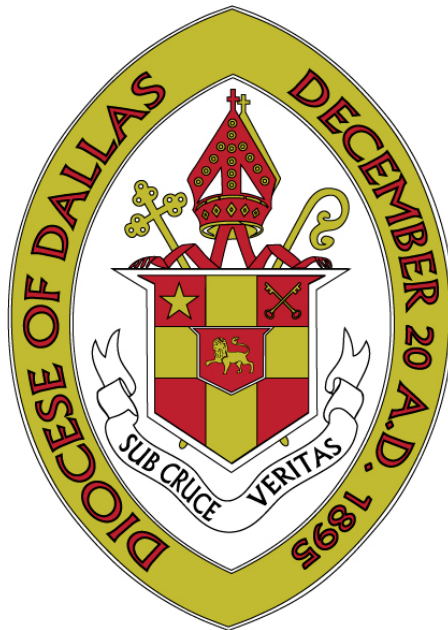


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The Reverend Canon ED MONK

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 119TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLAS

The Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan and Bishop Pro Tem, served as Chair. He welcomed the attendees to the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas. The Bishop announced that the chaplain of the convention was The Rev. Canon Ed Monk who opened the meeting with the following prayer:

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this place for the renewal and mission of your Church and in this diocese. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Chair declared that Emmanuel Anglican Episcopal Church, Dallas and St. Augustine of Hippo, Dallas, two missions of the diocese, were accepted in this union under Canon 15 of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas, having received the proper petitions. The Rev. Canon Daniel Ofoegbu serving as vicar of Emmanuel, and The Rev. Paul Wheatley serving as vicar of St. Augustine.

The Chair called on Mr. Matt Stroud, the Chair of the Credentials Committee, for the purpose of giving a report on credentials.

Mr. Stroud gave the Credentials Committee's Report as of 10:30 am:

<u>Clerical Order</u>	<u>Lay Order</u>
194 Canonically Resident	65 Parishes and Missions in the Diocese
65 Required for a Quorum	22 Required for a Quorum
117 Registered to Vote	188 Lay Delegates representing 62 Parishes and Missions

The report was adopted by voice vote, and the Chair declared a quorum present.

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Michael Gilton, Vicar of St. Paul's, Prosper and Chair of the Committee on Dispatch of Business, who presented the *Rules of Procedure for the Annual Convention* of the Diocese of Dallas as distributed beginning on page 10 of the Convention Booklet. Fr. Gilton highlighted four of the more pertinent rules including how to address the Chair, the use of the three floor microphones, and made the request to turn off or mute all cell phones. He then moved that the Rules be adopted by the convention, and the Chair asked delegates to stand to show approval. Motion approved with well more than two-thirds of delegates standing.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Presiding Officer

1. The Bishop shall be the President of the Convention and preside at its meetings. He may call to the Chair any qualified person to relieve him temporarily. The Bishop shall have full power and authority to take such action (consistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese) as he deems necessary to expedite the orderly disposition of the business of the Convention.
2. After the Convention is called to order by the Presiding Officer, an opening prayer shall be offered by the Bishop or someone designated by him.

3. The Bishop shall have the authority to appoint a parliamentarian of his own choice to advise him on parliamentary questions arising during the Convention.

4. Any person addressing the Chair or desiring recognition of the Chair while the Convention is in session shall address the Chair as “Right Reverend Sir” if the Bishop is in the Chair. If some other person is in the Chair, he shall be addressed as “Mr. President.”

Order of Business

5. The Chair of the Credentials Committee shall report the number of clergy and lay delegates in attendance and whether or not there is a quorum present.

6. If a quorum is present, the Bishop shall announce that a quorum is present. In the absence of a quorum, the Convention shall transact no business other than to recess or stand adjourned from time to time until a quorum is present.

7. Immediately after the Convention is convened, the Bishop shall call for the report of the Committee on the Dispatch of Business. The Committee shall submit a proposed Order of Business and Rules of Procedure, which will be acted on by the Convention. The Bishop shall have the authority, within his discretion, to deviate from such Order of Business adopted as the exigencies of the occasion may require. Following these reports, the Convention shall be considered organized.

8. The first order of business shall be the election of a Secretary and one or more Assistant Secretaries, if needed.

9. The Bishop, within a reasonable length of time before the convening of the Annual Convention, shall appoint from among the delegates of the Convention and such other confirmed persons in good standing in the Diocese as the Bishop may designate, a Committee on the Dispatch of Business, consisting of a Chair and not less than four other members. It shall be one of the duties of this Committee to prepare an Order of Business agreeable to the Bishop and to perform such other acts and duties as may be deemed necessary or advisable to dispatch the business of the Convention, including a review of the final draft of the Convention Journal before it is printed. Such Committee shall always be entitled to the floor on business pertaining to that Committee. Members of this Committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

10. All Resolutions of Substance (thus exempting Resolutions of Courtesy) shall be submitted to the Secretary of Convention no later than 11:00 in the morning of the first regular business day. Such resolutions shall be submitted in writing with enough printed copies for distribution to all voting delegates. If the resolutions mention outside data, resolutions, etc., copies of such material shall be made available to those requesting same. Such resolutions shall be referred by the Presiding Officer to the Committee on Dispatch of Business. The Committee shall give due and timely consideration to such resolutions and reports and, with reasonable dispatch, make its report thereon back to the Convention with its recommendation for final disposition on any such resolution or report.

Conduct of Business

11. A delegate desiring recognition of the Chair shall give his/her name and the name of the church he/she represents.

12. A delegate making a report or speaking at length on any subject shall use the microphone on the stage of the Convention with the permission of the Presiding Officer.

13. A delegate making a report or debating shall go to the designated microphone. At the discretion of the Bishop, microphones may be designated “pro” and “con” to expedite debate. A third microphone may be utilized for procedural motions and questions.

14. To expedite the business of the Convention, debates on any pending resolution or motion shall be limited to three minutes per speaker, and one person shall not speak more than once on the pending matter until all other persons who so desire have had an opportunity to be heard. No member shall speak more than two times to any one motion. The number of speakers for discussion shall be divided, as near as is practical, equally between the proponents and opponents of the pending subject.

15. Any item of business of the Convention may be set as a special order of business or taken up out of its regular order at any time by the concurring majority vote of the delegates of both orders.

16. A question having been decided shall not be reconsidered at the same Annual Convention without the consent of two-thirds of the members present, nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision. No question shall be reconsidered more than once and only on the same day.

17. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention unless seconded and, when required by the Presiding Officer, reduced to writing.

18. A motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

19. When any proposed amendment to the Constitution or Canons is before the Convention, amendments thereto may be sent up from the floor if, within the judgment of the Presiding Officer, such floor amendments are germane to the pending amendments and do not change the purpose of such pending amendments.

