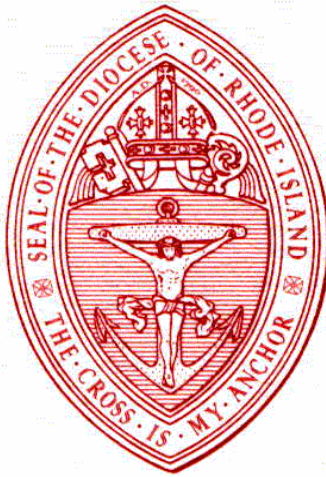


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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF CONVENTION

STANDING COMMITTEE: Canon IV

The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker	2011	Ms. Caryl Frink
The Rev. Pamela Mott	2012	Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick	2013	The Hon. Scott Avedisian (P)
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert	2014	Mr. William Plumb

DIOCESAN COUNCIL: Canon VI

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, President

ELECTED BY CONVENTION

(5 Clergy, 4 Lay, staggered 3-year terms)

The Rev Jim Bocchino (V/P)	2011	Mr. Dante Tavolaro
The Rev Dennis Bucco	2011	
The Rev. Scott Gunn	2012	Mr. Dennis Stark
*****	2012	Ms. Modesta Pellot
The Rev. William Locke	2013	Mr. Dave Seifert
The Rev. Robert Marshall	2013	*****

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY BISHOP

(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. Dcn Ted Hallenbeck	2011	vacant
The Rev. Ann-Marie Richards	2012	Mr. Jim Rezendes
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss	2013	Ms. Ann Rheault

Ex officio

The Bishop
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
Commission on Finance, Mr. Brian Ehlers
President, Standing Committee,
The Hon. Scott Avedisian
Secretary of Council, Ms. Liz Crawley

Staff

The Comptroller
The Canon for Program and
Administration
The Canon for Congregations
and Clergy

Executive Committee of Council

The Bishop, President
The Rev Jim Bocchino
Mr. Dave Seifert
The Rev. William Locke
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss
The Treasurer

COMMISSION ON FINANCE Canon VII.1

Elected (1 clerical, 2 lay)

Mr. James Worrell
Mr. Robert Bergstrand
The Rev. John Pallard

Appointed (1 clerical, 2 lay)

2011
2012
2013

Mr. Scott Nicholson (C)
Mr. Brian Ehlers
The Rev. Dcn. Ted
Hallenbeck

Ex officio

The Bishop,
The Treasurer

Staff

The Comptroller
The Canon for Program and Administration

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT Canon XVI.3 (4 clerical, 3 lay, nominated by Bishop, confirmed by Convention, 4 year terms)

The Rev. Gregory Prior
The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies
The Rev. Jim Bocchino
The Rev. Paul Twelves

2011
2012
2013
2014

Ms. Mary Heffner, Esq.

Mr. Sydney Clifford
Mr. Rossi Harris

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Canon VII.2

Elected

(3 Clerical, 3 Lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev Clare Fischer-Davies
The Rev. David Lucey
The Rev. Susan Carpenter

2011
2012
2013

Ms. Catherine Thenault
Ms. Carol Drought
Ms. Jacqueline Kirby

Appointed

Nominated by Bishop, Confirmed by Convention
(3 clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

vacant
The Rev Casey Shobe (C)
The Rev. Kevin Lloyd

2011
2012
2013

Mr. James Burgess
Mr. Dennis Burton
Mr. Joel Gardiner

Ex Officio

The Canon for Congregations and Clergy (Bishop's Designee)

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY Canon VII.3 (6 clerical, 6 lay; nominated by Bishop, confirmed by Convention. Staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. John Alexander (C)	2011	Vacant
The Rev. Al Barnaby	2011	Ms. Carol Anne Bennett (C)
The Rev David Lucey	2012	Ms. Phoebe Pettingell
The Rev Chris Epperson	2012	Ms. Lavonne Seifert
The Rev. Dcn Jan Grinnell	2013	Ms. Karen Runner
The Rev. Richard Shippee	2013	Mr. Leon Sibielski

Staff

The Canon for Congregations and Clergy

COMMISSION ON INVESTMENTS Canon VII.4 (3 Clerical, 6 Lay. Nominated by Council, confirmed by Convention, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. Gregory Prior	2011	Ms. Francis Gammell-Roach
	2011	Mr. Jeffrey Belden
The Rt. Rev David Joslin	2012	vacant
		Ms. Mary Daly
The Rev Chris Epperson	2013	Mr. Howard Merriman
	2013	Mr. Austin Smith

The Bishop (Ex-Officio)
The Chancellor (Ex-Officio)
The Treasurer (Ex-Officio)

COMMISSION ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE Canon VII.5 (2 clerical, 4 lay, two to be architects or engineers, staggered 3-years terms)

Currently vacant

COMMISSION ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS Canon VII.6 (3 clerical, 2 lay, staggered 5-year terms)

The Rev. Gordon Stenning (C)	2011
Ms. Bernice Belt	2012
Ms. Nancy R. Brown-Cobb	2013
The Rev. Daniel Burke	2014
The Rev. Harrington Gordon	2015

Staff

The Comptroller
The Assistant Treasurer

Committee on Admissions Canon II.3 (1 clerical, 2 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

Currently vacant

Committee on Canons Canon II.4 (3 Clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Chancellor (ex-officio)

The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin	2011	Mr. Benjamin P. Harris III, Esq. (c)
The Rev. Pamela L. Rannenberg	2012	Mr. James H. Hahn, Esq.
The Rev. John J. Pallard	2013	Ms. Patricia A. Sullivan, Esq.

Committee on Agenda Canon II.5 (at least 3 persons)

The Bishop

The Chancellor

The Secretary of Convention

The Canon for Program and Administration

Committee on Resolutions Canon II.6 (3 clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. Chris Epperson	2011	Carol Anne Bennett
The Rev. Bill Locke	2012	vacant
The Rev. Scott Gunn (c)	2013	Dante Tavolaro

The Canon for Program and Administration (staff support)

Committee on Elections Canon II.7 (3 clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev.	2011	Mr. Leon Sibielski
vacant	2012	Ms. Evelyn Brchan
The Rev. Dan Barker	2013	Ms. Meg Barker

The Convention Manager (Ex-Officio)

The Secretary (Ex-Officio)

CONVENTION ROLL OF CLERGY ATTENDEES 2010

Last Name	First Name
ALEXANDER	The Rev. John
AMES	The Rev. Dr. David A.
ANDERSON	The Rev. Evangeline
BAILEY	The Rev. Dcn. Patricia
BARNABY	The Rev. Alcide
BARRY	The Rev. Dcn. Jean
BESIER	The Rev. Bettine
BOCCHINO	The Rev. James
BRADNER	The Rev. Lawrence
BRIGHTMAN	The Rev. Dcn. Ricky
BROOKS	The Rev. Robert
BUCCO	The Rev. Dennis
BUOTE-GREIG	The Rev. Eletha
BURKE	The Rev. Dcn. Anne The Rev. Dcn.
BURTON	Christine
CARPENTER	The Rev. Susan
CLOSE	The Rev. Dcn. Leroy
COBURN	The Rev. Mike
COLLINS	The Rev. Dcn Judith
DECARVALHO	The Rev. Maria
DEVENS	The Rev. Philip
DRAKE	The Rev. Jo-Ann
EPPERSON	The Rev. Christopher
FAIRMAN	The Rev. Hank
FISCHER-DAVIES	The Rev. Clare
FRAIOLI	The Rev. Karen
FRASER	The Rev. Fr. R. Trent
FRINK	The Rev. James P.
GATES	The Rev. Alan
GREENE	The Rev. Patrick
GREGORY	The Rev. Pam
GRINNELL	The Rev. Dcn. Janice
GUNN	The Rev. Scott
HAINES-	
MURDOCCO	The Rev. Sandra
HALLENBECK	The Rev. Dcn. Ted
HARRIS	The Rev. Marsue
HIGBIE	The Ven. Dcn. Robin
HITT	The Rev. Dcn. Mary
HUYCK	The Rev. Cn. Jonathan
JOSLIN	The Rt. Rev. David
JULIÁN	The Rev. Mercedes
LESIEUR	The Rev. Dcn. Betsy
LLOYD	The Rev. Kevin
LOCKE	The Rev'd William

