00
Director of Communications		\$1,080.00
Total Social Security & Medicare		\$11,760.00
Health Insurance		
Bishop Health & Life Insurance		\$17,880.00
Total Health Insurance		\$17,880.00

Lay Pension		
Bishop Executive Assistant Lay Pension		\$3,189.00
Ministry Developer Lay Pension		\$3,119.00
Total Lay Pension		\$6,308.00
Mileage		
Bishop Mileage (Diocesan)		\$7,500.00
Archdeacon Mileage		\$1,000.00
Bishop Executive Assistant Mileage		\$0.00
Director of Communications Mileage		\$500.00
Total Mileage		\$9,000.00
Conferences & Training		
Bishop Executive Asst. Conf & Training		\$2,500.00
Director of Commun Conf & Training		\$1,600.00
Diocesan Ministry Dev Conf & Training		\$4,500.00
Total Conferences & Training		\$8,600.00
Reimbursements		
Archdeacon Reimbursement		\$500.00
Total Reimbursements		\$500.00
Episcopate		
Bishop Office		\$500.00
Bishop Travel (Outside of Diocese)		\$6,000.00
Conferences & Meetings Episcopate		\$6,200.00
Harbor Club		\$0.00
Reserve for Bishop Search		\$5,000.00
Diocesan Guest House		\$30,000.00
Total Episcopate		\$47,700.00
Support for Personnel		
Conferences & Education Fees		\$1,500.00
Mileage Reimbursement		\$1,000.00
Total Support for Personnel		\$2,500.00
Administrative		
Annual Audit & Bookkeeping		\$18,000.00

Bank Service & Vanco Charges		\$3,500.00
Chancellor Expenses		\$1,000.00
Church Insurance & Surety Bond		\$4,500.00
Computer & Internet Expenses		\$4,000.00
Equipment & Software		\$0.00
Equipment Usage		\$1,000.00
Laity Conference Travel		\$500.00
Meetings & Meals		\$5,000.00
Office Supplies		\$1,200.00
Payroll Processing Fee		\$2,000.00
Postage & Delivery		\$600.00
Publications		\$500.00
Rent Expense		\$5,000.00
Safeguarding God's Children		\$500.00
Telecommunications		\$2,000.00
Treasurer Support		\$500.00
Workers Compensation		\$500.00
Total Administrative		\$50,300.00
Diocesan Programs & Support		
Advertising & Promotion		\$500.00
Annual Diocesan Convention		\$3,000.00
Background Checks		\$1,000.00
Clergy Conference		\$5,000.00
College Ministry Program		\$10,000.00
Deanery Meetings		\$500.00
Diocesan Publication		\$2,000.00
Renewal of Vows		\$800.00
Voorhees College		\$2,000.00
Youth Programming/EYE		\$5,000.00
Total Diocesan Programs & Support		\$29,800.00
Parishes & Missions Support		
Department of Missions		\$100,000.00
Total Parishes & Missions Support		\$100,000.00

Work Outside the Diocese		
Thompson Family Focus (York Place)		\$2,100.00
Coastal Chaplaincy		\$2,500.00
Ecumenical Ministry		\$250.00
General Convention		\$10,000.00
Kanuga		\$1,500.00
Sustainable Development Goals ERD		\$3,100.00
Synod Meeting- Lay		\$3,000.00
Province IV Assessment		\$1,200.00
Seminarian Support		\$10,000.00
The Episcopal Church		\$65,447.25
University of the South		\$2,000.00
Total Work Outside the Diocese		\$101,097.25
Total Expenses		\$579,363.25

Appendix IV
Report of Constitution and Canons Committee

C&C Committee Report 2016

Second reading and vote on proposed changes to Constitution, first read at 2015 Annual Diocesan Convention.

Report of Committee for 2016
(as distributed to Convention)

By: Michael L.M. Jordan
August 14, 2016

Constitution

Article V, Section 4 – second sentence

The existing language of this sentence is:

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

The clause correctly states the qualifications. No change is needed in the language. The clause requires that three conditions be met at the measuring time period, which is “immediately before retirement.” Those conditions are:

1. That the priest is canonically resident in the diocese.
2. That the priest is serving a church in the diocese, an institution of the diocese, or on diocesan staff.
3. The priest has met criteria “2” for not less than five years. There is no requirement that the service be continuous.

If these conditions are met, the priest is entitled to full privileges of the convention so long as the priest remains canonically resident.

Action: No change required.

Article VII, Section 1 and Section 1.1.

Proposal – Wherever the words “Assistant Chancellor” are used in the Constitution, change the words to “Vice Chancellor.”

Action: Recommend approval.

Appendix V Report of Future Committee

Final Report and Recommendations of the Future Committee to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina Diocesan Convention November 2016

1. Executive Summary

The Future Committee was formed in the fall of 2015 as an ad-hoc committee of the Diocese. It was charged with identifying and studying options for the future leadership of the Diocese, and was asked to present recommendations for consideration by the Diocesan Convention.

Following its year-long work, the Future Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. **Continue the model of a part-time provisional Bishop.** The Committee believes the Standing Committee acted wisely in bringing Bishop Adams to us as our part-time, provisional Bishop. The uncertain legal environment in which we exist today, as well as the increasing but nonetheless constrained financial capacity of the Diocese, dictate that for now this leadership structure best serves the needs of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.
2. **Engage in a Diocesan-wide visioning initiative.** As the Committee conducted outreach to clergy and laity in the Diocese, we heard many diverse voices. For example, some urged that we explicitly articulate a short-term goal of electing a full-time Bishop. Some urged reunification with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. One recurring theme, however, was the need to examine who we have become as a Diocese, what we most value, what we believe our priorities should be, and – in prayerful discernment – where God is leading us. The Committee respectfully recommends that Bishop Adams convene an appropriate group of clergy and laity to lead the Diocese in inclusive activities designed to address these important issues.

2. Charge of the Committee

In September 2015, Bishop vonRosenberg and the joint committees (Trustees, Standing Committee and Council of the Diocese) commissioned the Deans of the Diocese to formulate a broadly representative and diverse committee of 12 to 16 lay and clergy to study viable options for the future leadership of The Episcopal Church in SC. The ad hoc Future Committee was formed that fall and held its first meeting November 5, 2015. The Committee was given the following charge:

- to gather information about possibilities for models of Episcopal (Bishop) leadership in the future;
- to research resources and information from diocesan groups (such as the Finance Committee and Strategic Planning Committee) in order to make an informed recommendation;
- to communicate with Deaneries about this process and to enlist responses from clergy and parishioners; and
- to report to diocesan convention in November, 2016, or at a special meeting of convention, and to make recommendations for convention approval at that time.