20. When consideration of the proposed Diocesan Budget is before the Convention, (a) each amendment thereto must indicate the specific line item(s) being increased and/or decreased, and (b) the aggregate dollar amount of changes proposed must be offsetting.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking and shall be decided without debate. A motion to fix the hour or day for the Convention to adjourn takes precedence of a motion to adjourn and shall be decided without debate.

22. The mover may withdraw a motion or resolution at any time before decision or amendment, in which case it shall not be entered in the Minutes.

23. If a question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same may be divided, at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately.

24. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the Presiding Officer; however, any member may appeal any decision of the Chair, and on such appeal, no member shall speak more than once without leave of the Convention.

Reports

25. All reports, which have been printed and distributed in advance to all members of the Convention, shall be presented by title only and not read; however, any person presenting such a report may give a summary of it requiring not more than five minutes delivery.

26. All committee reports shall be reduced to writing and filed with the Secretary. Those requiring action by the

Convention need not be presented to the Convention as soon as filed, but shall be put before the Convention at an appropriate time within the discretion of the Presiding Officer. The budget materials prepared for Diocesan Convention shall include both descriptions of line items and rationale for changes in funding or deletions of line items from the budget of the previous year.

Nominations and Elections

27. The Bishop (or in the event of his failure to act, the Standing Committee) shall appoint, not less than 60 days in advance of each Annual Convention, a Nominating Committee composed of four clergy and four lay persons resident in the Diocese, which shall report to the Convention nominations for all elective offices (other than those for which the bishop makes the nominations) in accordance with the following provisions:

- A. Except as to the Office of Secretary, Trustee, University of the South, and Trustee, Seminary of the Southwest, there shall be nominated not less than two nominees for each office.
- B. There shall be obtained from each nominee presented his/her personal assurance of his/her willingness and availability to serve, if elected.
- C. The name of each nominee shall be accompanied by suitable brief biographical data, including a listing of parish, mission, and diocesan offices then and previously held.
- D. Suggestions as to persons for consideration shall be sought from parishes, missions, and diocesan institutions, and from individuals.
- E. Further nominations for any office may be made on or before the first regular business day of Convention. All such nominations must be submitted in writing on the prescribed nomination form to the President of the Convention no later than the call to order of the first business session of the Convention; and accompanied by the copies of the biographical information required in sections (B) and (C) above with a sufficient number of nomination forms and biographical sheets for delivery equal to all lay and clerical Convention Delegates; and accompanied by the signatures of the nominator and the nominee. The Secretary of the Convention shall certify that any nominations so received are in good order and satisfy the requirements set forth in sections (B) and (C) above. After the Nominating Committee makes its report for each office to be elected, in succession, the Secretary of the Convention shall announce the names of the additional nominees for the same offices whose names have been placed according to the provisions of this rule and shall distribute the nomination forms and biographical information on those so certified to all Convention Delegates. No seconding speeches or endorsements of any candidate shall be allowed. Nominations made according to the provisions of this rule shall be added to the election ballots of delegates according to the direction of the Chair of the Election Committee and thus eligible for election as the vote for each office proceeds. A nominee (or in his absence at the Convention, the Rector of the nominee's Parish) may withdraw his name from consideration at any time.

28. When two or more equal positions are voted on simultaneously, a nominee must receive a majority of the total number of legal votes cast for such office. In the event a majority is received by more candidates than there are positions to be filled, those with the highest legal vote totals shall be elected. In determining the total number of legal votes cast for an office, the total number of legal votes cast for such office shall be divided by the number of positions to be filled.

29. In the election of persons wherein a concurring majority of both orders is required, in which only the number of persons required to fill the position or positions under consideration have been nominated, the Bishop, by unanimous consent of the Convention, may instruct the Secretary to cast ballots for either or both the clerical and lay delegates.

30. The Presiding Officer shall appoint sufficient number of Tellers of Elections to count ballots promptly and with all reasonable dispatch. Additional tellers who are not members of the Convention may be appointed in order that the official tellers may not be obligated to absent themselves from the Convention while the ballots are being counted.

31. The Bishop shall have the authority to appoint all Board Members, Trustees, and Committee Members, and fill other positions which are not required to be elected or otherwise selected by the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese of Dallas or any other lawful authority.

32. Doors shall be closed during voting and entry to the Convention floor shall be denied until ballots are collected, or, if not a ballot vote, until the results of the vote are announced.

Miscellaneous

33. The Presiding Officer, or such person as he may designate, shall be in charge of the admission of all media personnel to the Convention floor, and no TV or video cameras shall be permitted on the floor without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No literature shall be distributed at the Convention, on the floor or on the premises, without prior approval of the Presiding Officer.

34. The audible use of cell phones and other personal accessories shall not be permitted during sessions of the Convention.

35. The proceedings of the Convention shall be tape recorded and permanently filed.

36. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates. These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates, provided such amendments are not in violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese.

37. The Constitutions and Canons Committee shall be authorized to correct article, canon, and section designations, numbering, grammar, punctuation and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes that will not change the meaning or intent of an amendment or resolution as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Convention in approving the amendment or resolution.

38. The Rules of Procedure of the previous meeting of Convention shall be in force until they are amended or repealed.

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Fr. Gilton then presented the following Agenda for the Convention, which had been distributed in advance to the delegates in the Convention Booklet on page 2:

PROPOSED AGENDA

Saturday, November 1, 2014

7:30 am	Registration – Exhibits Open, Coffee and Continental Breakfast
8:30 –9:30 am	Opening Worship / Eucharist
9:30 – 12:00 pm	Convention Convenes
	Credentials Committee Report
	Dispatch of Business
	Report of Nominating Committee
	Election Procedures
	First Ballot

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	Address – The Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Luncheon
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Clergy Spouse Luncheon
1:00 pm	Reconvene
	Report of the Constitution and Canons Committee
	Report of the Resolutions Committee
	Elections Continued
	Adjourn as Convention/Convene as Corporation
	Reconvene as Convention
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Budget
5:00 pm	Closing Prayer

The agenda was adopted by voice vote without objection, and Fr. Gilton concluded his report from the Committee on the Dispatch of Business.

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With the adoption of the three reports (Credentials, Rules of Procedure, and Agenda), the Chair announced that the convention was organized and ready for the transaction of business.

The Chair recognized Mr. Robert Mebus, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who offered the first report of the Nominating Committee with the nomination of Mr. Richard D’Antoni for the office of Secretary of Convention. Bishop Lambert asked if there were nominations from the floor. Seeing none, he asked for a vote. Mr. D’Antoni was elected by voice vote.