LUCEY	The Rev. Cn. David J.
MARSHALL	The Rev. Robert
MAYS-STOCK	The Rev. Dcn. Barbara
MELLO	The Rev. Dcn. Iris E.
MICHAELSON	The Rev. Peter R.
MITCHELL	The Rev. Dr. Judith
MORGAN, V	The Rev'd Richard
MOTT	The Rev. Pamela
NEALE	The Rev. Dcn. Hedwig
NESTOR	The Rev. Elizabeth
NORTH	The Rev. Susan
PALLARD	The Rev. John
PARKER	The Rev. Donald
PECKHAM	The Rev. Ashley
PEDRICK	The Rev. Jennifer
PELLETIER	The Rev. Dcn. Ann
PENFIELD	The Rev. Dr. Joyce
PERRY	The Rev. Cecilia
PHILLIPS	The Rev. Jennifer
RANNENBERG	The Rev. Pamela
RICE	The Rev. Marshall
RICHARDS	The Rev. Anne Marie
ROBERTS	The Rev. Jose
RUNNER	The Rev. Wayne
SCHELL- LAMBERT	The Rev. Anita
SCHNEIDER	The Rev. Empy
SCHWEINSBURG	The Rev. Richard
SHATTUCK	The Rev. Gardiner
SHERMAN	The Rev. Elizabeth
SHIPPEE	The Rev. Richard
SHOBE	The Rev. Casey
SHOEMAKER	The Rev. Stephanie
STILES	The Rev. Susan
STRAHAN	The Rev. Dr. Linda
THORNE	The Rev. Dcn. Joyce
TIERNEY	The Rev. Peter
TUCK	The Rev. Michael
TWELVES	The Rev. Paul
VANDERAU	The Rev. Cn. Bob
WOLF	The Rt. Rev. Geralyn
WRATHALL	The Rev. Susan

TOTAL CLERGY ATTENDEES: 85

**CONVENTION ROLL OF DELEGATES
ATTENDEES 2010**

Alberg	Rebecca
Andrews	Shirley
Audette	Mrs. Jean
Babbitt	Nicholas
Baligian	Paul
Barasda	Andrew
Barker	Mr. William
Beggs	Robert
Bennett	Carol (Missy)
Bergstrand	Robert
Blackinton	Carol
Breakell	James
Bridge	Kenneth
Brown	Carole
Bruckner	Bette
Burgess	James
Cahill	Kenneth
Chamberlin	John
Connors	James
Conrad	Jennifer
Cook	Frank
Cowie	Mr. Ronald
Crokie	Patricia
Cunnigen	Bernadine
Cunnigen	Donald
de Rochambeau	Camilla
Decker	Lisa
DiCicco	Harriet
Drought	Carol
Dubose	Carl
Dunlap	JoAnn
DuPont	Gary
Easton	Sally
Ennis	Melody
Farzan	Dorienne
Fisher	Donna
Foltz	Judy
Forker	Jim
Frink	Caryl
Frueh	Bob
Gaudiosi	Joseph
Gildea	Sandra
Gracia	Robert
Guest	Linda
Hargrove	Lil
Harris	Lynn
Hinthorn	James

Holmes	Maurice
Hood	Mary
Horan	Cynthia
Howe	Laura
Hubbard	Gordon
Iacobucci	Cathy
Johnson	Lisa
Jorgensen	Ray
Kastner	Peter
Kesson	Mary F.
Kintzing	Deborah
LaMantia	Janet
Lautieri	Roy
Leite	John
Little	Meg
Lobecker	Bob
Lombardi	Salvatore
Mason	Jeanne
McAvoy	Brianna
McAvoy	Roger
McClelland	Phyllis
Miro	Carol
Nathanson	George
Nebiker	Irene
O'Rourke	Catherine
Pacheco	Dan
Palmer	Barbara
Palmieri	Robin
Pellot	Modesta
Pettingell	Phoebe
Picozzi	Megan
Plumb	Mr. William
Post	Janice
Rasheed	Ramona
Rene	Paul
Reynolds	Gerry
Rheault	Ann
Rodrigues	Mr. Joseph
Rosario	Jose
Rose	Joseph
Rouvelas	Susan
Santos	Olga
Sayles	Marilyn
Schofield	Stan
Segovis	Jim
Seifert	Dave
Serdakowski	Arlene
Silvia	Donna
Sloan	Mr. Stephan
Smith	Valerie

Spaziano	Phyllis
Stark	Dennis
Stenning	Barbara
Stevens	Bruce
Stevens	Carol
Stevenson	Barbara
Tavolaro	Dante
Thresher	Elizabeth
Tolhurst	Wil
Turner	Candace
Vadney	Ellen
Van Loon	Jon
Varden	Carol
Vaughan	Wheaton
Weeks	Diane
White	Karen
Will	Tyler
Windsor	Helen
Wright	Susan

**CONVENTION ROLL OF ALTERNATES
ATTENDEES 2010**

Heaton	Roy
Carreno	Judith
DiPalma	Sandra
Field	Jean
Hunt	Janet
Hurn	Sue
Livingston	Bruce
Lombardi	Micheline
Manchester	Ms. Donna
Mechnig	Dan
Olsen	Zeke
Pantoja-Velez	Martha
Picozzi	Christopher
Robinson	Aimee
Sherman	Anne
Tani	Toshio
Thomas	Arthur

**DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
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220TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The two-hundred-twentieth meeting of Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 22nd, 2010 at the Cathedral of Saint John in Providence, Rhode Island. The theme for this year's Convention was *Live in Christ, Transform the World*. The preacher for the Holy Eucharist was The Reverend Canon Andrew White, "Vicar of Baghdad". Holy Eucharist was followed by a reception in Synod Hall.

Convention reconvened at the Mariott Hotel in Providence on Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 and was called to order by The Right Reverend GERALYN WOLF at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Wolf, being ill and without strong voice, then called upon The Reverend William Locke, President of the diocesan Standing Committee, and delegated to him the role of leading Convention through the agenda. Fr. Locke then led Convention in Morning Prayer.

Following Morning Prayer, Fr. Locke called upon The Rev. Kevin Lloyd, Secretary of Diocesan Convention, who reported that at least 1/3 of all clergy of the diocese eligible to vote and not less than 1/3 of all parishes and missions, including the Cathedral Chapter were registered and present, thus constituting a quorum.

Bishop Wolf then called on Edmund Bennett, Diocesan Chancellor, to review the membership and rules of order for convention. Mr. Bennett reminded members of Convention that the Convention is governed by the Constitution and Canons of both the National Church and the Diocese of Rhode Island, and by the Standing Rules of Order of the Diocese of Rhode Island. He also observed that all clerical and lay delegates are entitled to voice and vote, and that all Deputies to General Convention, all officers of the Diocese and all Chairs of Commissions of the Diocese are entitled to a seat and voice, but not a vote, unless they are otherwise members of Convention. He also observed that Convention is open to all persons unless otherwise ordered by Convention. He asked that all speakers approach a microphone and before speaking identify themselves by name and congregational affiliation or office from which their membership is derived. He further asked that any "late resolutions" be handed in writing to The Rev. Scott Gunn, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Bennett also proposed the following resolution with regards to election of deputies to General Convention:

Resolved: That special rules of order of the election of deputies and alternates to General Convention as described herein are hereby adopted:

1. Deputies to General Convention: Beginning with the fourth ballot, and for each successive ballot, the clerical and lay nominee for deputy to General Convention with the lowest number of clerical and lay votes from the preceding ballot shall be deleted from the list of nominees.
2. Alternates to Deputies for General Convention: The selection and seniority of alternates to deputies for General Convention shall be determined by those achieving the highest number of clerical and lay votes from a ballot taken following the election of all deputies.

This resolution was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Rev. Bill Locke recognized The Rev. Dn. Ted Hallenbeck for a special presentation to The Rev. Dn. Leroy “Buck” Close, who has been formally recognized by the North American Association for the Diaconate for his ministry and work, specifically with regards to his work in Social Justice for the people of Haiti. The Rev. Hallenbeck invited The Rev. Dn. Robin Higbie to introduce The Rev. Dn. Close. Bishop Wolf then made the official presentation to The Rev. Dn. Close.

Fr. Locke then called on the Secretary to present the agenda. Calling the delegates’ attention to the copy of the agenda in their folders, the Secretary moved the agenda, which was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Fr. Locke then invited the following individuals to come forward to introduce themselves and be recognized by members of Convention:

New Clergy to the Diocese since last Convention:

The Rev. Ann Marie Richards, Rector at Trinity, Newport
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert, Rector at Emmanuel, Newport
The Rev. Jonathan Hyuck, Rector at Grace Church, Providence
The Rev. Peter Tierney, Rector at St. Andrew’s, Little Compton
The Rev. Robert Marshall, Rector at St. John’s Barrington
The Rev. Edmund Harris, Assistant at Epiphany, East Providence
The Rev. Patrick Greene, Assistant at St. Paul’s, Wickford
The Rev. Mercedes Julian, Hispanic Missioner at Ascension

Seminarian:

Ms. Becky Gettel, Episcopal Divinity School

Candidate for Holy Orders:

Mr. John Higginbotham, Priesthood

Newly Ordained since last Convention:

The Rev. Michael Tuck, Priesthood, January 23rd, 2010
The Rev. Dn. Patrick Greene, Transitional Diaconate, May 22nd, 2010
The Rev. Dn. Joyce Thorne, Permanent Diaconate, May 22nd, 2010
The Rev. Emphy Schneider, Priesthood, September 25th, 2010

New Diocesan Staff Members:

The Rev. Susan Carpenter, ECC Summer Camp & Youth Program Director
The Rev. Mercedes Julian, Hispanic Missioner

Fr. Locke then called on Ms. Evelyn Brchan, chair of the Committee on Elections, who presented a slate of nominations for election. There being no nominations from the floor, a

motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved, and the slate of nominations was voted on in the following order:

Standing Committee: Choose one (1) from the clerical order and one (1) from the lay order, each for a four-year term.