The Committee membership, as of November 2016, is as follows:

Southern Deanery:

Emily Guess, Christ Church
Allison Davidow, St. Mark's Port Royal
**Mark Szen, All Saints, Hilton Head Island
*Dean, The Rev. Rick Lindsey, All Saints, HHI

Peninsula Deanery:

Jeremy Cook, Grace Church
Lonnie Hamilton, Calvary
Betsy Walker, St. Stephens Charleston
*Dean, The Rev. John Zahl, Grace Church

Pee-Dee/Waccamaw Deanery:

Lucille Grate, Holy Cross Faith Memorial
The Rev. Jeff Richardson, St. Catherine's, St. Alban's, St. Stephens
Doug Roderick, St. Stephen's North Myrtle Beach
*Dean, The Rev. Wil Keith, Holy Cross Faith Memorial

West Charleston Deanery:

**Jo Ann Ewalt, St. Francis
Bill Lomax, St. George's
Ginga Wilder, Good Shephard Summerville
*Dean, The Rev. Chris Huff, St. George's

* Ex Officio Committee Member

** Committee Co-chair

3. Process

The Future Committee began its work with a presentation from The Rt. Rev. John Buchanan, Bishop of West Missouri, retired, and former Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Quincy, Illinois. Bishop Buchanan led Quincy through a reunification with the Diocese of Chicago following a diocesan split similar to that in South Carolina. He reviewed the process Quincy followed and the options that were available to it. Bishop Buchanan

identified the following potential actions for long-term Diocesan leadership available to The Episcopal Church in South Carolina:

1. Continue with a full-time Bishop (this is the most common model in The Episcopal Church).
2. Continue as a constituent diocese with a part-time Bishop (who generally has no other job).
3. Continue as a constituent diocese with a part-time Bishop who is also a part-time Rector.
4. Continue as a constituent diocese with a part-time provisional Bishop. (A provisional Bishop has served as a Bishop previously, and does not have tenure).
5. Cede portions of the diocese to neighboring dioceses.
6. Form a new diocese by junction with an adjacent diocese. (This is generally complicated and takes a significant amount of time. It must be approved by the General Convention).
7. Create a new diocese with reunification. (This generally does not take as much time as option 6, but requires approval of a majority of Bishops and standing committees).

The Future Committee then researched the implications of each option, focusing on the financial, logistical, cultural, and organizational impact each might have on the Diocese. The Committee also researched other dioceses that had experienced schisms, including San Joaquin, California, Pittsburgh, and Fort Worth, Texas.

The Committee met with leaders in the Diocese, including Bishop vonRosenberg, representatives from the Standing Committee, and the Finance Committee, along with Diocesan staff. To be as transparent and inclusive as possible, the Future Committee sent a letter to all churches, missions, and worship groups in the Diocese outlining the seven options and asking for congregants' ideas and preferences regarding the long-term leadership of the Diocese. The Committee co-chairs spoke to the clergy conference and the Under One Roof gathering, and members of the Committee were invited to approximately ten churches to speak to congregants there.

When Bishop vonRosenberg announced his retirement, the Standing Committee elected to call a part-time provisional Bishop. The Committee re-evaluated its responsibilities following this action, and determined that the Standing Committee's decision addresses the short term need of the Diocese, while the Future Committee is charged to consider the leadership needs of the Diocese on a longer-term basis. Thus, our deliberations continued.

The Committee established the following criteria for any recommendations it might make regarding Diocesan leadership:

- Flexibility. Because of the pending lawsuit the Diocese is operating in an environment of uncertainty. The Committee felt strongly that we must continue to plan for the health and advancement of the Diocese, rather than simply awaiting the outcome of the litigation. However, any actions taken by the Diocese must be flexible enough to accommodate the realities that may emerge from future court decisions.
- Diocesan Capacity. The Committee believes that recommendations for Diocesan leadership must reflect our current ability to support such leadership. The ability of our churches, missions, and worship groups to meet Bishop vonRosenberg's request for a 10 percent pledge has not yet been achieved. Diocesan wide giving in 2014 (the latest number available from parochial reports) was at 5.5% or at \$364,931. Diocesan wide giving pledged in 2016 is approximately \$419,889. As the figures below demonstrate, we are working to increase support, but we do not yet have the capacity to hire a full-time Bishop.

Diocesan congregational giving for 2013-2016:

2013: \$251,973

2014: \$364,931

2015: \$376,430

2016: \$419,889 (pledged)

- Widespread Support. While there are at least seven options for the Diocese to consider, the Committee believes that any recommendations should have the support, to the greatest degree possible, of the clergy and laity. As part of its outreach initiatives to churches and to Diocesan events, the Committee heard recurring themes that served to narrow the choices to those receiving the most consideration and support.

4. Deliberations

As the Committee reviewed the results of the research and held conversations with Diocesan leaders and congregants, it reached a preliminary conclusion that some of the options were not appropriate for the Diocese. A summary of the Committee's observations is as follows:

1. Continue with a full-time Bishop.

A significant number of comments reflected the hope that this option could be the ultimate goal for the Diocese, but the research of other Dioceses shows that a full-time Bishop and supporting staff would likely require a minimum Diocesan budget of between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000. Currently our 2016 budget is \$471,737.

1 2. Continue with a part-time (elected) Bishop.

2 A part time Bishop could be half-time, three-quarters-time, or any arrangement less than full-time. One issue to consider regarding this option is that the work of the Diocese may exceed the stated part-time hours, so it would be important to be clear about expectations. An elected Bishop comes with a learning curve, as he or she probably would not have previous experience as a Bishop.

3. Continue with a part-time Bishop who is also a part-time rector.

This option could introduce conflicts of interest and priorities on the Bishop's time and activities in administering both a diocese and a congregation. It would leave both the diocese and the congregation with a part-time person. After discussion, this option was rejected by the Committee

4. Continue with a part-time provisional Bishop.

A provisional Bishop would come from the house of Bishops with previous experience as a Bishop. It could be a retired person or an active Bishop. A part-time Bishop would have no tenure, and would serve as long as he or she is available or as long as our Diocesan Standing Committee sees proper. The Committee notes that the Diocese of Fort Worth currently has its fourth Provisional Bishop (since 2008).