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The Chair moved a suspension of rules in order to approve licensed clergy (those who served in churches in this Diocese, but who were not canonically resident) to sit with their congregations’ delegations and to allow them to have voice, but no vote. This action required a two-thirds vote. The Chair noted that the ruling applied to:

The Rev. Stanford Chambers, St. Augustine, Dallas; The Rev. Andrea Conklin, Christ Church, Dallas; The Rev. Lisa Flores, Saint Michael and All Angels, Dallas; The Rev. George Joseph, St. Andrew’s, Farmers Branch; The Rev. Jeff Kraemer, St. David of Wales, Denton; The Rev. Terry Matthews; The Rev. Jacob Muiruri, Trinity Anglican; The Rev. Richard Osborne, St. John’s, Pottsboro; The Rev. William Taylor, Good Shepherd, Dallas; and The Rev. John Thorpe, St. John’s, Dallas.

The convention approved the seating of licensed clergy without objection by those present.

The Chair announced that the Daughters of the King of the Diocese would pray during the entire Convention and that a prayer box was available on their exhibit table for prayer requests.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard D’Antoni, Secretary of the Convention. Mr. D’Antoni noted that the Journal of the 118th Annual Diocesan Convention held in 2013 and the Reports for the present convention had been previously approved by a committee consisting of the Chancellor, the Secretary of Convention, and the Parliamentarian, and had been posted on the Diocesan website. The Chair thanked the committee and then asked the convention body if there were any objections to the three-member committee serving as the body that approved of the minutes. Hearing no objection, the minutes of the 118th Annual Diocesan Convention were approved.

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The Chair nominated Mr. Timothy A. Mack to be Chancellor of the Diocese. Mr. Mack was elected unanimously. The Bishop announced that he had appointed as Assistant Chancellors the following: Mr. Neil D. Anderson (Senior Chancellor), The Rev. Michael S. Mills (Vice Chancellor), and the following Assistant Chancellors: Mr. Scott Matheson, Mr. Paul A. Schweizer, Mrs. Jennifer Hargrave, and Mr. Robert Mebus.

The Chair nominated Mr. Tom Graves to be Treasurer of the Diocese. Mr. Graves was elected. The Bishop appointed Mrs. Mary Sonom and Mrs. Cathleen Dolt to be Assistant Treasurers.

The Chair appointed Ms. Kay Crews as Parliamentarian for the Convention.

The Chair appointed Mr. Christopher Rodgers, Mr. David Gibbs, Mr. Jim Morris, and Mr. Perry Whitlock as Sergeants-at-Arms during the convention.

The chair recognized The Rev. Canon René Somodevilla at the podium. He reported the following clergy changes.

Clergy Changes

New Rectors/Vicars/Priests-in-charge/Interims:

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| • The Rev. Michael Hurst, Vicar | Church of the Savior, Allen |
| • The Rev. Matthew Frick, Vicar | St. Matthias, Athens |
| • The Rev. Paul Wheatley, Vicar | St. Augustine's, Dallas |
| • The Rev. Scot McComas, Interim | St. Luke's, Dallas |
| • The Rev. Joy Daley, Rector | St. Thomas, Dallas |
| • The Rev. Casey Shobe, Rector | Transfiguration, Dallas |
| • The Rev. Oliver Lee, Rector | Trinity, Dallas |
| • The Rev. Jim Harris, Rector | St. Anne, DeSoto |
| • The Rt. Rev. James Stanton, Priest-in-charge | St. Philip's, Frisco |
| • The Rev. Keith Turbeville, Rector | Holy Trinity by the Lake, Heath/Rockwall |
| • The Rev. Mike Wallens, Priest-in-charge | Redeemer, Irving |
| • The Rev. Catherine Thompson, Rector | Annunciation, Lewisville |
| • The Rev. Ethel Channon, Vicar | St. Mark's, Mount Pleasant |
| • The Rev. Wesley Evans, Priest-in-charge | St. Stephen's, Sherman |

Received:

The Rev. Joanna George, deacon
The Rev. Lamuel Salik, retired
The Rev. Joseph Hermerding
The Rev. Christopher Steel
The Rev. Paul Nesta
The Rev. Clint Wilson
The Rev. René Somodevilla
The Rev. Bill Murray

Retired:

The Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton
The Rev. Gail Gateley

Deceased:

The Rev. Grover Cleveland McElyea

The Rev. Emmett Moore Waits
The Venerable James Kent Webb
The Rev. Robert Roy Baines
The Rev. O. Martin Goller
The Rev. Wesley T. "Ted" Nelson

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chair recognized Mr. Mebus for another report. Mr. Mebus presented the nominees.

Standing Committee

(Clergy) Elect One

The Rev. Michael Gilton
The Very Rev. Dr. Neal Michell
The Rev. Dr. David Petrash
The Rev. Greg Pickens

(Lay) Elect One

Cathleen Dolt
Orrin Harrison
Jolayne LaCour

Executive Council

(Clergy) Elect Two

The Rev. Joy Daley
The Rev. Diana Freeman
The Rev. Amy Heller
The Rev. Aquilino Lara
The Rev. Greg Methvin

(Lay) Elect Four

Roger Allspaugh
Connie Bertram
Robert Button
Fred Ellis
Jennifer Hargrave
Daniel Macias
Don Mills
Phil Ritter
Mark Rojas
Don Strain

Trustee, University of the South

(Lay) Elect One

Louis Harms
Gilda Hurst

Mr. Mebus added that information on each of the nominees was printed in the Convention Booklet, pages 14-38. He recommended use of the Tally Sheets found in the Convention Booklet on page 39-41. The Chair announced that the floor was open for further nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, the Chair closed the nominations.

The bishop recognized Mr. Scott Matheson, Chair of Elections Committee, to go over the voting instructions found on page 13 of the booklet. Mr. Matheson explained that clergy would receive blue ballots and that the lay delegates would receive salmon-colored ballots. He continued with the rules for completing the ballots.

The Chair instructed the Tellers to assist the Elections Committee and the Sergeants-at-Arms to be posted the hall doors.

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The Chair introduced the Archbishop of Nigeria, The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, Bishop of Kaduna Diocese, Kaduna, Nigeria who offered an address to the convention. He presented his work in Nigeria and work there amongst the Muslim people. He spoke about his position on liaising between Anglican provinces and dioceses with the goal of keeping the Anglican Communion together.

Bishop Lambert mentioned that the Cranmer Institute was hosting Archbishop Fearon in the week after convention, and encouraged interested persons to contact The Rev. Canon Christopher Seitz for more information.

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The Chair called on Mr. Richard D'Antoni from Saint Michael and All Angels to introduce a presentation on the Amistad Mission Bolivia. Mr. D'Antoni asked Mr. Chris King, Executive Director of Amistad Mission, to come to the dais for a presentation on planning life-changing pilgrimages through his organization. Mr. King shared the mission and work of Amistad, and invited the members to come by his exhibit booth for more information.

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The Chair called on The Rev. Dr. Robert Dannals, Rector of Saint Michael and All Angels, to introduce The Rev. Olga Barrera, Head of Holy Spirit Episcopal School and Rector of Espiritu Santo mission church in Honduras. She offered greetings to the convention from their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, and spoke about the needs in their community and the remarkable work and ways Saint Michael has helped her students. Mother Barrera presented Bishop Lambert with a carved wooded plaque with the seals of our diocese and hers.