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. Robert Brooks, The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert, The Rev. Susan Wrathall

The Rev. Craig Burlington was nominated from the floor by Caryl Frink, whose nomination was seconded by the necessary 8 delegates.

Ballot #1

The Rev. Susan Wrathall: 42
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert: 65
The Rev. Robert T. Brooks: 52
The Rev. Craig Burlington: 34

Ballot #2

The Rev. Susan Wrathall: 37
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert: 75
The Rev. Robert Brooks: 59
The Rev. Craig Burlington: 13

Ballot #3

The Rev. Susan Wrathall: 19
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert: 102
The Rev. Robert Brooks: 52
The Rev. Craig Burlington: 7

The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert was elected.

The candidates in the lay order: Mr. William Plumb

Mr. William Plumb, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

Diocesan Council: Choose two (2) from the clerical order and one (1) from the lay order, each for a three-year term. Choose one (1) from the clerical order and one (1) from the lay order, each for a one-year term.

Three-year terms

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. William Locke, The Rev. Robert Marshall

The Rev. William Locke and The Rev. Robert Marshall, being unopposed, were elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the lay order: Mr. Dave Siefert

Mr. Dave Siefert, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

One-year terms

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. Dennis Bucco

The Rev. Dennis Bucco, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the lay order: Mr. Dante Tavolaro, St. Pauls, Pawtucket

Mr. Dante Tavolaro, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

Commission on Finance: Choose one (1) from the clerical order for a three-year term.

The candidates: The Rev. John Pollard, St. Barnabas, Warwick

The Rev. John Pollard, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

Commission on Congregational Development: Choose one (1) from the clerical order and one (1) from the lay order, each for a three-year term. Choose one (1) from the clerical order for a two-year term.

Three-year term:

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. Susan Carpenter

The Rev. Susan Carpenter, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the lay order: Ms. Jacquelyn Kirby

Ms. Jacquelyn Kirby, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

Two-year term:

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. David Lucey

The Rev. David Lucey, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation

Deputies for General Convention: Choose four (4) from the clerical order and four (4) from the lay order, each for a three-year term.

The candidates in the clerical order: The Rev. John Alexander, The Rev. Scott Gunn, The Rev. Harry Krauss, The Rev. William Locke, The Rev. Pamela Mott, The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, The Rev. Jennifer Phillips, The Rev. Melody Shobe.

The candidates in the lay order: Ms. Carol Anne (Missy) Bennett, Ms. Amy Esposito, Mr. Joel Gardiner, Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski, Ms. Phoebe Pettingell, Mr. Dennis Stark, Mr. Dante Tavolaro.

Ballot #1 Results:

Clergy Nominees	Lay	Clergy
The Rev. Pamela Mott	47	57
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick	72	46
The Rev. William Locke	68	60
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips	66	38
The Rev. Scott Gunn	74	45
The Rev. Melody Shobe	41	17
The Rev. John Alexander	28	22
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss	45	32

The Rev. Scott Gunn, The Rev. William Locke and The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick were elected on the first ballot.

Lay Nominees	Lay	Clergy
Ms. Amy Esposito	67	43
Mr. Joel Gardiner	64	29
Mr. Dennis Stark	63	32
Ms. Phoebe Pettingell	45	35
Mr. Dante Tavolaro	61	38
Ms. Carol Ann Bennett	54	44
Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski	80	52

Ms. Amy Esposito and Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski were elected on the first ballot.

Ballot #2 Results:

Clergy Nominees	Lay	Clergy
The Rev. Pamela Mott	31	26
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips	25	35
The Rev. Melody Shobe	5	21
The Rev. John Alexander	9	5
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss	13	13

Lay Nominees	Lay	Clergy
Mr. Joel Gardiner	26	40
Mr. Dennis Stark	38	44
Ms. Phoebe Pettingell	23	23
Mr. Dante Tavolaro	39	54
Ms. Carol Ann Bennett	39	40

There was no election on Ballot #2

Ballot #3 Results:

Clergy Nominees	Lay	Clergy
The Rev. Pamela Mott	39	41
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips	51	26
The Rev. Melody Shobe	8	2
The Rev. John Alexander	4	8

Lay Nominees	Lay	Clergy
Mr. Joel Gardiner	29	23
Mr. Dennis Stark	50	39
Ms. Phoebe Pettingell	27	13
Mr. Dante Tavolaro	59	39
Ms. Carol Ann Bennett	50	42

There was no election on Ballot #3

Ballot #4 Results:

Clergy Nominees	Lay	Clergy
The Rev. Pamela Mott	61	42
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips	42	28
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss	3	5

The Rev. Pamela Mott was elected on the fourth ballot.

Lay Nominees	Lay	Clergy
Mr. Joel Gardiner	22	21
Mr. Dennis Stark	58	42
Mr. Dante Tavolaro	68	36
Ms. Carol Ann Bennett	60	42

Mr. Dennis Stark and Ms. Carol Ann Bennett were elected on the fourth ballot

Ballot #5 Results (Alternates):

Clergy Nominees	Total
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips	109
The Rev. John Alexander	33
The Very Rev. Harry E. Krauss	31

Rank of Alternates for the Clergy Order: The Rev. Jennifer Phillips, The Rev. John Alexander, and The Rev. Harry E. Krauss.

Lay Nominees	Total
Mr. Joel Gardiner	47
Ms. Phoebe Pettingell	32

Rank of Alternates for the Lay Order: Mr. Dante Tavolaro, Mr. Joel Gardiner, Ms. Phoebe Pettingell.

On behalf of the Bishop, Fr. Locke thanked all those who allowed their names to be put forward for nomination.

The Bishop then offered her **annual address to the diocese** (see attached copy).

Following the Bishop's address, members of Convention were invited to attend one of the break-out groups to discuss the various resolutions.

When Convention re-convened, Evelyn Brchan, Chair of the Committee on Elections, reported results of the elections (see above).

Fr. Locke then called on the The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Chair of the Mission Task Force, who then recognized Susan Wright, Secretary of the Mission Task Force, to introduce the **report of the Mission Task Force**. Ms. Wright explained that the Task Force set out to accomplish three goals: design and implement a listening process; link with other diocesan bodies and leaders; be ready to report to this convention. As a result of their work and with the input of people throughout the diocese, the Task Force is proposing three resolutions (see attached report). An audio-visual presentation followed.

Fr. Locke, wearing another hat, continued the Mission Task Force report. Fr. Locke invited a brief time of silence for reflection on what we each hunger for currently, followed by a time of conversation around each table. Then Fr. Locke, having been chaplain to the Mission Task Force, provided a brief summary of the listening process over the past year and how it led to the proposed mission focus of "Feeding the Hungry".

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Chair of Mission Task Force, then spoke, addressing the proposals of the Mission Task Force (see attached report).

Scott Nicholson, member of MTF, spoke regarding the "2015 Task Force", stressing the need for the "2015 Task Force" to be established and begin work as soon as possible.

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick moved the following three resolutions, as proposed by the Mission Task Force:

Resolution to Propose a New Diocesan Mission Focus & Strategy

Resolved, That the 220th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island adopts the Mission Focus, "Feeding the Hungry" to be developed and implemented over the next five years, at a minimum.

Resolution to Reconstitute a Mission Task Force

Resolved, That this 220th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island, having adopted a new Mission Focus, reconstitutes a Mission Task Force (MTF) to lead, with the Bishop,

the implementation of the Mission focus over the next five years. This MTF shall be composed of one priest or one lay person elected by the Standing Committee from its membership; one cleric or one lay person elected by Diocesan Council from its membership, and two people appointed by the Bishop. The MTF shall be constituted by November 30, 2010, and be it further

Resolved, That the President of the Standing Committee shall set the time and place of the first meeting of the MTF to be held before December 31, 2010. At this first meeting, the MTF shall elect a chairperson from its membership and will recruit additional members, so that its membership represents a balance of clergy and laity and at least one member from each Deanery of the Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, That the MTF shall engage and coordinate with diocesan staff and request reasonable staff support, and be it further

Resolved, That the MTF shall report to the 221st Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island its progress in the first year and its goals for the next year. The MTF is encouraged to be in regular communication with the appropriate people and groups for the budgeting process.