5. Cede portions of our diocese to neighboring diocese(s).

This option would split our diocese up with certain congregations becoming part of a neighboring diocese. After discussion, the Future Committee does not consider this to be a viable option.

6. Form a new diocese by junction with a neighboring diocese.

This option would have our entire diocese become a part of a neighboring diocese (other than the Diocese of Upper South Carolina – see no. 7 below). It would require approval of a general convention of The Episcopal Church. The neighboring dioceses in our case are Georgia and the three dioceses in North Carolina. The Committee felt that this option would not be in the best interest of our Diocese.

7. Create a new diocese by re-unification with Upper South Carolina.

This option is available because the Diocese of South Carolina included the entire state of South Carolina until 1922. The Diocese of Upper South Carolina then split off and formed its own diocese. Re-unification with Upper South Carolina would not require approval at a general convention. It could be done with approval of both Bishops and standing committees. If this option were to be explored, it would be natural for an assisting (Suffragan) Bishop to be added to support the Diocese and assist Bishop Waldo in our region.

The Committee concluded that options that allow us to maintain our identity as an independent and unified diocese have broader appeal than other options. There is considerable support for and pride in our achievements and advancements in the last three and a half years. However, the Committee also believes that it is vital to consider the financial demands of operating as an independent diocese.

5. Recommendations

The Future Committee concludes its year-long deliberations with gratitude to Bishop vonRosenberg, Bishop Adams, and to the Deans of the Diocese, for the opportunity to serve. The Committee also thanks Calvary Episcopal Church for hosting our meetings, and we are grateful to all the parishioners and Diocesan leaders who provided us with information and comments. Finally, we would like to thank Bishop Buchanan for his wise counsel. The following recommendations to the Diocesan Convention are based on the Committee's research, outreach, and discussions.

1. **Continue the model of a part-time provisional Bishop.** The Committee believes the Standing Committee acted wisely in bringing Bishop Adams to us as our part-time, provisional Bishop. The uncertain legal environment in which we exist today, as well as the increasing but nonetheless constrained financial capacity of the Diocese, dictate that for now this leadership structure best serves the needs of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. We cannot predict the conditions that will impact the Diocese five, ten, or more years from now. However, this option preserves our independent and unified status while affording the flexibility needed to adjust in the future as the times may demand.
2. **Engage in a Diocesan-wide visioning initiative.** As the Committee conducted outreach to clergy and laity in the Diocese, we heard many diverse voices. For example, some urged that we explicitly articulate a short-term goal of electing a full-time Bishop. Some urged reunification with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. One recurring theme, however, was the need to examine who we have become as a Diocese, what we most value, what we believe our priorities should be, and – in prayerful discernment – where God is leading us. The Committee respectfully recommends that Bishop Adams convene an appropriate group of clergy and laity to lead the Diocese in inclusive activities designed to address these important issues.

One might ask why such an initiative is appropriate now given that eventual court decisions may significantly alter financial and other conditions in the Diocese. The Committee believes that the past three and a half years have demonstrated that The Episcopal Church in South Carolina is strong, vibrant, and joyful, and our spiritual life is healthy. We have found faith not in buildings but in each other and in seeking the will of God. It is in that spirit that the Committee believes we must build on the strength of our recent past and engage the people of the Diocese in conversations and active visioning about our future.

Appendix VI
Resolutions Proposed and Adopted

RESOLUTION: #1

RESOLUTION: “Revised” DIOCESAN ALCOHOL USE POLICY

**THE “REVISED” ALCOHOL USE POLICY
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA
REVISED 8/14/16, APPROVED BY THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL 10/27/16)**

Resolved,

1. The Church must provide a safe and welcoming environment for all people, including people in recovery.
2. All applicable federal, state and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors, as well as any chemical usages other than alcohol that are also clearly controlled under the same laws.
3. Some congregations may decide not to serve alcohol at events or gatherings. Others may decide to permit a limited use of alcoholic beverages at church-sponsored events. Both can be appropriate if approached mindfully.
4. Whenever alcohol is served, the Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge must **assure that responsible persons are in control of the serving of alcohol**. Thus the church group or organization holding an event on church property must also assure that care is taken to insure this control, thus assuming responsibility for those who might become intoxicated.

The Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge must be sure that the person appointed **must not consume any alcoholic beverages during the time that they are overseeing a church event and take responsibility for recognizing that the use of alcohol may lead to unacceptable behavior in some people in which case that designated person or persons must monitor all those showing signs of intoxication, and for that person (or persons) arrange for responsible transportation home**.

Whether consumed in glass or in bottles, alcoholic beverages should be served rather than left on tables for “self-pour”.

5. When serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events, (whether on or off church property) the presence of minors (those under the age of 21) is strongly discouraged. Should minors be

present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times to prevent underage drinking.

6. Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.

7. Whenever alcohol is served, appealing non-alcoholic alternatives must always be offered with equal prominence and accessibility.

8. The serving of alcoholic beverages at church events (meaning ministries inside or outside the church proper) should not be publicized as an attraction of the event, e.g. “Wine and Cheese Reception,” “Cocktail Party,” and “Wine and Beer Tasting.”

9. Food must always be served when alcohol is present, and when the event is concluded all alcoholic beverages are to be removed from the church premises as soon as possible afterwards.

10. Outside groups or organizations sponsoring an activity or event at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the Clergy and/or the Vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Consulting with liability insurance carriers is advised.

11. Recognizing the effects of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of the Church is being conducted, including Vestry meetings, and the meetings of authorized committees or sub-committees of the church.

12. Clergy shall consecrate an appropriate amount of wine when celebrating the Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model misuse.

Explanation: In response to comments and suggestions about the alcohol policy presented at the diocesan convention of 2015, the following revised policy is now presented for further consideration. The initial issue was the use of the words “certified server” being in charge of serving alcoholic beverages, especially hard liquor. This particular item has been entirely deleted from the current policy.

The current revision deletes that term and instead mandates two items: that (1) “the Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge must assure that responsible persons are in control of the serving of alcohol” and (2) The Rector, Vicar, or Priest-in-Charge must be sure that the person appointed must not consume any alcoholic beverages during the time that they are overseeing a church event and take responsibility for recognizing that the use of alcohol may lead to unacceptable behavior in some people in which case that designated person or persons must monitor all those showing signs of intoxication, and arrange for responsible transportation home for that person.