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The Chair, The Right Rev. Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan offered his address.

Address to the 119th Annual Convention
Bishop Paul E. Lambert-Bishop Pro Tempore, Diocese of Dallas
All Saints Day 2014

As we gather this day to do the work of the Church, our theme is "For All the Saints." I chose this theme for the obvious reason that our convention has fallen on All Saints Day, but also to acknowledge our heritage as we look forward to our new beginnings and new hope. Our African brothers and sisters have a wonderful saying that goes, "If you don't know where you've been, you don't know how you're going to find your way forward." It occurs to me, from time-to-time, that we often forget where we have been, what we have experienced in the corporate sense, and simply go through the motions of our day-to-day existence involved in our own "world" as it were, in our own congregations. We pride ourselves in the fact that we are Episcopalians, part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic church, but we often forget that we have brothers and sisters in Christ in our same neighborhoods, same diocese, another state, another country. We are all in this together. We have lost our connection with those who made a difference in our lives, our mentors, friends, leaders, and all those who shaped us individually and corporately, who founded our congregation, who through a great deal of sacrifice of their time and resources built up places where we can worship and we call home, where we meet new friends, baptize our children, bury our family.

The church has a wealth of experience when it comes to engaging in the world and we need not re-invent the wheel to be engaged in our community as those saints, representing their lives and their witness to the world we are in. We as a diocese have a rich and long history at being the "missional church" dating to our first

missionary bishop and subsequently our First Bishop Diocesan, Alexander Garrett, who also became the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. His life left an imprint upon our diocese that describes and defines to us what it means to “go forth” and proclaim the Gospel. It is part of our DNA as a diocese to be engaged in our community, to be engaged in the world, whether it be here in Dallas, Honduras, Nigeria, and yes, even Alaska. We are always being sent. The role and the purpose of the clergy is to equip the saints. It is through our life and witness that we share and strengthen those to go forth in the world and be extensions of our ministry and our altars. When we live into this reality, we honor those who have gone on before, and our lives are better because of it. We must never forget that. That is why All Saints Day is important.

I don't know how most of you felt today. I know I had a different view than most of you did when we came into the church. But you could really close your eyes and think, somehow, this is a little taste of heaven. The choirs, angels and archangels singing triumphantly entering into that sanctuary, the holy of holies, coming together as the body of Christ – different as many of us may be – we are still God's children who have one Father, one Lord, Jesus Christ. I was moved to tears as I watched my brother and sister clergy and my brothers and sisters in Christ gather together singing, lifting up the saints, the prayers of the saints. We're bound together, one with another, the now and the not yet. That's where our strength is, that's what saints do because we have not only fallen head over heels in love with God and his son, Jesus Christ, we are somehow, through the weaknesses that we have, to fall in love with one another.

St. Paul reminds us “that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” and this is no more true than when we are serving the poorest of poor in places like Bolivia or Honduras or small villages of Alaska, or small villages of Nicaragua or Western Africa or worshipping in the grandest way possible, like we did this morning: the church at its best. The saints are gathered around us and we can gain strength and purpose from their witness. You who are gathered here today are in communion with all those clergy and lay delegates who have gathered in each of the last 118 years of the history of our diocese. We can't see them, but they are here. We've got to remember that we never stand alone. They are always with us. That's why we say silly things in our liturgy like, “Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.” This is real stuff. This is what gives us the strength and courage to go forth into the world. When we are sitting in our congregations and we used to be 200 on a Sunday, and now we're at 10 or 20, we got to know that the saints are gathered with us and that's where we're supposed to get this courage to go forth and bring others into that community of faith. You and I are continuing the work they began, and prepare work for those who will come after you. The work that we are doing on this day is important, it makes a difference, and as Dean Michell in one of his addresses at one of our conventions, we will leave our footprints so others will follow them.

As we transition through this period between bishops, let us not hesitate to reflect on what we have done as we look forward with hope to what is to be. In doing so we will be better prepared to discern God's will for us and our diocese. All the work we do in our various ministries and venues we do so a saints of God, those who have fallen head over heels in love with God, seeking to serve him and others in the name of our blessed Lord, Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on the year since our last convention I do so with thankfulness and hope. Thankful for the life and ministry of our now resigned, Bishop James Stanton, thankful for the confidence in me, shown by the Standing Committee when they asked me to be the Ecclesiastical Authority and to serve on your behalf. I am humbled by this honor to serve with them as we look forward to the election of our next Bishop Diocesan and I thank the Standing Committee for this honor. The hope of my reflection today is that our diocese comes together in unity with one another as we choose our next bishop. Really turn the swords into ploughshares, to lay aside that and look to see who God is calling, to bind ourselves, one to another, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Coming together in unity as we chose our next bishop, or should I say, to reaffirm who God has already chosen to be our next bishop, lest we forget that it is His church and He calls. It is my hope that we will look for every opportunity to gather together to do the “mission” of the Church, working together for that which is well pleasing in the sight of God. Now is the time for us to be one with one another in moving forward in the reconciling love of God in Christ. That is what the mission of the church is. Let us practice what we preach.

As we reflect on this holy day of All Saints, I would be remiss in not mentioning the death of our brother in Christ Deacon Jim Webb. Many of us here were touched by his kindness and concern, his passion, his love. And for those of you who did not have the opportunity to know him, you'll get to meet him someday. Our lives were enriched for having known Jim. As one of God's saints, Jim left an imprint upon each of us who knew him, but no imprint is larger than that which he left upon the community of Dallas helping and beginning and dreaming the ministry of The Gathering. With his passion and love for the homeless, tempest tossed of our community, he has left his mark and the love of God in Christ will forever be proclaimed and experienced in this ministry in this place. And each one of you and you congregations who go and serve on behalf of the people at The Gathering will honor is life, and we are forever grateful for him.

This past year has been a year of planting and renewal for many of our congregations, new and old. After a year of organizing St. Timothy's, Murphy, our newest church plant, that launched its first service this past August. Suffering through torn up highways and broken up parking lots, on their first Sunday of worship they had an attendance of more than 90! What a blessing. Though it's tapered-off -- attendance is steady and they continue to have new interested people coming each Sunday. Fr. Brendan Kimbrough and his ministry team are doing wonderful work and we bid your prayers for them as they continue to grow.

This past spring we formed a new congregation in Oak Cliff from three older, struggling congregations, St. Augustine of Hippo, or as I've been told to call them, St. Augustine's Oak Cliff, (for obvious reasons). The saints from Epiphany - Dallas, St. George's - Dallas, and St. Paul's - Dallas gathered together under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Oliver Lee (now the vicar of Trinity, Hillcrest) and Fr. Stan Chambers, still assisting there, and presented themselves to me with the proposition to form one congregation. It was very organic in nature. And even I learned a long time ago to stay out of the way and just see what happens. In June, I was able to steal Fr. Paul Wheatley away from Incarnation and assign him as Vicar of St. Augustine's along with one of our newest Deacons, Rebecca Tankersley, and charged them with the task to grow God's church. They are beginning to see growth among younger families in the area so much so they have had to clean out and refurbish the Nursery and turned it into one again. This is a good sign. There is much to be thankful for and again, I bid your prayers for their continued growth. And they thank you for your support, for your gifts and talents as you give to the Diocese we are able to make this kind of thing happen and we thank you for it.