Resolution to Create the 2015 Task Force for Strategic Needs & Planning

Resolved, That the 220th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island invites a five-year process of strategic planning, including an initial review of our existing resources and structures and a recommendation to address the needs for future mission and ministry of the Diocese to be implemented by the 2015 Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That a 2015 Task Force be created to facilitate this process. The 2015 Task Force shall be composed of one member from Diocesan Council, one member from the Standing Committee, one member from the Congregational Development Commission, one member from the Finance Commission, and one Bishop's appointee. The 2015 Task Force shall be constituted by November 30, 2010; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2015 Task Force be convened by the Vice-President of Diocesan Council and schedule its first meeting to occur no later than December 31, 2010. At this first meeting, the 2015 Task Force shall elect a chairperson and may recruit additional members, so that its membership represents a balance of clergy and laity and at least one member from each Deanery of the Diocese. The members of the 2015 Task Force may not be diocesan staff members; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2015 Task Force may elect replacements for any members who resign or who become ineligible when their terms on qualifying bodies end, provided that the named qualifying bodies in the second Resolved continue to be represented on the 2015 Task Force; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the 2015 Task Force will include, but not be limited to, a review and revision of budgeting process, evaluation of the viability and vitality of the missions and parishes of the Diocese, and the strategic planning noted in the first Resolved; and be it further

Resolved, That the 2015 Task Force make an interim report of its work to Diocesan Council at least twice each year and annually to Diocesan Convention in each year of its existence.

The resolutions were seconded.

The Rev. Robert Marshall asked for clarification on the difference between the two task forces. The Rev. Pedrick indicated that while the MTF will be working on implementing the new mission focus, the 2015 Task Force will be analyzing the existing resources and structures of the diocese for strategic planning purposes.

The Rev. Jim Bochino asked a point of order about considering the resolutions as three or each individually. Fr. Locke indicated that it's the pleasure of the body, which decided to consider all three together. The question was called.

All three resolutions approved unanimously by voice vote.

Fr. Locke recognized The Rt. Rev. Bishop Joslin, who offered a **report from the Committee on Canons**, including resolutions to amend Diocesan Canons (see Report of Committee on Canons):

These resolutions were moved, seconded and approved with one amendment to the resolution to amend Canon 10 on Parishes: paragraph C, add the word "formal" before "exploration".

Evelyn Brchan reported election results (see above).

Fr. Locke recognized The Rev. Casey Shobe, who offered the **report of the Congregational Development Commission** (see attached report).

Fr. Locke then led Convention in Noonday Prayers.

Lunch

Following lunch, Evelyn Brchan reported elections results (see above).

Fr. Locke then called on Robert Batchelor, Diocesan Treasurer, to offer the Treasurer's Report (see attached report). In the course of his report Mr. Batchelor moved the following resolution:

Resolved, the 2009 Audited Financial Statements of the Diocese of Rhode Island be accepted as presented.

The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Fr. Locke called on The Rev. David Lucey, who offered the report of the Committee on Program and Budget.

Committee made up of clergy and lay people: Ted Hallebeck, Susan Wrathall, Scott Nicholson, Scott Avedesian, Shirley Sebilski

Ex-Officio members: Bishop Wolf, Ty Creason, Bob Batchelor, Ron Turnbull

Economic Conditions: Are having a negative impact on our parishes, numerically, psychologically, and spiritually. Annual stewardship remains stagnant on the whole. Stock Market has had negative impact on parish endowments. Health Care increases and energy cost increases have influenced all of this as well.

Goals of the Committee: close the projected deficit (deficit of \$84,000); reduce the apportionment burden on parishes; prepare for ongoing reassessment of Diocesan programs

Committee decided to use current stated Mission Priorities of the Diocese: Hispanic Ministry, Congregational Development, Christian Formation, Episcopal Conference Center.

The Rev. Lucey then presented a budget summary. Proposed budget is effectively a balanced budget (\$6000 surplus).

This proposed budget is a decrease from last year's budget of \$42,000, which largely reflects the decrease in apportionment revenue.

Elimination & decrease of funding: elimination of funding for ACI Chaplaincy, with provision for transition expenses; elimination of salary adjustment pool of \$34,000; 50% reduction of grant to RISCC.

Reassessment of Diocesan structures and programs will continue for the 2012 budget cycle to better support parish vitality, economic efficiency, and mission priorities.

The Rev. Lucey invited us to continue to do the ministry that we are called to do.

Resolved, that the Budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island with an apportionment percentage of 17% for calendar year 2011 is hereby approved and adopted as presented; and that for purposes of Apportionment for fiscal year 2011, income of each parish, organized mission and congregation of the Cathedral Corporation shall be an amount equal to "Total Normal Operating Income", as set forth in the report known as the Parochial Report of the The Episcopal Church, less deductions approved by Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Rhode Island ("Income") for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the applicable budget year.

Scott Nicholson proposed amendment: "**Resolved** that the diocese shall adopt, prior to each fiscal year, a budget of revenues and expenses for such fiscal year in which total expenses are no greater than total revenues." It was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Delegate Melody Ennis, Grace Church, Providence spoke in support of the ACI chaplaincy. We have mandate from Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Lawrence Bradner spoke in support of ACI chaplaincy.

The Rev. Mike Coburn, in support of ACI chaplaincy, proposed the following amendment:

Resolved, that a fund be set up apart from the operational budget, to fund the ACI ministry. That all clergy be invited to prayerfully consider contributing 2% of their salaries to this fund and that all parishes be asked to prayerfully consider contributing .5% of their operating budget to this fund.

The amendment was seconded.

The Rev. Joyce Penfield, ACI chaplain spoke: thanked Committee on Program & Budget and Fr. Coburn for his creative suggestion. Christ worked with the people on the margins. The prison ministry is one of the few ways where we work with the people on the margins. She then spoke in support of restoring ACI Chaplaincy to budget. She spoke in favor of Fr. Coburn's amendment.

The Rev. Jim Bochino, speaking to the amendment, asked where the figures came from in the proposed amendment. Will this sufficiently fund the program? Are they realistic numbers? Fr. Coburn responded, but could not be heard.

The Rev. David Lucey said it would take .75% increase to pay for ACI.

Bob Batchelor: in order to raise shortfall of ACI chaplaincy, we would need \$58,000.

The Rev. Richard Morgan, St. Elizabeth's Hope Valley: if amendment passed would this \$18,000 become part of the \$58,000. The Rev. David Lucey responded that it could be available to that, but would have to be approved.

Visitor Jerry Silvia asked permission to speak and was given permission to speak: decisions driven by money lead to conflict and misunderstanding; seem to be focused reducing churches and ministry based on money; referenced Matthew 25; we have been incompetent together as a diocese; we need more people and to get younger, which means changing everything in what we do.

The Rev. David Lucey addressed the amendment "as rector of Saint Michael's Church": appreciate sentiment, but not feasible at the parish level.

Roger McAvoy, Holy Trinity, Tiverton: in opposition to the amendment; increase apportionment instead.

Sal Lombardi, Trinity, North Scituate: back in 1970 his brother served 8 years in prison and found God there; suggested that we amend the amendment to something more manageable.

The Rev. Bob Brooks: the budget is a bridge; amendment should be only for 2011; amendment offers an invitation (not a tax); if the amendment passes, we should make decision no later than Dec. 31st based on commitments in hand, and that funding be limited to those commitments.

The Rev. Dn. Jan Grinnell, Saint Paul's, Wickford: spoke in opposition to amendment; we need to take full responsibility for this; use \$18,000 for transition costs towards training for prison ministry.

Bishop Wolf: I strongly believe that anyone can do prison ministry and be trained for it; eliminating ACI ministry from diocesan budget doesn't mean ministry is going to end.

The Rev. John Alexander: proposed friendly amendment to the amendment "all clergy and lay leaders"; it was accepted by Fr. Coburn.

The Rev. Susan Wrathall: I already tithed and I don't think I can commit to this; nor do we have another 5% in parish budget (only place is Christian Formation). I understand the need for prison ministry, but I think it's time to get brave and think about other ways to do it.

Question called for amendment: **amendment defeated by voice vote and hand vote.**

Stan Schofield, St. Barnabas, Warwick: how were cuts arrived at by the Committee?

The Rev. David Lucey: mission priorities were basis for decision; there has been no willingness to raise apportionment to cover it; we have affection for ACI ministry, but not a mission priority; health care cost increased for everyone (6.5% - 7%); no room in parish budgets for increase in apportionment; looking to 2012, we don't foresee a significant improvement in economic conditions.

The Rev. Scott Gunn moved the previous question.

The budget was approved by voice vote and then requested hand vote.

Evelyn Brchan reported back to Convention on the election of General Convention delegates (see above).

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. Scott A. Gunn who offered the **Report of the Committee on Resolutions**, who presented the following resolutions for consideration:

I. INCLUSIVE CHURCH PAPERWORK

RESOLVED, That this 220th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island recommend and encourage all bodies of the diocese to utilize all available resources to revise and adapt forms to be fully inclusive of all people: by including lines not only for one's legal name, but also for one's preferred name as well as one's gender identity and pronoun preference.