Mover: Sub-committee of the Diocesan Council (The Rev. Dr. David A. Williams , The Rev. Faith Bledsoe, The Very Rev. Lindsay, Ms. Barbara Mann, and The Rev. Cn. John Zahl)

RESOLUTION #2:

RESOLUTION IN THANKS FOR THE RT. REV. CHARLES G.
vonROSENBERG

RESOLVED, that the Convention extends its heartfelt thanks to the Right Reverend Charles G. von Rosenberg, our retired Provisional Bishop, for answering the call when this Diocese was in need, for his dedication to the mission of Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and for his inspiring leadership during a time of transition.

Explanation: In deferring his own retirement plans in order to continue service in the church, Bishop vonRosenberg was instrumental in our recovery from a brief period of Diocesan instability and uncertainty. It is appropriate to memorialize this service in the Convention minutes with a resolution.

Mover: Mrs. Rebecca Lovelace

Appendix VII Election Results

Standing Committee:

Lay: Ms. Carol Grish and Ms. Rebecca Lovelace
Clergy: The Rev. Jeff Richardson, The
Very Rev. Wil Keith

Diocesan Council:

Lay: Ms. Pat Neumann and Mr. Woody Rutter
Clergy: The Rev. Jean McGraw & The Very Rev. Chris Huff

University of The South Trustee:

Ms. Jane Hart Lewis

General Convention 2018 Deputies:

Clergy: The Rev. Jim Taylor, The Rev. Wil Keith, The Rev. Jean
McGraw, The Rev. Rick Lindsey

Lay: Ms. Pam Guess, Ms. Andrea McKellar, Mr. Lonnie Hamilton III,
Mr. Mark Szen

General Convention 2018 Alternates:

Clergy: The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, The Rev. Cn. Caleb Lee,
The Rev. William Coyne

Lay: Ms. Maggie Dunlap, Ms. Carrington Wingard

Appendix VIII Report of Necrology Committee

As we remember all of those in our diocese who have passed away since our last annual gathering, we remember those clergy, clergy spouses, and lay leaders of our diocese who have served The Episcopal Church in South Carolina in various forms of ministry.

Remembering:

The Rev. Deacon John Lantz, deacon at St. Thomas

The Rev. Cn. George Tompkins, former Rector of Old St. Andrews, and Priest Associate at multiple congregations

The Rt. Rev. Edward Salmon, Thirteenth Bishop of our diocese

The Rev. Dr. Beverly Curran, Rector and First Dean of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul

The Rev. Richard Thomson, former rector of St. James -Santee

Mrs. Lynn Skilton, wife of The Rt. Rev. Bill Skilton, who longtime resident of Charleston

The Rev. Alan Houghton, former rector of St. Stephen's, Charleston

Mrs. Loretta Tabor, member of All Saint's, Hilton Head, who was instrumental in the ministry to the Dominican Republic for her parish and the diocese.

Mr. Moses White, of Calvary, Charleston

Ms. Elizabeth 'Ibby' Harper, St. Catherine's Florence.

Appendix IX

Report of Campus Ministries

St Anne's: St. Anne's currently worships at the Lackey Chapel at Coastal Carolina University. Our location gives us unique access to the student population at Coastal, and though we only see a handful of students at our regular Sunday services, our presence on campus is highly visible.

Rob Donahue, has become a member of CCU's Chaplains' Council, a body of about twenty religious leaders from various faith communities, whose main role is to be present on campus to offer religious support to any student who expresses an interest in exploring faith issues. He spends time during the week on campus, either meeting with students or simply being present should anyone wish to strike up a conversation.

There are six main student contacts, and he tries to meet with them regularly, though informally. Usually, there are check in meetings over coffee. Rob came up with a "large croquet" game that some students and he has played, and it has generated bystander interest.

As a member of the Chaplains' Council, Rob was asked to deliver the invocation and benediction for CCU's commencement ceremony this coming December.

Also through the Chaplains' Council, he was recently asked to be part of a support group that met to address the tragic death of a student. At that meeting, a number of students and faculty asked him to pray with them and then talk to them about their grief.

Rob, after working with the staff at CCU, has secured a weekly evening slot from 5-6 to reserve Lackey Chapel for a weekly Evening Prayer service. His hope is to start a weekly Evening Prayer by the end of November.

Voorhees College: The Rev. James Yarsiah reports that Campus Ministry is alive and well at Voorhees College. There is an officially registered Canterbury Club that is actively meeting for prayer, study, fellowship and outreach.

In addition, Fr. Yarsiah, as Chaplain to Voorhees:

- Provides pastoral support to administration, faculty, staff, and student body.
- Trains and support for student volunteers in various aspects (Acolytes, Crucifers, Ushers, instrumental music, praise dance, etc.)
- Plan/coordinate Tuesday All School Worship, Baccalaureate, Candlelight Matriculation, Annual Absalom Jones Feast Day services
- Serve on the Church Relations Committee and other committee.
- Provide pastoral care and counselling for troubled students who are referred by various departments.
- We make the chapel available/accessible to all during the week.

Excerpts from the Chaplain's 2016 fall report to the Voorhees College Board of Trustees (Campus Life)

At the Candle Light Matriculation service, for the fifth year, the Barnwell Branch of the Gideon's International distributed approximately 160 New Testament student Bibles. As a tradition, the parishioners of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, sponsored a spaghetti dinner for students and participants. A wonderful way for a local parish to be supportive of a college campus.

For the fourth year in succession, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Event and free HIV testing was held on the VC campus, on Tuesday, September 20th. This event is a collaborative project implemented by the Chaplain/Vicar's office, the HIV/AIDS Ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Columbia, the Episcopal Church in SC (Charleston) and Hope Health of Orangeburg. According to Hope Health Inc., a total of 65 students were tested and were with provided sex education, free cupcakes, contraceptives and other goodies to participants.

Concerning Voorhees College's affiliation with The Episcopal Church and the Office of Black Ministries of The Episcopal Church has planned a Recognition Event of the two HBCU's of The Episcopal Church (St. Augustine's University and Voorhees College). This event was held this weekend in Washington DC, and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church delivered the keynote address.