Emmanuel Church, our nascent Nigerian congregation continues to grow under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Daniel Ofoegbu and his team. They will be celebrating their first anniversary next Sunday with their Fall Festival. It starts at 12:00 noon, by the way. It is a joyous and life-giving place to worship and I encourage you to visit them some time, you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Church of the Incarnation had a very successful capital campaign. They raised \$26 million to add to their facility. And, now there is a big hole in the ground with things sticking up. And we're moving closer. It is a wonderful thing to witness a growing church in that part of town. We are very fortunate for your life and your witness.

St. Paul's, Prosper had a capital campaign this spring, our church plant. The rector thinking he was only going to be able to raise about \$400,000, and to our surprise and with the partnership with the Diocese of Dallas, they announced that they had raised \$950,000. And then, if that weren't enough, at the ground breaking this past September, we dug the ground and blessed the land and as I was leaving, the vicar, Michael Gilton, texted me that the father and mother of a parishioner gave them an additional \$100,000 for their building fund. They are doing wonderful work there, and we give God thanks for them growing for the their successful capital campaign, and more importantly their witness to Jesus Christ.

Epiphany, Richardson is embarking on a capital campaign to add much needed building and renovations to theirs and we're praying for a successful campaign, and it's very exciting.

Cathedral of St. Matthew, our cathedral, has begun a capital campaign. I bid your prayers for them as they continue to serve God in that part of the city. Dean Michell and his team are doing wonderful work there as they are experiencing growth and renewal of ministries and please pray for the success of their campaign.

For the most part, I want to tell you how very proud I am of the stewardship of your congregations and your intentionality and paying attention to stewardship. We have found that those congregations who have really been intentional about it, who have formed their narrative, who have told their story and have asked their parish, the people become very generous. In many instances, you see a twenty and thirty and forty per cent increase in the giving. Simply sending a letter out in the mail saying, "Here's your pledge card" doesn't seem to be as effective as it once was. We live in a time of relationships. Be engaged with your community. You will hear a report from our Treasurer, Tom Graves, that we are at about 97% giving to the Diocese. Every congregation is right up there. And, we thank you so much for that. It makes our job so much easier, and we give thanks to God for your faithfulness.

As we celebrate this new birth and growth and renewal within our diocese we also must recognize the closing of our smaller congregations that have been subject to rapid demographic changes that no longer make it possible to support an Episcopal Church in those communities. We will officially close one at this convention, St. Peter's, The Colony. Next year, once we have completed the necessary canonical steps we will bring before you Epiphany-Dallas, St. George's - Dallas, St. Paul's-Dallas and, St. David's - Gilmer, and Holy Trinity Northeast. These churches had been beacons of light to their neighborhoods but by no fault of their own, they were no longer viable communities of faith. Please join me in giving thanks for their many years of service and witness on behalf of the diocese.

After two years of prayer and consideration we have determined the need to close the Renewal Center. Forty-two years ago this convention organized the Renewal Center as a program of the Diocese. It has since served faithfully and with distinction as the Renewal Ministries of this diocese as well as our one-time partner, the Diocese of Fort Worth. Many of us gathered here today have spiritually benefitted from the programs offered by the Renewal Center. I want to personally thank (Mrs.) Jeri Corley, who will retire at the end of this year, for her many years of service and commitment to the Cursillo Movement and to the Renewal Ministries. For her many, many years of faithful service, we give her thanks. She is truly a saint, continues to serve God quietly, sometimes behind the scenes, but always the faithful servant. To Susie Kiraly, a member of St. John's in Dallas, has been a huge asset to our Happening ministry. We thank her for her commitment, her love, her passion, her joy for those things. I am certain I speak for all the Cursillistas and "Happener's" throughout the diocese when I say thank you, thank you, thank you.

For the past year, Carrie Headington and Fr. Bob Corley, more recently, have served as the directors of the Renewal Center, and they will continue to oversee the ministries, part-time, as we move forward in a new way of being. The closing of the Center does not mean the end of the Cursillo, Happening, or New Beginnings programs; in fact, it is just the opposite. They will continue to be available and staffed as before but with a more "grass roots" model. The way it was a long time ago. It's coming forth through us with our commitment.

Since our last gathering we have added a new Director of Communications to replace Bret Williams who moved to San Antonio with his family. Kimberly Durnan has been with us since March of this year and has rapidly growing into this position. Kimberly has been overseeing the complete re-building of our website and social media network capabilities. In addition to this she has produced two printed editions of the *Esprit*, ones I hope you have enjoyed reading. If you are not receiving yours in the mail, please contact our office and we will make sure you get on the list. I thank the commission for their work.

In addition to the Director of Communications, I added an Interim Canon to the Ordinary to my staff. With Canon Heard on sabbatical this past summer and fall, and Bishop Stanton's resignation, I turned around and it was just me. But, fortunately, at the urging of the Finance Committee, Standing Committee, and Executive Council, I was encouraged to find some help. And I did. Known to many of you already and, perhaps he needs

no introduction, Canon René Somodevilla came out of retirement to serve you and me during our time of transition. He has been a big help already and we look forward to many months of serving you together. I really appreciate his work, and I thank you, René, for coming along side me. We look forward to serving you together.

I am happy to announce to you this day that Camp All Saints continues to grow and prosper under the direction of David Campbell. We added another camp this year bringing to four, the number of weeks our campers were able to enjoy your camp and God's creation. You will be happy to know that the mission of Camp All Saints remains clear and focused on making disciples and forming them into faithful leaders who will serve the Church in many ways. Your continued support for our scholarship fund (\$45,000 last year) continues to make possible the attendance at camp for many young people who would otherwise not be able to share in this wonderful experience. I encourage you to stop by the display area to hear more of the story and to participate in their wonderful ministry.

The Episcopal Community Service Network continues to seek ways for our diocese and its congregations to engage in their communities. The One School One Church effort continues to grow and make significant progress in meeting the myriad needs of our public schools in our communities. In addition to this noble effort we have begun to engage in addressing the needs of hunger in our communities, particularly among the very young, those who are food at-risk. Under the passionate direction of our Missioner for Outreach, Dabney Dwyer, congregations are encouraged to participate in any way possible to address hunger in their communities. Dabney will be more than happy to visit your congregation and resource your work in this area.