Explanation

The 76th General Convention – held in 2009 – adopted several resolutions supporting and affirming the transgender members of The Episcopal Church. Resolutions included supporting transgender civil rights and supporting a fully inclusive ENDA (Employment Non-discrimination Act). This resolution extends into the life of the Church the respect and recognition of transgender people conveyed by these other resolutions, by calling for a small but significant change in forms. This resolution would add four lines to Church forms: legal name, preferred

name, gender identity, and pronoun preference. The addition of preferred name would benefit many people. A person's legal name could be William, but he might go by his middle name. For transgender persons, the "preferred name" line can facilitate respectful treatment even if they do not have the financial means to legally change a birth name to one that reflects their gender identity. The choice to write out one's gender identity (one's inner sense of oneself as a man, a woman, or another gender category), rather than the restriction of the categories "male" or "female" from a multiple choice dropdown menu, would significantly facilitate the ability of transgender people to access and take their place within the life of the Church. Similarly, the ability to choose the pronouns by which one is referenced deeply impacts transgender people's experience on a very concrete level, moment by moment. The imposition of pronouns with which one does not identify can be experienced as profoundly dehumanizing. Adding these four lines to church forms would represent a small but significant step forward as transgender people increasingly take their place in the life of the Church. In a highly concrete way, these changes would reflect our conviction, as stated in our Baptismal Covenant, that we respect the dignity of every human being. Forms are, in a real sense, doorways that can significantly frame our experience of the Church. For transgender people – and indeed, for all – they should stand open, inviting and valuing full participation.

Submitted by

Ms. Caryl Frink, Good Shepherd, Pawtucket
The Rev'd Jennifer Pedrick, Epiphany, Rumford
The Rev'd Jennifer Phillips, St. Augustine's, Kingston
Mr. Dante Tavolaro, St. Paul's, Pawtucket

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Scott Gunn moved the adoption of this resolution and it was seconded.

Dante Tavolaro, St. Paul's, Pawtucket spoke in support of the resolution.

Tyler (last name?) spoke towards the resolution. He asked that we exercise care and restraint in passing this resolution.

Resolution passed with one "no" vote.

II. HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY AT DIOCESAN EVENTS

RESOLVED, That in order to ensure that all people can be welcomed at diocesan liturgies and events, the Diocese of Rhode Island shall commit to holding diocesan events only in those spaces which are substantially compliant with the standards of the "Accessibility Mini-Audit for Churches", especially those items concerning wheel chair access, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this shall apply to Diocesan Convention, the Convention Eucharist, Convocation, and Confirmations.

Explanation

The holy obligation of extending hospitality requires that we make our diocesan events open, welcoming and accessible to people with physical disabilities. While churches may not reach

every standard of the Accessibility Mini-Audit, it seems good to set a standard toward which to strive. Meanwhile, we hope to ensure that people in wheel chairs are able to access diocesan liturgies. The Episcopal Church does not seem to have created a compact checklist such as the one to which this resolution refers, so this resolution relies on good work by the United Methodist Church.

Submitted by

The Rev'd R. Casey Shobe, St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Narragansett

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution. This resolution was presented in a form slightly different from the way in which it was submitted. The Resolutions Committee suggested changes to the submitter, who was supportive of the proposed changes.

The Rev. Scott Gunn moved adoption of this resolution and it was seconded.

Bill Plumb, Trinity, Cranston: spoke in opposition, saying that it would exclude the use of cathedral for diocesan events.

Phylis Spaziano, St. Thomas, Greenville: Grandmother couldn't get into cathedral for her grandson's confirmation.

The Rev. Dn. Susan North: spoke in support of resolution.

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick: spoke in support of resolution; she also had a parishioner experience the difficulty of not being able to get into the cathedral for a confirmation service.

Chancellor Ed Bennett spoke to the authority of convention to take certain actions; convention does not have authority to impinge on BCP and Bishop's right to schedule certain events at cathedral. Resolutions like this are not necessarily binding.

Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. TRANSPARENCY IN FINANCES AND LEADERSHIP

RESOLVED, That in order to encourage open access to information, the Diocese of Rhode Island shall make financial and other leadership information available on its website, and be it further

RESOLVED, That an accurate list of Diocesan leaders, including the members of all elected bodies and all appointed Commissions and Committees of the Diocese, shall be kept on the website and that these lists shall be updated within 30 days of any changes of leadership position whether through election, resignation, appointment, or replacement, and be it further

RESOLVED, That monthly treasurer's reports shall be posted within 30 days of the end of each month, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the full report of the audit of the Diocese and a summary of all significant

assets of the Diocese shall be posted annually, including current balance and a brief description of each restricted fund and of any real estate holdings, and be it further

RESOLVED, That summaries of meetings from Diocesan bodies, including Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and all Commissions, recognizing that some confidential information may be redacted, shall be posted regularly on the diocesan website or shall be linked from the diocesan website if posted elsewhere, and be it further

RESOLVED, That complete annual reports, including financial reports and audits, of all diocesan institutions, shall either be posted on the diocesan website or shall be linked from the diocesan website if posted elsewhere, and be it further

RESOLVED, That Diocesan Council shall monitor compliance with this resolution.

Explanation

Open access to information is essential in healthy governance. This resolution ensures that members of the Diocese of Rhode Island will have ready access to financial information. Moreover, this resolution ensures that interested Episcopalians and others will know who the leaders of the Dioceses are, should they have questions or suggestions.

Submitted by

The Rev'd R. Casey Shobe, St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Narragansett

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution. This resolution was presented in a form slightly different from the way in which it was submitted. The Resolutions Committee suggested changes to the submitter, who was supportive of the proposed changes.

The Rev. Scott Gunn moved the resolution.

The Rev. Alan K. Gates, Holy Trinity, Tiverton: request for of point of information; what has already been passed?

The Rev. Scott Gunn: can only speak to last couple of years; no resolutions of this nature.

The Rev. Richard Morgan: will it call for increased staffing for diocesan staff?

The Rev. Scott Gunn: Resolutions Committee decided it would not create an onerous burden on the staff. Various diocesan bodies will need to take responsibility for these items.

The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. MUTUAL MINISTRY REVIEW

RESOLVED, That the Bishop and Standing Committee engage in an annual Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) each year and publish the results of each MMR in RISEN and on the diocesan web site.

Explanation

Mutual Ministry Reviews are considered “best practice” throughout the Church. The Diocese requires MMR’s to be done in the first year of any Rector’s tenure and encourages their use throughout a Rector’s tenure. The ongoing use of MMR’s by the Bishop and Standing Committee would both add to the effectiveness of their work together and set a good example for the entire Diocese. An increasing number of Bishops and Standing Committees are already practicing annual MMRs.

Submitted by

The Rev’d Robert T. Brooks, retired

The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be referred to the Standing Committee. The Resolutions Committee believes that the intent of this resolution can be achieved by encouraging the Standing Committee to address this topic with the Bishop.

The Rev. Scott Gunn moved adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Bob Brooks proposed following amendment: “That the 220th Convention encourages the Bishop and Standing Committee...”

The amendment was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Rev. Jim Bochino: Questioned the need to publish results in Risen and on website?

The Rev. Bob Brooks: These should be published for transparency’s sake. They would not need to be published verbatim.

Chancellor Ed Bennett: relationship between Bishop and Standing Committee is different from that between Rector and Vestry. In the Episcopal Church, there is not a mutuality in the same way between Bishop and Standing Committee. Some Bishops have voluntarily entered into such conversations.

The Rev. Bob Brooks: Intention of resolution is not to be punitive, but meant to encourage appreciative inquiry conversation.

Resolution passed by voice vote and requested hand vote.

V. MERGER OF DIOCESE

RESOLVED, That the Bishop and Sanding Committee or their designees enter into discussions with the Dioceses of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Western Massachusetts regarding the possibility of merging the Diocese of Rhode Island with one of those dioceses, and report the results of those conversations to the Diocesan Convention in 2011.

Explanation

In times of continued economic uncertainty and the ongoing mergers of parishes in the Diocese of Rhode Island, our diocese should explore the possible benefits of partnering with a neighboring diocese. Provisions for what the Constitution of the Episcopal Church refers to as “the junction of two or more dioceses” can be found in Article V of the Constitution.

Submitted by

The Rev’d Robert T. Brooks, retired

The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be referred to the Standing Committee. The Resolutions Committee believes that the intent of this resolution can be achieved by encouraging the Standing Committee to address this topic with the Bishop. The Resolutions Committee notes that there is another resolution covering substantially the same topic as this one. The Convention may address only one resolution on the same topic, so if the other resolution has been acted on, then this one will not be acted on.

The Rev. Bob Brooks was recognized for an amendment: “That the 220th Convention encourages the Bishop and Standing Committee...”

Amendment was approved by voice vote and hand vote.

Resolution passed by voice and hand vote.

VI. BEGIN STUDY OF POSSIBLE MERGER BETWEEN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND AND A NEIGHBORING DIOCESE.

RESOLVED, That the Standing Committee appoint a study committee to investigate diocesan mergers already effected and those under study in the Episcopal Church, and report back to the 2011 Convention their findings, which should include, but not be limited to, options for possible merger.

Explanation

The recent economic decline and the continuing merger and closing of parishes in the Diocese of Rhode Island dictates that it would be prudent to study the possibility of merger with another diocese. Our ability to provide fundamental ministries in Episcopal parishes and for the common good has been threatened and diminished.