Peninsula Ministry- The Citadel and College of Charleston

Our ministry at the College of Charleston is one of presence and pastoral care. Fr. Lee has intertwined into his weekly schedule lunch and coffee appointments with college students. The ministry continues to be one on one. With the addition of Grace's "Sundays at Five" we hope that these services provide a welcoming place for our campus neighbors. Fr. Lee also remain active in the Religious Life Council on campus, which meets at the President's House next door. This has been all that my busy schedule has allowed me to do with Campus Ministry at the College of Charleston. The saying goes and is particular to this ministry and its potential... "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

The Citadel Ministry that was only on paper last year, has brought forth signs of new life. Lester Pittman has led a very steadfast and faithful effort on the ground, shepherding a handful of young men. I meet him there most Monday nights as we build relationship and share in bible study and worship. The former diocese still has control of historic St. Albans chapel and they hold services there on the night designated for Religious Activities. But just this Thursday, we held a Eucharist there, and Archdeacon Walpole had prepared a sermon echoing William Porcher DuBose. She was happy to see that the pulpit there was dedicated in his memory. That was a strong sign for us that God is doing something with us there, however small, and we are committed to the Citadel.

Fr. Lee asked that as we move forward in ministry on the peninsula, we look for creative ways to fund a leader, lay or ordained, who is called to this ministry locally as well as perhaps provide leadership in the diocese around all of our campus ministries.

There are resources built into the diocesan budget that allow for creative opportunities to minister to college campuses. There are churches around this diocese that have college campuses nearby that have

not been spoken about today. That fund is available to you as well. It may be a way for you to be the church outside the walls.

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

Appendix X

Reports from Diocesan Leadership

Report of the Standing Committee

The minutes of the Standing Committee are filed for our records; however, the following report is a summary of the minutes of our regular meetings, giving you an idea of some of the issues that the Standing Committee dealt with during 2016. First of all, on behalf of the Standing Committee and the entire Diocese, 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 goes to Annie, for her continued support of our Bishop. Our thanks also to Bishop Adams for his willingness to become our Provisional Bishop and for helping the transition go so smoothly. We also extend our 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 Rev. Callie Walpole, our Archdeacon, and to 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. I want to also express thanks and appreciation to our Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Jim Taylor for the work that he has done since we began this journey.

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Santos A. Murray as Bishop Diocesan in the Diocese of Easton, The Rev. Canon Jose A. McLoughlin as Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, the election of The Rev. Patrick Bell as Diocesan Bishop for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, and diocesan elections in Northern Indiana, Pennsylvania and West Texas. The committee also approved the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Los Angeles. Thank you to the staff who were so helpful to the Standing Committee during this busy year, and to the committee members who worked tirelessly for the people of this diocese. Faithfully submitted, The Rev. Jean Q McGraw

Report of the Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council meets approximately 7 times a year. The minutes for all meetings are on record in the Diocesan Office, but below lists the significant actions taken at each meeting from December 2015 through October 2016:

December

- Approved the concept and \$2500 funding for Under One Roof, a gathering to be held at Porter Gaud School in June 2016, to be a resource day for all congregations with four different ‘tracks’ of learning, and multiple presentations within each track.
- Approved recommendation to purchase ACS software for the diocese to track the financial and people operations and activities, as well as funding allocation for the purchase.

March

- Approved the request from Finance Committee to increase the salary for Andrea McKellar as she has assumed a more detailed position with new responsibilities and duties.
- Approved the acceptance of the Mission Grants application and selection process for the next 18 months (3 grant cycles), funding at \$200,000, which was also agreed upon by the Trustees.
- Approved the expense of \$3,000/month to support the Pee Dee and Midlands ministry team. Funding to support supply clergy for the congregations, as well as other needs.

June

- Approved motion to affirm the work of the Mission Grants Committee, and amounts of grants that were approved.

September 8 (Special Meeting)

- Discussed the draft budget for 2017, and approved the report of the Draft Budget to put forth at deanery meetings held before Convention.

September (Special Meeting)

- Discussed the compensation structure for the newly hired Provisional Bishop that had been negotiated by the Standing Committee and Finance Committee with Bishop Adams

October

- Discussed the edits and propose changes to the draft 2017 budget
- Discussed matters relevant to Annual Convention

Report of the Commission on Ministry - 2016

It has been such a joy to serve as the Chair of the Commission on Ministry since the reorganization of our diocese. Faithful and talented men and women, lay and ordained, have used their gifts and discernment to assist those seeking clarity in God's call to ministry.

In the past four years, we have followed the progress of Rob Donehue from the beginning of his process of discernment at Grace Church to ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood, and his exciting new ministry at St. Anne's, Conway. Jason Roberson is not far behind, a senior at Virginia Theological Seminary, who, following successful completion of his studies and the General Ordination Exam in early 2017 will likewise return to us for ordination.

We have three Postulants for Holy Orders in the Vocational Diaconate training program, under the most able direction of Dr. Lester Pittman. Other aspirants, at various stages of their discernment, are likewise doing their academic work, pending the completion of their work with their local parish committees.

Fred Thompson successfully completed his ordination exam, following years of service as a vocational deacon and hospital chaplain, and has likewise been ordained as a priest, serving in various capacities in our diocese, and at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Lauren Kay, a Postulant from St. Thomas, North Charleston, is a first year student at the Seminary of the Southwest. And Bill Andrews, a former Pastor in the Lutheran Church, is in the final stage of his discernment work with his committee from St. Stephen's, Charleston.

After serving us splendidly as President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Mother Jean McGraw now takes over the Chairmanship of the Commission on Ministry. It has been a privilege to serve the diocese in this capacity, and I look forward to the exciting paths and spiritual journeys we will all explore together in the days ahead, as God continues to guide and direct the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

Faithfully yours,
The Reverend Dow Sanderson,
Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston

Appendix XI Courtesy Resolutions Adopted

Offered by the Resolutions Committee, the Rev. Alastair Votaw, Chair

Be it resolved:

That we, the members of the 226th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, on this 12th day of November, 2016, express our thanks and appreciation to

R-1: The Rev. Winnie Varghese, our Convention Preacher and Workshop Keynote Speaker, who encouraged us to remember and embrace that all of us, clergy and lay, are called with a unique calling by God, and are gifted and equipped by the Holy Spirit for the carrying out of our resultant ministries in the service of Jesus Christ and His one, holy catholic and apostolic church , and to

R-2: The Very Rev. Michael Wright and the clergy, staff and lay leadership of Grace Church Cathedral for their gracious hospitality, and especially to the convention coordinator, Mrs. Susie Carter, and _____(Sue Cromwell, Sydney Arlington) and the Grace staff, and to

R-3: The Diocesan staff, Lauren Kinard, Holly Behre and Andrea McKellar, for their dedicated, excellent and tireless efforts and to their dedicated volunteers, Mrs. Marcia Frasier of Calvary Church, Charleston, and Susan Schady, and to

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

R-5: The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church, for his encouragement of our diocese and in particular for his visit here in April 2016, and to

R-6: The Honorable John Tecklenburg, Mayor of the City of Charleston, and Mr. Lonnie Hamilton III of Calvary Episcopal Church, for their gift of music in the beautiful piano and saxophone rendition of “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” at our Convention Eucharist on November 11

Appendix XII

Reports by Institutions of the Diocese



THOMPSON
Child & Family Focus

York Place was merged with Thompson in late 2015.

www.thompsoncff.org

You helped Tim believe in himself again!