One of my focuses this coming year will be addressing the needs for theological education. We are responsible for raising -up spiritual leaders who have been formed and trained to "equip the saints." We have done a good job heretofore, but the one thing we have not addressed is the need to fund this formation and training. We send these young people off to seminary thinking that everything will be fine. But many of them will graduate, or have graduated, with \$85,000 to \$100,000 in debt. In some cases it may take years to recover, slowing them down in their development because they are worried about how they are going to pay for it. Seminaries are finding it more and more difficult to manage their programs because of so few resources. It is my hope that in working with our Commission on Ministry, Standing Committee, and Finance Committee, and Executive Council, we as a diocese can address this situation in a creative and generous way.

Several General Conventions ago there was a resolution passed asking that each congregation consider contributing 1% of their net disposable income to the seminary of their choice. In some cases this went to the seminary their clergy attended, in others it was sent to the diocese for them to distribute. We also have on the books Theological Education Sunday and it always falls in February. This year it falls on February 1st. The congregation would have a seminarian in attendance to preach and later answer questions about their experience at seminary. The offering that day was dedicated to Theological Education and provided much need scholarship relief. I wonder how many congregations have a Theological Education Sunday now? I know a few do. And I know that a few have the 1% set aside for seminary support.

It seems to me that we need to start afresh and become more intentional in our support of theological education. We have a moral responsibility to future generations to raise-up faithful servants to "equip the saints". We have to be able to make our mark, to leave our footsteps. I would like to challenge each of our congregations to renew their commitment to theological education. We can and must make a difference. We must seek new opportunities for educating our clergy in the future. Being more nimble, more mobile, more creative. I have been in conversation with a few of our seminaries about creating an opportunity here providing some distance-learning mixed with some residential experience to meet the requirement of getting an MDiv. Things are still in the works, but it is looking like we may be able to do that. The diocese will need your help as we look at these new models for raising up our young men and women for effective ministry in the future.

In closing let me take this opportunity to thank my staff for their work this past year. They have been faithful in their various ministries. It has been an adjustment to be sure, with Bp. Stanton's resignation, but each and every

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one of them have stepped forward and filled in the breach and done what has been needed to be a resource to our clergy and congregations of our diocese. They are ready to help and assist you in any way. Virginia, Ticoy, Susan, Kimberly, Deacon Pam, Canon Heard, Amy, Kim, and Canon Rene, thank you for all that you do for this diocese and for me.

Finally, thank you again to the Standing Committee for this honor and thank you to each of you for your support and for your prayers. Something that struck Sal and me when we go to congregations on visitations, is that when they pray for Paul our Bishop, they are praying for me. That is very powerful because it means so much to us. We are humbled by it and we are strengthened by it. Serving the Diocese of Dallas, next to preaching the Gospel, is the best thing a person can do, and I am so very grateful to be able to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and you as we anticipate the coming of our next shepherd and of our next leader. Thank you for your prayers, thank you for the support of the Standing Committee. and thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.

God bless you and God bless the Diocese of Dallas!

- The Right Reverend Paul E. Lambert, Bishop Suffragan

At the conclusion of the address, the convention showed its appreciation with an extended applause and a standing ovation.

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The Chair recognized Mr. Matheson for Report #1 from the Committee on Elections on the first ballot. Mr. Matheson reported in detail. Having not achieved an election in all areas, the Chair called for pages to pass out the ballot cards for the second ballot.

The Chair called upon Fr. Ed Monk to lead the convention in noon-day prayers. After noon-day prayers concluded, the Chair announced that the Greater Dallas Coalition would be gathering cans of food through lunch. He noted the locations for specific ministry luncheon gatherings.

The Chair recessed the meeting for lunch.

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The convention reconvened after lunch.

The Chair recognized Mr. Scott Matheson for report on the second ballot from the Committee on Elections on the second ballot. Mr. Matheson reported in detail on the first report of the second ballot. Having an election in all areas, the Chair thanked the committee and dismissed them from further service at the meeting. He then asked that the convention give itself a hand for completing elections in two ballots.

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The Chair called upon Mr. Dan Wilson from the Episcopal Foundation of Dallas for the purpose of a presentation Mr. Wilson shared the goals and mission of the foundation as well as a recap of how their money is invested. He commented on the hiring of a new Executive Director, Ms. Shana Romanillos who would be present at the booth to answer questions.

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Bishop Lambert showed a video provided by The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska. The video, about work in Alaska, was called *Dance of the Spirit*.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

The Chair called upon the Chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Tim Mack of St. Matthew's Cathedral who is also Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to make a report on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons. He referred the delegates to page 69 of the Convention Booklet.

He instructed that this reading of the proposed amendment is a Second Reading. Constitutional amendments require two readings. If approved, the amendment to the Article will become effective at this convention and become part of the constitution.

Note: Strikethrough text represents deletions to the present text; bolded text represents additions to the present text.

2014 – C01 Proposed Amendment to Article III –SECOND READING

RESOLVED that Article III of the Constitution of the Diocese be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 3 ANNUAL CONVENTION

There shall be held an Annual Convention **of the Diocese held at a place and time designated by at the Cathedral on the third Friday in October, unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee shall appoint another place or time. The time and place of the next Annual Convention shall be announced at each Annual Convention prior to its adjournment. In the event that a change in the time and/or place of an Annual Convention is determined by the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, to be necessary or advisable, Thirty (30) days notice of such change shall be given to each Parish and Mission in union with the Convention at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.**

Rationale: Planning for the convention, including securing best pricing on various services and accommodations, requires some flexibility in the date and place.

Submitted by: Constitution and Canons Committee

The proposed amendment to Article III was recommended by the Committee on the Constitution and Canons. No second was required as it came from the committee. The motion was considered and vote was taken by orders; motion was approved.

The Chair of the Constitution and Canons Committee presented the second proposed canonical change for consideration. He instructed the delegates to strike the word "all" in the third line of Section 26.6, which did not get printed correctly as a struck word in the convention booklet.

2014 – C02 Proposed Amendment to Canon 26

RESOLVED that Section 26.6 be amended to read as follows:

Section 26.6 The Committee shall inform itself as to the persons so proposed and, after due consideration of their background, references and qualifications, shall forward to the Convention the names of ~~all~~ those persons (not more than seven (7) but not fewer than three (3)) whom the Committee deems qualified for such office. The Committee shall prepare a report to the Convention giving the names of the persons nominated which includes biographical information and a photograph of each nominee. **In addition, the Standing Committee shall make adequate provision for the nomination of additional persons by petition.**

Rationale: In planning for the upcoming search and nomination process for the Seventh Bishop of Dallas, the Standing Committee would like to give the committee additional direction as to its discretion to limit the number of nominees submitted to the convention. Four or five nominees are typical in these elections. A petition process that would commence after the committee nominees are announced but concluded in time to accomplish the necessary background checks prior to the convention is also contemplated and the proposed change would add an express reference to such a process.

Submitted by: Standing Committee

The motion was considered and approved. Mr. Mack commented that, because the now approved amendment is a change to a canon and not the constitution, a second reading is not required.