Submitted by

The Rev’d Marsue Harris, Trinity, Cranston

The Resolutions Committee noted that there was another resolution covering substantially the same topic as this one. The Convention may address only one resolution on the same topic, and seeing that the other resolution was already acted on, this one was not addressed. It was the Committee’s sense that the other resolution more effectively addresses the intent of the proposers to encourage conversation about a diocesan merger.

Resolution ruled to be no longer in order, following approval of the previous resolution.

VII. BALANCE THE DIOCESAN BUDGET BY A ONE-YEAR REDUCTION OF ALL STAFF COMPENSATION AND CONTINUING THE COMPENSATION FREEZE THROUGH 2011, PROTECTING CORE MINISTRIES

RESOLVED, That the diocesan budget be balanced through the combination of a one-year compensation (and work hour) reduction for all diocesan staff, and the continuation of the compensation freeze for 2011, protecting core ministries through the current downturn.

Explanation

A unanimous resolution of the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pawtuxet: Having expressed our opposition to some proposals to balance the diocesan budget through core ministry cuts we feel obligated to offer viable alternatives. We propose that the convention consider balancing the budget in part by temporarily reducing salaries for all diocesan staff while preserving church-defining ministries including Christian formation and prison chaplaincy. It is a common practice in industry to preserve the strength and accumulated expertise of the organization through difficult times by retaining all staff while temporarily reducing all staff compensation and working hours. As conditions improve the organization emerges from downturns with full strength.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Marsue Harris, Trinity, Cranston

The Resolutions Committee recommended referral to the Commission on Finance. The Convention should address budget concerns when the budget itself is being considered, not through resolutions.

Resolution ruled to be no longer in order, following previous approval of budget.

VIII. RETAIN DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTER

RESOLVED, That the position of Director of Christian Formation and the associated resource center, proclaimed as high priority ministries of the diocese, be maintained at 2010 funding levels in 2011, and not reduced and not eliminated to balance the diocesan budget.

Explanation

A unanimous resolution of the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pawtuxet: For our parish Christian formation is a core ministry that depends in important ways on expertise, oversight and resources at the diocesan level. We agree with the high priority the diocese places on Christian formation among its ministries. We therefore oppose proposals to eliminate or to halve the Rhode Island Diocese position of Director of Christian Formation and the associated resource center as a way to balance the diocesan budget.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Marsue Harris, Trinity, Cranston

The Resolutions Committee recommended referral to the Commission on Finance. The Convention should address budget concerns when the budget itself is being considered, not through resolutions.

Resolution ruled to be no longer in order, following previous approval of budget.

Final election results for General Convention delegates were announced by The Rev. Bill Locke (see above).

The Bishop then made the following **Elections/Confirmations**:

Resolved, that the Rev. Kevin M. Lloyd is hereby elected Secretary of the Diocese of Rhode Island for a term of one year, and until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that Robert L. G. Batchelor is hereby elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Rhode Island for a term of one year, and until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that The Rev. Paul Twelves is hereby elected to the Ecclesiastical Trial Court for a term of one year and until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that as of July 1, 2011 James R. Bocchino, Sidney Clifford, and Rossi L. Harris, Jr., each for a term of three years, Clare Fischer-Davies, William R. Locke, and Lillian Hargrove, each for a term of two years, and J. Gregory Prior, Paul D. Twelves and Mary P. Heffner each for a term of one year, are hereby elected to the Disciplinary Board until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that Janice L. Grinnell, Richard C. Shippee, Karen Runner and Leon Sibielski are hereby confirmed as members of the Commission on Ministry, each for a term of three years, and Alcide Barnaby for a term of one-year, until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that The Rev. Kevin Lloyd and Mr. Joel Gardner are hereby confirmed as members of the Commission on Congregational Development, each for a term of three-years and until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that Edmund C. Bennett is hereby confirmed as Chancellor for a term of one year, until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

All resolutions passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop then **appointed to following individuals to the Committee to Audit the Minutes**:

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf
The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin
Mr. Edmund C. Bennett

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. Scott Gunn & Ms. Carol Ann Bennett, who moved the following **Courtesy Resolutions**:

Resolved, that the 220th Diocesan Convention expresses its appreciation to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, as she completes her 15th year of ministry among us, and assures her and her husband Tom of our affection, prayers and support, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the Rt. Rev. David Joslin, Assisting Bishop of Rhode Island, as he celebrates the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, for his continued ministry within our diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its greetings and prayers to our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings to the people of our companion Diocese of Louisiana and its new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Morris Thompson, and to the people of our companion Diocese of Ezo and its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Zawo, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings of affection and prayers to the Rt. Rev. George Hunt, retired bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and his wife Barbara, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention thanks the Rev. Canon Andrew White, our Preacher last night, and hopes that the work of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East will be successful, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to Emmanuel Church in Cumberland on its 175th anniversary, to the Church of the Redeemer in Providence on its 150th anniversary, and to Trinity Church in Pawtuxet on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates the Rev. David Ryan, the Rev. Kenneth Franklin, the Rev. John Hall and the Rev. Daryl Stahl on the 50th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood, and offers prayers for healing for the Rev. Herbert Bolles and the Rev. Donald Hastings, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its heartfelt thanks for the ministry of the parishioners of recently closed St. Mark's Church in Warren, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the committed Episcopalians across this state who work so diligently with the various commissions, committees, and institutions of this Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its thanks to all those who have offered their ministry of hospitality and support for this Convention, and especially to Ed Bennett who has completed 30 years as Chancellor of the Diocese and Bob Batchelor who has completed 15 years as Treasurer of the Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the members of the Bishop's staff for their continued, faithful ministry to all of us and for our Diocese.

All Courtesy Resolutions passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Bishop expressed gratitude for The Rev. Dennis Bucco's presence and promised continued prayers of healing for him. The Bishop thanked Fr. Locke for standing in for her.

Closing prayers.

The Bishop offered a closing blessing and dismissed Convention.

220TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
23 OCTOBER 2010
ADDRESS TO CONVENTION
THE RIGHT REVEREND GERALYN WOLF

I want to begin, of course, with my usual thanks to my staff, without whom I am not sure how far the work of the diocese would proceed. They work long and hard hours and I am very, very grateful for their devotion and willingness to do things so that we can have a flourishing life together.

Now having said that, I think that one of the most difficult things confronting the church today is the fact that membership in all the churches, all the denominations, all the mainline Christian groups, have suffered significant losses in the last 10 years, in the last 20 yrs . In fact, the fastest growing group is those who consider themselves in the category of “no affiliation at all”. And of those, 30 % under the age of 40 are in that classification and I think that is something for all of us to pay significant attention to.

We have closed 10 churches in 15 years. Closed or merged. And a lot of that was because of decline in attendance which started when Bishop Higgins, in the 1970’s, suggested there be 45 churches in the Diocese of RI. This has been a long process and it is accelerating during our time. The diocesan mission statement is *Live in Christ, Transform the World* and in order to transform the world as Christians we say that we need to live very intently in the heart of Jesus. That is our identifying characteristic as Christians, that we are followers of Jesus Christ. And yet we know that, should they ask any one of you to stand up today and witness to us of what it is to be a Christian, statistics would suggest it would be very difficult to do.

A very familiar story to us is the Samaritan woman at the well. And I think you remember this story: a Samaritan woman offers Jesus, a Jew, a drink of water and they have a conversation at the well and after some time in the conversation the woman realizes she is undergoing an experience of transformation. Here is a man who knows all her shortcomings, all her sins, all her deficits and yet offers her living water. And so taken was she by this man that she went back to her city and she told the people in the city everything she had experienced. And she basically said to them “come and see” and they went to the man at the well and in her joy she invited them into the experience that she had. And that is critical, because the early followers of Jesus were so smitten with his healing touch, with his presence, with the miracles that he did, that they left things behind and they went and they told their friends, and they said “come see the man who did all these things and said all these things”.

So we have to think that one of the guideposts for us, for church growth, is that we are willing to go and talk to people and tell them the experiences we are having. And if we are not willing to do that, the chances are we are not going to have the growth that we desire. What the woman experienced was Jesus’ love, his profound love. And I’m not talking about love-light here, I’m talking about love-deep, really deep. Fr. Richard Rohr, a Roman Catholic monk put it this way: “The genius of Jesus’ ministry is that he uses tragedy, suffering, betrayal and death itself in such a way not to move us but in fact to give us to God”. I’m not talking about a happy, clappy faith. I’m talking about a faith that reaches deep into the heart of people’s reality, of suffering, despair, disappointment and they offer something that is authentic, and real and life-giving. Life-giving water is different from the earthly water that the woman wanted to give Jesus.