"In only a short time I have seen so much improvement," Jenn says of her son Tim who has been seeing a Thompson therapist for a few weeks now. "I know that does not mean we are where we need to be, but I am so happy to see that he is already making such progress!" Jenn was beginning to feel that her precious 9-year-old boy was slipping away from her. She could tell that he was down on himself a lot of the time. He withdrew from his friends and began spending hours on end shut away in his bedroom. Jenn said that she felt Tim had "lost his confidence." Feeling just as lost as her son, she did not know where to turn for help. Then Jenn reached out to Thompson's Community Counseling Center to see if they could help get her boy back to himself again. In less than a month, Jenn has seen Tim smiling more often and he even asked to join the basketball team with his friends! When she asked Tim what he felt was different, he said he "believes in himself again". Jenn is so grateful to Tim's therapist for helping him to see what an awesome kid he is!

Thompson is the most comprehensive provider of clinical and prevention services for children and families across the Carolinas. Our mission is to serve children and families through healing, teaching, worship and play.

We are 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). Our legacy is deeply rooted in humble beginnings by the Episcopal Church and fortified by continued partnerships from parishes giving of their time, talent and means.

Last year, your support enabled Thompson to provide outpatient therapy services, psychiatric assessments and medication management to almost 900 children, adults and families in South Carolina.

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 by volunteering your time or linking your shopping reward cards to benefit our work.
- Collecting school supplies, hygiene items and clothing for our children.
- Supporting us with your prayers, financial offerings and service.

For more information on how your caring support is making a difference, please contact Shannon Hinson, Chief Development Officer, at 704-644-4392 or shinson@thompsoncff.org.

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

BISHOP GADSDEN



Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community is located on James Island, across the Ashley River from the peninsula of Charleston. It is a Continuing Care Retirement Community, serving residents in independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory care. We trace our beginning to Bishop Christopher Gadsden, who, in 1850 during a service of Evening

Prayer in St. Stephen's Church, Charleston, announced the creation of a home for widows and orphans. Bishop Gadsden is in a lineage of homes for children and the elderly, and in 1987 established and built an assisting living facility at its new location on James Island. Since its inception at its present location, the community has expanded to provide skilled nursing in 1992, and independent living apartments and cottages in 1999. In 2013 the residents, staff and trustees celebrated the 25th year anniversary of ministry on James Island with its 450 residents.

Bishop Gadsden is now the tenth largest employer in the City of Charleston. Our staff, particularly those serve in healthcare areas, view their duties as more than a job; they see their contributions as a ministry.

At present, construction of three new buildings, consisting of 45 additional independent living flats, is being completed, creating a new neighborhood known as the Quay (pronounced "key"). This project will increase our resident population to 520. Our campus now encompasses 110 acres. Strategic planning is now underway focusing on a variety of future developments, including an expansion of our healthcare facilities.

In keeping with its historic foundation, Bishop Gadsden maintains its loyal connection to the Episcopal Church of the United States and to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Our chaplain is an Episcopal priest, who is assisted by a team of retired Episcopal priests. Together, they provide spiritual support and occasions of worship and prayer for our residents and staff.

Upon approaching our campus, one encounters the Chapel, giving the appearance that the entire community grew from this spiritual center of Bishop Gadsden. The Georgian building is fashioned after chapels-of-ease, which were prevalent in the colonial Low Country. The Chapel is the recipient of the Design for Aging Award from the American Institute of Architects and LeadingAGE. It is also a venue for music concerts and other cultural events. During services of public worship, the clergy are assisted by a dedicated team of residents, without whom our worship services would not be possible. In addition, worship opportunities are provided for Roman Catholic and Jewish residents.

An important aspect of community life is the support of area charitable organizations. However, at the heart of our mission is our Resident Assistance Fund which was created to provide financial support to residents whose finances have been depleted, or to individuals who have made significant contributions to the larger community who otherwise would be unable to live at Bishop Gadsden.

The Bishop Gadsden Community is the home of vibrant and active residents, served by a devoted staff of employees. In fact, in a recent resident satisfaction survey, the vast majority of our residents responded that the presence of a caring and friendly staff is one of the greatest strengths of our community. Our purpose and ministry is appropriately expressed in the following mission statement: "Bishop Gadsden, a life care retirement community embraces God's call to ministry. We affirm positive living for all who live and work here. We serve with integrity. We exercise wise stewardship. We reach out with a generous spirit."

Faithfully submitted,

Frank D. Russ, Jr.

The Reverend Frank D. Russ, Jr.
Chaplain



**Annual Report:
The Diocese of South Carolina
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina Porter-Gaud
Board of Trustees November, 2015**

LEADERSHIP

Hank Cheves '87' is the currently elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. He began a 3-year term this July. Luther Cochran is chair of the Porter-Gaud Foundation which oversees the philanthropic efforts for the school. There are three clergy representatives on the board in addition to 18 other members. Rev. John Zahl began his term in 2012. The other clergy positions are held by Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence and Rev. Haden McCormick. Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor of Sewanee is also serving on the Board of Trustees. DuBose Egleston is in his 7th year as Head of School.

HISTORY

Porter-Gaud has a long history of living out its spiritual identity as an independent Episcopal school rooted in the rich heritage of Anglicanism. For much of its history, Porter-Gaud had one chaplain who taught all the religion classes, conducted chapel services, and provided pastoral care for the school community. As the School has grown and the needs for ministry have increased, the Board of Trustees has bolstered the chaplaincy so that there are now three full-time 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 (Hank Cheves '87), 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 serves on the Governing Board of the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES).

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Thursday 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 70-120 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 120 Upper School students serve on Vestry and participate in weekly discipleship groups as well as two retreats each year. In addition, 60 freshmen serve on the Chaplains' Advisory Council (CAC), a discipleship 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. Vestry and CAC are the largest voluntary student organizations in the Upper School.

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.

This year, the School is also offering a study tour/pilgrimage to England focused around the works of C.S.

Lewis where students will have the opportunity to meet with renowned Lewis scholars.