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St. Peter's, The Colony

The Chair asked the convention to consider the resolution for the dissolution of the mission St. Peter's, The Colony according to Canon 19. The dissolution has been approved by the Executive Council, and now comes before the convention.

Resolved and in accordance with the provision of Canon 19.1 of the diocesan canons, St. Peter's, The Colony is hereby declared extinct and is dissolved.

The resolution was approved by voice vote.

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Bishop Lambert called on Fr. Michael Gilton for the report from the Resolutions Committee. He asked that the delegates turn to page 70 of the convention booklet to consider the following resolution.

2014 - R-001 Persecution of Christians

Resolved that the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas urge the Presiding Bishop to work alongside our ecumenical partners to halt persecution of Christians throughout the world.

Rationale: The persecution and abuse of Christians cannot be ignored. Many religious leaders of multiple faiths are adding their voices in support of persecuted Christians. As Episcopalians, we must decry this persecution and be leaders in the effort to do so.

Submitted by: Don Candy, Chairman, Epiphany Chapter, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew;
Jim Vineyard, Vice Chairman, Epiphany Chapter, Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Fr. Gilton moved that the resolution be accepted, as it was recommended by the Resolutions Committee.

The Rev. Virginia Holleman approached the Chair to offer an amendment to the Resolution. She asked that the convention consider the words “to continue” be inserted before the word “alongside” in the first sentence. The amendment was approved by a majority in a voice vote. The Chair instructed the convention to then consider the revised resolution. Motion carried by a majority.

No further resolutions were submitted. Fr. Gilton concluded the report from the Resolutions Committee.

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Youth Commission (DDYC) Address

The Chair invited Mr. Raj Landry, St. Nicholas, Flower Mound, to give a talk on behalf of the DDYC. Mr. Landry spoke about the activities and wide-reaching impact of the youth commission. At the conclusion, the Chair thanked him for his presentation and work among the youth of the diocese. The convention offered a standing ovation.

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Jubilee Ministry

The Chair called upon Archdeacon Rosemary Trei, Diocesan Jubilee Officer, for a presentation on the Jubilee Ministries. Archdeacon Trei introduced The Rev. Canon Mark Stevenson, Missioner for Domestic Poverty for the Episcopal Church whose work focuses on Jubilee Ministry. Canon Stevenson travels the country and helps churches engage in work amongst the poor. The Diocese of Dallas has 10 recognized Jubilee Ministries, three of which have been confirmed the Executive Council of TEC in the last twelve months. Canon Stevenson called those groups forward to receive certificates:

- Church of the Ascension, Dallas for their food program and ELS classes
- Church of the Epiphany, Richardson for their garden programs
- St. James, Texarkana for the Randy Sams homeless shelter

The Chair asked Archdeacon to stay at the podium in order to present the work of the Missional Church Commission on behalf of Missioner Dabney Dwyer. A video was shown. Archdeacon Trei referred the convention delegates to their convention packets in which a pamphlet on Hunger Solutions had been provided.

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The Secretary of Convention, Mr. Richard D’Antoni, moved that the Convention adjourn and that the body convene as the Corporation. Motion was passed unanimously.

BISHOP’S NOMINATIONS TO THE CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Five-year term

Term Ending 2019

Mr. William Beecherl
Mr. G. Thomas Graves, III

All elections were approved by voice vote. Mr. D'Antoni moved adjournment as a Corporation and to reconvene as a Convention. Motion was passed unanimously.

Bishop Lambert referred those present to look at the purple sheet in the convention packet for a list of his appointments as he read them.

**BISHOP'S NOMINATIONS TO
INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES/BOARDS/COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS**

FUND FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE EPISCOPATE

One-year term

Term ending 2015

Mr. G. Thomas Graves, III
Mrs. Cathleen Dolt
Mr. John Hind
Mr. Robert Hulsey

Mrs. Martha Lang
Mr. Tim Mack
Mr. Scott Matheson

These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

TITLE IV INTAKE OFFICERS

The Rev. J. D. Brown

The Rev. Craig A. Reed

These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Three-year term

Term Ending 2017

The Rev. Mark Wright, Chair
The Rev. Ed Monk
The Rev. Phil Snyder

The Rev. Joe Hermerding
Mrs. Rebecca Wellborn
Mr. Don George

These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PENSION FUND

Term ending 2015

Mr. Steve Eggers
Mr. Ford Keith
The Rt. Rev. Paul E. Lambert

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These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Term Ending 2015
Mr. Tom Graves
Mrs. Mary Sonom
Mrs. Cathleen Dolt

These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

COMMISSION ON EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS

Three-year rotating basis terms, not more than two consecutive terms

The Rev. David Houk, Chair	Mrs. Jennifer Hargrave
Mr. John Hind	The Rev. Michael Harmuth
The Rev. Amy Heller	Ms. Jean Casey

These elections were seconded and approved by voice vote.

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The Chair called upon The Rev. Robert Johnston, Chair of the Bishop Search Committee, and Mr. Tony Briggie, Chair of the Transition Committee for their reports. Fr. Johnston asked members of the Standing Committee and the Search Committee to stand. The convention showed their appreciation with applause. Fr. Johnston reviewed the highpoints heretofore since Bishop James Stanton announced his resignation (retirement). He announced that the slate of bishop candidates would be made public on February 1, 2015. At that point there would be a 10-day petition period. A final slate would be announced about April 6, 2015. Walkabouts with the candidates would be scheduled for the week of April 20th. The special convention for the election of the Bishop Diocesan will be Saturday, May 16, 2015. He clarified that the delegates who will attend the May election are those elected at their churches in the new year. The consecration will be November 2015.

Fr. Johnston introduced the concept of the Transition Committee as used in other dioceses and as recommended by the consultant retained by the Standing Committee. He introduced Mr. Briggie who will chair the committee, to speak about the expected work of the committee. Mr. Briggie described the many tasks ahead for the committee, stating that Texas hospitality is on the line, so he solicited help from all present.

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Bishop Lambert invited The Rev. Virginia Holleman, Chair of the Episcopal Relief and Development for a presentation. Mother Holleman described the work of the ministry and the scope of their campaigns. She showed a video called, "Pennies to Prosperity". She invited all present to see a traveling exhibit portraying some of the organization's work from March 19 to April 2, 2015 at Episcopal School of Dallas and, at the same location, a reception on March 26, 2015. She asked each delegation to locate the hope chest box on tables for a donation.

The Chair called upon the Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. Tom Graves, to make a report on the budget and assessments.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Graves, Treasurer of the Diocese, summarized the convocation presentations made in October, rather than presenting the entire budget. There was no objection. He directed the convention to turn to the convention booklet for the details as he highlighted some of the changes from the previous year's budget.

He explained that the budget comes from the Finance Committee who brought it to the Executive Council where it was approved; therefore, it comes to convention for its approval. The Chair further stated that the motion does not need a second, and asked if there was any discussion.