Would you like to be a member of a church like this? Where people can talk at that level where you are not alone in your fears and anxieties? But you realize there are others that have been there or are there and have found a way through? And the person that has reached for them is Jesus himself? And you can share the things that you really didn't feel comfortable with before but now you have found a new strength? So I think this is the first step to church growth: to live in Christ, to live in the deep Christ and to share that living with other people. And it begins in your church, because I don't know any other place where it can begin. If it's not in the church, where will it be? And if it's someplace else maybe folks would rather go there. It begins in the church.

Did you know that 69% of people who visit a church for the first time come because somebody invited them? You see, you thought it was your nice sign outside. But that doesn't do it. 69% of people come to your church because they were invited to come. And how many times have you actually invited a person to come to church? If every person in our churches invited just 2 people a year to church we would have 12,000 visitors plus. So I have a feeling that we might not be inviting people. A lot of folks, when looking for a new priest, they want someone who can help with church growth, fill the pews. And the priest isn't the person, but more importantly, the laity who are out there meeting people, working with folks in their factories, and schools, their clubs, board meetings, where you have your coffee in the morning, where you like to have your ice cream every Thursday afternoon. Wherever it is, where you are, the church has the potential for growth in as much as you are willing to get relational. You know its one thing to keep getting coffee at your local Starbucks from the same person or two or three who wait on you. But you never talk to them, really. What would it be like little by little to engage in conversation with them, find out about them, their families, their hopes, their dreams and invite them into your community? It's called relational evangelism.

We have many wonderful outreach programs: churches have thrift shops, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, reading programs, all kinds of wonderful things. People say to me "yeah, we do all this but they never come to church". And perhaps they never will until such time as we not only give them soup but sit down and talk to them and invite them and meet them at the door and welcome them as someone Jesus loves. See, the homeless are not going to come to your church unless you go to where they gather and get to know them and invite them. A prisoner who is released is never going to come to your church unless you first went and visited them while they were in prison. People from your soup kitchen or those who visit your chowder suppers, they're not going to come to church because they don't know you. They know what you offer: good chowder. But they don't know you and they don't know what motivates you to provide that dinner.

So relational evangelism is getting to know people where they are, not where we are. The sign is nice but it doesn't bring in many people. People bring people. And that's what I think it means to really focus on church growth: people meeting people, inviting them, meeting them, loving them as someone Jesus loves. I don't know any other way to really grow a church. Because, you see, it's not just a church. I don't want somebody to just be invited into a church, I want them invited into a life. And that life is a life in Christ that changes all things, as living water, and makes people new. That's what I hope for.

You know, every church wants children, I hear it over and over again: we need more children. We think that the future of the church is children. I've said it many times: the future of the church is now, everyone. So at least you can get to know the names of the children in your church. You know you could do that, it's not all that difficult. But you could do more than that.

What would it be like for you to intentionally go and participate in your children's programs? Their lacrosse games, their art show, their science fair, their play. What would it be like for some of the people in your parish to intentionally attend these events? Can you imagine, somebody looks up, a young person, and says "hey Martha, where did all those people come from"? And Martha smiles and says "oh, they're from my church". Wouldn't that be extraordinary? You see you can't wait for them to come to you. You have to go to them,

Some people have asked me if I'm worried about the church and I know that, after all, it's not my church, it's Christ's church and all the baptized have been given the responsibility of being guardians of its life. But yes, I have to say I am worried about the church. Its message is being diluted and fewer people know its core principles and values and even fewer people know anything about its sacred texts, even those in the pews. So yes, will there be another generation? Oh, I'm sure, but how many after that? 2-5% of the population in England attends church on any given Sunday. Even less in France. What is our future unless we talk about our faith? It's the only thing we have to offer. Everything else is pabulum by comparison. It can be found someplace else. Why do people come to church? Some want a real, authentic spirituality, others seek worship, others something for their children, social interaction. People come for all sorts of reasons and we need to accept them where they are.

But we are never called to leave people as they came. I don't want to leave the church as I entered it. I always want more: more depth, more hope, more things to think about and mull over. I want church to be that place where I can grow, leave behind my sins and weaknesses and move on and when they reappear again, as they will, have the strength to do that and move on again. I want to be free. I think a lot of people want to be liberated from all that binds them. And the church is the place of freedom and liberation.

My remarks thus far have focused on the life of the local church because I continue to encourage the idea of subsidiarity. This concept states that those closest to a situation or ministry are the best equipped to respond to it. When the gifts and interests of a particular congregation are coupled with local needs, ministries are born. You know how, in a vestry meeting, everyone looks around and says we should be doing this or we should be doing that and I think we ought to do this or that and they're all looking at the priest. And sometimes I feel that way. Everybody saying the diocese should be doing this or the diocese should be doing that and they're all looking at me. Now maybe it's because you don't have any other place to look so you look at the priest and you look at the bishop. But the truth is, ministry is best done when a core number of people are willing to let it happen. They take responsibility for it, they invite others into it, and they do it. That's what it's all about: connecting the interests and gifts of the core number of people with observable needs and the decision to do it and take responsibility for it. That's when the most exciting ministry develops.

I believe that ministry is not primarily about money. We like to fund this, that and the other thing. It's not primarily about money. It's not primarily about the priest. It's primarily about commitment and conviction and you add to that a dose of passion and then you have to watch out. In the same spirit of subsidiarity, we recognize that some ministries are too expansive for any one group or congregation. And these are held by all of us. For example, programs like Hispanic Ministry, ECC, and Convocation could not occur unless we had the pooled resources of everyone.

The Mission Task Force is hard at work to reassess and clarify our common mission as we look towards the 2012 program and budget cycle and beyond. I am very grateful for their efforts and

they will give to us their presentation later in this day. However, 2011 is a transition year until such time as they finish their work and present to us their findings and a new purpose and direction for our diocese in its common work.

There is much good news in our diocese. I am only going to mention one right now but you could read about the others. One that is very interesting is a parish that has voted to sell their buildings and move to a new location so that they don't spend all their money on their buildings but have it for their ministry and witness. Some of our churches can barely support a supply priest. They don't have any more music. They are using so much energy to hold up their four walls that they don't realize the roof is leaking. And they're not going to move forward. And friends are not going to grow and they're holding on to their structure that has extraordinary memories and treasures, but for another time. And we're looking ahead for the time to come.

We know that our economy is unpredictable and our budgets seriously challenged. I don't know about you but I always want to peer beyond the curtain, the curtain that divides the present from the future. I want to see ahead so that I know what to do today. But the future is always hidden and ultimately beyond our control. Yet I am firmly convinced that we do not have to be victims of circumstance. When we are faithful to God's word and devoted to the sacramental life we do not fall victim to circumstance but we recognize once again our citizenship in a kingdom that can never be shaken. St. Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus and I offer part of it as if he wrote it for the church in Rhode Island. *"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power."* (Ephesians 1:16-19).

Perhaps this wonderful letter of Paul's is a good place for you and your parishioners to begin bible study, the study of God's word deeply, richly, fully and a good place for me to thank you for the ministry we share.

CONVENTION NECROLOGY

In particular at this time we remember the following persons, deceased during this past year, who have meant so much to us and to their several congregations. May the souls of these faithful departed rest in peace, O Lord.

Frederick Williamson
Ulrich J. Luth
Richard Jones
Edward W. Young
Robert B. Connelly
Arva Adlene Bunting
Ned Lawton
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Gus Sundin
Gerard Seymour
Kenneth Jorjordan
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Ruth F. Studley
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Marjorie Perry
Stephen M. Gatchell

REPORT OF THE TELLERS

The Committee on Elections presents the following nominations:

For the office of Standing Committee: (Vote for 1) 4-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. Robert Brooks, Retired
The Rev. Anita Schell-Lambert, Emmanuel, Newport
The Rev. Susan Wrathall, St. Mark's, Warwick

(Pause for additional nominations)

In the lay order: (Vote for 1)

William Plumb, Trinity, Cranston

(Pause for additional nominations)

For the office of Diocesan Council: (Vote for 2) 3-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. William Locke, St. Paul's, Pawtucket
The Rev. Robert Marshall, St. John's, Barrington

(Pause for additional nominations)

In the lay order: (Vote for 1)

Mr. Dave Seifert, Grace Church, Providence

(Pause for additional nominations)

For the office of Diocesan Council: (Vote for 1) 1-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. Dennis Bucco, St. Luke's, Pawtucket

(Pause for additional nominations)

In the lay order: (Vote for 1) 1-year Term

Mr. Dante Tavolaro, St. Paul's, Pawtucket

(Pause for additional nominations)

For the office of Commission on Finance: (Vote for 1) 3-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. John Pallard, St. Barnabas, Warwick

(Pause for additional nominations)

For the office of Commission on Congregational Development:
(Vote for 1)

3-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. Susan Carpenter, St. John's, Barrington

(Pause for additional nominations)

In the lay order: **(Vote for 1)**

Ms. Jaquelyn Kirby, St. Matthew's, Jamestown

(Pause for additional nominations)

For the office of Commission on Congregational Development:
(Vote for 1)

2-year Term

In the clerical order: The Rev. David Lucey, St. Michael's, Bristol

(Pause for additional nominations)

For Deputies, General Convention

3-year Term

(Vote for 4)

In the clerical order: The Rev. John Alexander, St. Stephens, Providence
The Rev. Scott A. Gunn, Christ Church, Lincoln
The Very Rev. Harry Krauss, Cathedral of St. John, Providence
The Rev. William Locke, St. Paul's, Pawtucket
The Rev. Pamela Mott, St. Mary's, Portsmouth
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Epiphany, East Providence
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips, St Augustine's, Kingston
The Rev. Melody, Christ Church in Lonsdale, Lincoln

(Pause for additional nominations)

In the lay order: **(vote for 4)**

Ms. Carol Anne (Missy) Bennett, St Martin's, Providence
Ms. Amy Esposito, St. Martin's, Providence
Mr. Joel Gardiner, Christ Church in Lonsdale, Lincoln
Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski, St. Paul's, Pawtucket
Ms. Phoebe Pettingell, St. Stephen's, Providence
Mr. Dennis E Stark, St Martin's, Providence
Mr. Dante Tavolaro, St. Paul's, Pawtucket

(Pause for additional nominations)

Review the clerical and lay nominees for each office. The Bishop may ask each nominee to stand as his or her name is read.