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 abroad, some in conjunction with Water Missions.

The Upper School will also offer a service trip to Ghana this year. The Rev. Dr. Olbrych will serve this year as the keynote speaker at the 2016 Leadership Conference of the LAMB Institute to be held at San Buenaventura, Honduras. Porter-Gaud may explore the opportunity to partner with an Episcopal school in Honduras in the next few years under the leadership of Steve Robinson, former President of SAIS, who is now overseeing schools there.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Egleston will Chair the visiting team this year for Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta as they complete their 5-year accreditation self-study under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and Southern Association of Independent Schools. Holy Innocents' is the largest parish day school in the United States.

Mr. Egleston visited Breck School in Minneapolis, MN this fall for a meeting of the NAES board. The board had a chance to participate in chapel with the upper school and meet with the local diocese. The board will meet in New York in January and in New Orleans in the Spring to plan for the 2016 Fall Biennial Conference.

As part of the School's co-curricular programming on diversity issues, the Traces of the Trade program developed by Gaud School alumnus Dain Perry was presented on campus in September.

Porter-Gaud celebrated the life and work of Ben Hutto at its annual Founders Day concert. Ben began the choral and fine arts program at Porter-Gaud in 1969 and is a Gaud School alum. After leaving Porter-Gaud in the 1980's, he continued his ministry at St. Albans and the National Cathedral School in Washington DC. Ben died in September and is missed by the thousands of alumni who he blessed with his passion for music.

Porter-Gaud is launching the public phase of its RENEWAL campaign this week. The campaign will raise funds for a new upper school academic building, a performing arts center, and a dedicated chapel that will seat a full division of the school. The chapel design is based on the original St. Timothy's chapel on the Porter Military Campus. Built by Dr. Porter from the old U.S. Armory, it remains as St. Luke's chapel on the MUSC campus.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
2014-2015 REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

College of Arts & Sciences

Enrollment from the The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 51 students total (23 report Episcopal heritage)

Financial aid awarded to all college students from the diocese: \$972,132.00

The School of Theology

Seminary

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

The Beecken Center

Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups: 4
 EfM Diocesan Coordinator: No Coordinator

Support Received from the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$2,000
Support Received from the Diocesan churches: \$500

About Sewanee

The University of the South is home to an outstanding liberal arts college, a School of Letters, and a School of Theology. 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

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

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

2014–2015 Statistics for the University of the South

College of Arts and Sciences total students: 1631 (full-time and part-time)
 Class of 2018: 466
 SAT combined: 1740-2020 ACT: 26-30
 High School GPA: 3.69/4.0
 Female: 56.9 % Male: 43.1 %
 Percentage of all college students declaring Episcopal heritage: 25.1%
 College tuition and fees: \$ 37100
 College faculty: 148 (Full-Time) and 72 (Part-Time)
 Student/faculty ratio: 10.2 to 1
 School of Theology students: 157 (includes summer students)
 School of Theology full-time tuition and fees: \$ 16748
 School of Theology faculty: Full-Time: 12 Part-Time: 9
 Student/faculty ratio: 7/1

University Fiscal Year July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015 (unaudited)

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

2014–2015 Highlights from the University of the South

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

- Heyboer Receives the Woods Leadership Award; October 27, 2014
- Stephens Receives Freeman Award; October 8, 2014
- MacSwain Contributes to Discussion on Art and Theological Education; November 13, 2014
- The School of Theology Makes Fourth Trip to Cuba; January 21, 2015
- Vice Chancellor McCardell Appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of NAICU; February 4, 2015
- CRE Adds New Position; February 12, 2015
- School of Theology Named to Seminaries that Change the World; February 24, 2015
- New Sewanee Inn Ranks #1 in Tennessee (Trip Advisor); March 11, 2015
- Tree Ring Data Sheds Light on History of Rebel's Rest and Local Forest; April 1, 2015
- The School of Theology Confers Degrees; May 11, 2015
- Gift to University Supports School of Theology's Vision; June 8, 2015
- Board of Regents Approves School of Theology Move Back to Central Campus; June 18, 2015
- Owing Diocesan Bishop Elected to be 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; June 27, 2015
- Education for Ministry Celebrates 40th Anniversary; June 30, 2015



2015 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. We welcome more than 25,000 guests annually to our year-round conference & retreat center, Camp Kanuga, Camp Bob and the Mountain Trail Outdoor 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. 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.

Under the leadership of Kanuga President Stan Hubbard, Kanuga is set to commence a historic renovation of the Kanuga Lake Inn on December 1. The Inn is scheduled to reopen at the end of May 2016. Kanuga will not close during this time, but will remain open with full use of the dining rooms and utilizing the lodging of the historic cottages and guest houses.

The \$6.5 million renovations will include the installation of a new covered entry with easy access to the Inn, an elevator connected to the new entrance, and extensive renovation of rooms to provide accessible accommodations. In addition, rooms will be equipped with air conditioning and a more efficient heating system. Most rooms will be unfitted with covered porches, and all rooms will receive a complete overhaul with new furniture, queen beds, lighting, and bathroom fixtures. A critical improvement will be the replacement of electrical and plumbing systems. If you have questions about the renovation or wish to make a contribution to the capital campaign, contact Gary Giniat at 828.233.2816 or gary.giniat@kanuga.org. More information can also be found online at www.kanuga.org/restoreandrenew.

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 2014 enabled the total remodel of Cottages 27, 28, & 14 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. The Mountain Trail Outdoor School 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. The program was also one of organizations nationwide to be awarded the BEETLES 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 650 campers during the summer of 2014, increasing to 670 this past summer. With the support of grants and increased scholarship funds, these programs hope to increase the number of children served and ministered to in 2016. 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 two sessions of Operation Purple Camp in July. The session provided to 200 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. A unique group, Kids4Peace, gathered at Camp Bob in July of 2015. Kids4Peace is a community of Jewish, Christian and Muslim children, age 12 or in the sixth grade, from the United States, Palestine and Israel. The organizations two-week camp is part of a six-year, year-round program of interfaith dialogue, leadership development and nonviolent action.

Outreach is a common theme at Kanuga. For instance, none of the chapel offerings gathered here stay here. They are divided and sent out 1/3 globally to Episcopal Relief & Development, 1/3 nationally to the Armed Services and Federal Chaplains of The Episcopal Church, and 1/3 locally to Henderson County outreach.