The Chair recognized Mr. Richard Kerner, Transfiguration, as he approached the procedural microphone to voice his concern that the Instituto de San Mateo is underfunded. Mr. Kerner pledged \$5,000.00 outside of the budget to contribute to its work. Fr. Antonio Munoz asked that all who have been participants in San Mateo Teologico stand and thank Mr. Kerner.

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

Assessment Revenue	3,226,774.00
Endowment for the Episcopate	75,000.00
E. D. Farmer Insurance Grant	36,000.00
Theological Training Grant	100,000.00
Transfer – Diocesan Ministry Reserve	102,500.00
Other Revenue	1,000.00
Interest Income	1,000.00
Allowance for Assessment Adjustments	(30,000.00)
Allowance for Uncollected Assessments	(25,000.00)

TOTAL RECEIPTS: **\$3,637,274.00**

DIOCESAN EXPENSES:

Congregational Development, Support & Services	743,989.00
Church Plants	516,000.00
Clergy Development & Support	300,000.00
Department of Evangelism & Renewal	44,000.00
Catechesis & Youth Ministry Department	149,500.00
College Ministries	98,600.00
Camp & Recreation Operations	257,000.00
Ministry of the Episcopate	194,785.00
Office of the Episcopate	999,500.00
Ministry of the Episcopate	1,479,285.00
Reserve for Extraordinary Expenses	48,900.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: **\$3,637,274.00**

The Chair called for a vote, asking the convention members to stand if voting to adopt the budget. The 2015 budget was adopted by a majority of the voting members.

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The Chair introduced Mr. David Campbell, Director of Camp All Saints, to give a report. Mr. Campbell reported on the successes at summer camp from the proceeding summer. The camp staff served over 300

campers and not one was turned away for financial reasons. The diocese contributed \$50,000 and individual churches donated a total of \$19,000 toward the scholarship fund. Mr. Campbell explained the Digital Discipleship program's goal is to leave a digital footprint on the diocese by creating an annual video that was made by the campers over all the sessions. The video was shown. The convention showed its appreciation with a standing ovation.

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The Chair called upon The Rev. J. D. Brown for a presentation on The Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BSA). Fr. Brown explained that BSA is a ministry for men, a challenging demographic. "How do you guide somebody who needs no direction? You tell them you have a shortcut." He described their work and invited congregations to join him at their upcoming assembly.

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The Chair called on Dr. Christopher Seitz to show a video about The Cranmer Institute. Dr. Seitz asked for those involved in the institute to stand. He described some of the work of TCI specifically, The College of Preachers and the Cranmer Forum.

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The Chair recognized the Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. René Somodevilla, to report on the ordinations since the last convention:

Newly Ordained to the Diaconate:

The Rev. Mark Hall
The Rev. Leslie Stewart
The Rev. Perry Mullins
The Rev. Christopher Yoder
The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley

Newly Ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop James Stanton:

The Rev. Ethel M. Channon
The Rev. Stephen F. Setzer

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COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

The Chair recognized the Secretary to Convention, Mr. Richard D'Antoni who offered the following Courtesy Resolutions.

BE IT RESOLVED, the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, meeting at the Episcopal School of Dallas on the 1st of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2014th, sends greetings to The Rt. Rev. James M. Stanton and his wife, Diane, and wishes them every blessing during their retirement, and our continued thanksgiving for the 21 years of ministry among us.

BE IT RESOLVED, the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas, meeting at the Episcopal School of Dallas on the 1st of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2014th, express its gratitude for the hospitality and support extended to this Convention by the School, its Board of Directors, Head of School, Ms. Meredyth M. Cole and Staff.

BE IT RESOLVED, the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas meeting on the 1st of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2014th, express its appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Tony Briggie, Chair and Ms. Gayle Kesinger, Co-Chair of the Conventions Arrangement Committee for their untiring effort in making this Convention a blessed success.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas to applaud the work of the Rev. Canon Edward Monk for serving as its Chaplain and for ably coordinating the worship of Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, the 119th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas meeting on the 1st of November, in the Year of our Lord the 2014th, express its appreciation and gratitude to the Right Reverend Mark Lattime, Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska, for his sermon and teaching on this day.

Courtesy resolutions were passed by voice vote.

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2014 ELECTION RESULTS

There were four (4) ballots taken. The final results of the voting were as follows:

Standing Committee

(Clergy)

The Rev. Michael Gilton

(Lay)

Cathleen Dolt

Executive Council

(Clergy)

The Rev. Diana Freeman
The Rev. Greg Methvin

(Lay)

Jennifer Hargrave
Daniel Macias
Don Mills
Mark Rojas

Trustee to the University of the South

(Lay)

Mrs. Gilda Hurst

2014 TELLERS' REPORTS

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Clergy (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay
Votes Cast	114	191
Necessary to Elect	58	96
The Rev. Michael Gilton	55	92
The Very Rev. Neal Michell	19	38
The Rev. Dr. David Petrash	22	31
The Rev. Greg Pickens	18	30

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Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Clergy (*elect one*)

BALLOT #2	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	111	183	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>92</u>	
The Rev. Michael Gilton	71	121	ELECTED
The Very Rev. Neal Michell	15	19	
The Rev. Dr. David Petrash	18	21	
The Rev. Greg Pickens	7	22	

Tabulation of Votes for Standing Committee — Lay (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	106	181	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>91</u>	
Mrs. Cathleen Dolt	74	97	ELECTED
Mr. Orrin Harrison	14	35	
Mrs. Jolayne LaCour	18	49	

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Clergy (*elect two*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	208	342	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>86</u>	
The Rev. Joy Daley	29	52	
The Rev. Diana Freeman	55	101	ELECTED
The Rev. Amy Heller	44	51	
The Rev. Aquilino Lara	20	47	
The Rev. Greg Methvin	60	91	ELECTED

Tabulation of Votes for Executive Council — Lay (*elect four*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy	Lay	
Votes Cast	422	693	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>87</u>	
Mr. Roger Allspaugh	20	30	
Ms. Connie Bertram	27	50	
Mr. Robert Button	22	40	
Mr. Fred Ellis	26	48	
Ms. Jennifer Hargrave	73	122	ELECTED
Mr. Daniel Macias	67	97	ELECTED
Mr. Don Mills	64	114	ELECTED
Mr. Phil Ritter	29	43	
Mr. Mark Rojas	69	111	ELECTED
Mr. Don Strain	25	38	

Tabulation of Votes for Trustee, University of the South — Lay (*elect one*)

BALLOT #1	Clergy/Lay	
Votes Cast	273	
<u>Necessary to Elect</u>	<u>137</u>	
Louise Harms	92	
Gilda Hurst	181	ELECTED

The Chair announced that next year's convention would be held on November 13 and 14, 2015 at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas. Bishop Lambert closed with a prayer and adjourned the convention.