The Outreach Camp at Saint Columba's Conference & Retreat Center in Memphis, TN was named this year's recipient of the Patricia Minkler Howell Endowment for Children's Outreach grant, a sub fund of Kanuga Endowment, Inc.

The grant assists community-based efforts by parishes, dioceses and nonprofits that focus on children's ministry and emphasize children serving other children. The fund enabled 45 children to attend the weeklong overnight camp this past summer. Applications for the grant are reviewed each year between November 1 and April 15. If your group would like to apply for next year's grant, visit giving.kanuga.org.

In 2014 and into 2015 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, Federal Chaplains for both TEC, 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 associations, churches and 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 70 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 2014 and into 2015 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 Lansing Lee Conference experienced eternity with keynoter Dr. Eben Alexander. Nuevo Amanecer, a bi-annual conference to better equip for ministry those working within the Latino/Hispanic community, was co-sponsored by TEC & ELCA. The Christian Formation Conference, the largest event of its kind in the Church, learned about "Hope in the Midst of Crisis" with keynote speaker Lyndon Harris. Kanuga's youth conferences served 300 participants over the year at Winterlight and the summer Youth Week conferences.

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...

2015 Annual Report

Danny Sanford, Executive Director

As I reflect on 2014 the words that reverberate in my mind include victory, triumph, and success. The long awaited Main Street re-invention began construction in January and is now nearly completed. With it came the realization of the final piece of a plan laid by Still Hopes' Board of Trustees of 2001. That plan was to achieve a community where residents lived a rich full life with opportunities to live better, healthier, happier lives than they could have lived by staying home. As I write this, I can see that vision being accomplished in grand style.

If you visit our campus, you will find a newly created main entrance with a newly created space for meeting with prospective residents; A place that is welcoming and speaks to the vibrancy of life at Still Hopes. You would be able to walk into the gateway to the Main Street Venue that is so warm and inviting that residents are now spending lots of time in social gathering with one another. You could order your favorite espresso, café latte, or cappuccino made by Still Hopes' own Barista, along with some hand dipped ice cream or a wonderful hand-made pastry. You would find a brand new space for the library with an amazing assortment of books, music and movies and you would notice that the light and the airiness of the room is wonderful and alive. You would discover two new dining venues, along with a totally revitalized main dining venue and you would discover many other social elements of Main Street that would beckon you to slow down and spend some time with friends. In short you would find a life worth living.

All the new spaces and places you would discover build on the foundation to create a wellness focused campus begun in 2001. What the Shearouse Center for Wellness did to rocket Still Hopes physical fitness program for residents into the new century, Main Street does for the social and mental aspects of wellness. Just like the bringing forth of our Sanders Guignard Rehabilitation Suites to provide state-of-the-art short term rehabilitation, Main Street brings forth a quality to those who choose to live at Still Hopes for the long term.

I would be remiss to forego the opportunity to reflect on how wonderful the residents of Still Hopes have been during this extended time of re-invention and corresponding renovation work. We have totally transformed in excess of 35,000 square feet of existing living space, all while we continue to live and work here every day. Each resident has taken this in stride and even taken opportunities to bring fun into the misery of construction renewal.

So, finally, please know that Still Hopes will not rest on its laurels. The Board of Trustees recognizes that Still Hopes is the premier community in the Midlands of SC and knows that in order to continue to be that for a second 38 year time span, we will continue to renew and improve the campus to provide the kinds of services and amenities that the next several generations of people will want to enjoy. Still Hopes is on a continuing voyage into a future for services for high quality aging and lifelong growth and the journey will never end; the destination will never be absolutely reached.

 A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Sanford".

Danny Sanford



VOORHEES COLLEGE is pleased to submit this report to the Annual Convention of the The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. We continue to be blessed by our partnership with the diocese as we are truly “Partners in Mission.” Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr. began his administrative role as President in June of 2008. For the past seven years, The College has encountered some struggles but at the same time, achieved some significant accomplishments.

Voorhees College like all other Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation have been impacted by external pressures including a decline in federal funding along with the Sequestration of federal grant dollars and changes in the policy of Parent Plus Loans which our students and parents were impacted. Additionally, the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy has impacted student’s eligibility to receive financial aid and impacted our enrollment of returning students. These and a number of other external pressures from the federal government have and will have an adverse impact on the viability of Voorhees College now and in the future..

The College remains proactive, vigilant and resilient in managing its resources efficiently and effectively and are poised to continue the legacy of our founder, Ms. Elizabeth Evelyn Wright Menafee. We are proud to report the following accomplishments:

- We met our budgeted enrollment for Fall 2015 and proudly state that our numbers reflect a positive stance over last year’s enrollment. The Admissions Staff is staffed with new and energetic recruiters that are working hard to ensure our Enrollment projections are met in the future.
- Work has already begun to construct a new Living and Learning Center on the campus and is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2016.
- We were successful in the refinancing of a 15 million bond which has improved our cash position and management of debt.
- We have recently launched a new website which will improve our marketing and communications as well as user interface and design.
- In May, 2015 we graduated the first Emergency Management graduate in the State of South Carolina and the program is growing as it begins to attract first responders and law enforcement personnel.
- Our consortium with the U. S. Department of Energy continues to prepare our students for careers in Cyber Security with our students conducting internships at DOE sites especially Lawrence Livermore in California. The College has also continued summer and Saturday academies for cyber education with middle and high school students.
- Finally, the College was recently nationally ranked in the Best Bang for Your Buck category by Washington Monthly magazine.

The major emphasis for the college’s strategic planning is the successful completion of the Fifth Year Review by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Leadership Team has begun work on the Compliance Certification and the Quality Enhancement Program steering committee is preparing the QEP Impact Report. Our submission is due in September, 2017.

We want to invite the Diocese to join us in our 5th annual President’s Scholarship Gala in Charleston, South Carolina on Saturday, April 9, 2016 and also to join us for our annual Absalom

Jones Feast Celebration in February 2016. Additional details and invitations will come from our College Chaplain, Fr. James Yarsiah, who continues to lead our spiritual development program on campus.

While the College continues to shine and deal with external pressures, it is with deep regret that I notify the Diocese of my decision to step down as president and retire effective at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year. Serious health challenges make this decision necessary at this time. I want to thank the Bishop and Clergy in the Diocese in South Carolina for your unwavering support of the College during my tenure. We have created a community of scholars who lives have been changed as a result of the quality education and nurturing environment provided by the administrators, faculty, and staff. The merging of Faith and Intellect on our campus makes our work as an HBCU relevant.

- Dr Cleveland L. Sellers, President