The Bishop will instruct Convention to cast ballots.

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Treasurer: Joseph DiPalma

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50 Orchard Avenue, 02906-5418 751-2141
www.stmartinsprov.org church@stmartinsprov.org (Fax) 751-0038
Clergy: Clare Fischer-Davies Sr. Warden: Kathleen Good
Treasurer: Dennis Stark Administrator: Deborah Bshara

Providence St. Peter's & St. Andrew's ■

25 Pomona Avenue, 02908-5244 272-9649
www.stpetersandstandrews.org stpanda25@verizon.net
Clergy: Joyce Penfield Sr. Warden: Betty Sloane
Treasurer: Dorothy Lariviere Administrator: Catherine Calistra

Providence S. Stephen's

114 George Street, 02906-1189 421-6702
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Treasurer: Brian Ehlers Administrator: Cory MacLean

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10 Turner Avenue, 02915-4498 433-0211
www.stmarksriverside.org office@stmarksriverside.org (Fax) 433-1507
Clergy: Richard Shippee Sr. Warden: Dan Pacheco
Treasurer: Lee Amore Administrator: Susan Rossi

Rumford Church of the Epiphany ■

1336 Pawtucket Avenue, 02916-1412 434-5012
www.epiphanyep.org • office@epiphanyep.org (Fax) 438-5032
Clergy: Jennifer Pedrick, Edmund Harris Sr. Warden: Dennis Burton
Treasurer: Scott Haggerty Administrator: Beth Dench

Saunderstown Chapel of St. John the Divine

Church Way at Willett Road 295-0193
Mail to: P.O. Box 541, 02874-0541 (Fax) 667-0098
www.stjohnschurchway.org pjwilliams@cox.net
Clergy: Sr. Warden: John Edwards
Treasurer: Jill Osgood Administrator: Patricia J. Williams

Tiverton Holy Trinity ■

1956 Main Road, 02878-4698 624-4759
www.holytrinitychurch.org office@hbc.necoxmail.com
Clergy: Alan Gates Sr. Warden: Susan Richardson
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Wakefield Church of the Ascension ■

370 Main Street, 02879 783-2911
..... (Fax) 789-0792
www.AscensionWakefield.org AscensionW@verizon.net
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Treasurer: William Kelly Administrator: Marjorie Perkins

Warwick All Saints' □

111 Greenwich Avenue, 02886-1279 739-1238
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Treasurer: Meredith MarcAurele Secretary: Susan Rouvelas

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3257 Post Road, 02886-7196 737-4141
www.StBarnabasWarwick.org parishadmin@stbarnabaswarwick.org (Fax) 739-1795
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Treasurer: Heidi Seddon Administrator: Cheryl Andrews

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111 West Shore Road, 02889-1102 737-3127

www.stmarkswarwick.org

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Clergy: Susan Wrathall

Sr. Warden: Roy Lautieri

Treasurer: Shirley Kolarik

Secretary: Barbara Lynch

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7 Elm Street, 02891-2198 596-0197

www.christchurchwesterly.org christ-church@verizon.net (Fax) 596-6529

Clergy: James Bocchino;

Sr. Warden: Shirley Andrews

M.P. Schneider

Administrator: Jeanne MacLaughlin

Treasurer: Frederick Eaton

Secretary: Rebecca Cherenzia

Wickford, St. Paul's (See NORTH KINGSTOWN)

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24 Hamlet Avenue, 02895-4427 762-2222

www.stjameswoonsocket.org stjamesn@cox.net (Fax) 762-2230

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Sr. Warden: Robert Larder

Treasurer: Joyce Meleley

Administrator: Diane Cardin

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EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER568-4055
872 Reservoir Rd., Pascoag RI 02859 (Fax) 568-7805
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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL246-1230
63 Federal Rd., Barrington RI 02806
Headmaster: John Martin

ST. ELIZABETH COMMUNITY
One Saint Elizabeth Way, East Greenwich, RI 02818.....471-6060

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ST. ELIZABETH COURT, Providence RI
ST. ELIZABETH PLACE, Providence, RI

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372 Purgatory Rd., Newport;
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Head of School : Eric F. Peterson
Chaplain: The Rev. Edward Mulligan, IV

ST. MARY'S HOME FOR CHILDREN /
THE SHEPHERD PROGRAM353-3900
420 Fruit Hill Ave., North Providence RI 02911..... (Fax) 354-7986
Executive Director: Carlene Casciano-McCann

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE847-4260
18 Market Sq., Newport RI 02840 (Fax) 847-4284

OFFICIAL ACTS: OCTOBER 25, 2009 – OCTOBER 17, 2010

Visitations

Nov.	1 st	Church of the Epiphany, East Providence
	8 th	St. Paul's, Portsmouth
	15 th	St. Augustine's, Kingston
	22 nd	St. Thomas, Greenville
Dec.	6 th	All Saints' Memorial, Providence
	13 th	Church of the Redeemer, Providence
	20 th	St. Mark's, Warren
Jan.	10 th	St. Martin's, Providence
	17 th	St. Elizabeth's, Hope Valley
	24 th	Grace Church, Providence
Feb.	28 th	St. John's, Ashton
March	28 th	Holy Cross, Middletown
April	11 th	St. Columba's, Middletown
	18 th	St. Mark's, Riverside
	25 th	St. John's, Barrington
May	23 rd	Holy Trinity, Tiverton
July	11 th	St. Matthew's, Barrington
	18 th	Emmanuel, Newport
Sept.	26 th	St. Matthew's, Jamestown
Oct.	3 rd	St. Francis, Coventry
	10 th	Trinity, North Scituate
	17 th	St. Luke's, East Greenwich

Confirmations/ Receptions

December 5, 2009 – Cathedral of St. John
May 1, 2009 – Cathedral of St. John
May 8, 2009 – Cathedral of St. John

Confirmations 65
Receptions 10
Reaffirmations 0

Postulants

Rebecca Binns Gettel

Ordinations

The Rev. Michael Tuck - Priesthood

The Rev. Dcn. Joyce T. Thorne – Permanent Diaconate

The Rev. Dcn. Patrick J. Greene – Transitional Diaconate

The Rev. M. P. Schneider - Priesthood

Letters Dimissory In

Anita Schell-Lambert 5/12/2010

Mercedes Julian 6/8/2010

Anne Marie Richards 6/30/2010

Peter G. Tierney III 6/30/2010

Melody Shobe 9/22/2010

Robert K. Marshall 9/30/2010

Jonathan T. Huyck 11/08/2010

Letters Dimissory Out

Richard Bardusch 1/21/2010

John E. Lawrence 2/1/2010

Timothy H. Burger 2/19/2010

NON-PAROCHIAL CLERGY REPORT
December 31, 2009

Austin A. Almon, Jr.	pastoral visitations;
David Ames	Retired; teaching at RIC; consulting; volunteer GAIA
Henry F. Anthony TN	part-time Associate Rector for Pastoral Care, Lookout Mtn,
Robert W. Anthony	no report submitted
Patricia Bailey	Retired; nursing home visitations
Jean Barry	Retired; WARM Center supportive housing center;
Hébert W. Bolles	Some supply; no report submitted
Lawrence H. Bradner	Retired; diocesan historian; no report submitted.
Janet Broadhead	Retired;
Douglas C. Burger	Retired; no report submitted
J. Daniel Burke	no report submitted
David C. Cargill	Retired
George M. Chaplin	no report submitted.
John A. Chrisman	no report submitted.
A. Royston Cochran	retired
Ronald P. Conner	assisting in DC area
Robert C. Cummings	Supply at St. Barnabas, Warwick; St. Francis, Coventry
Maria DeCarvalho	Communication training, connecting, coaching
Mark DeWolf	Hospice chaplain; supply at St. Michael's, Bristol
John H. Evans	Retired
Henry F. Fairman	Retired.
William Fraatz	no report submitted.
Kenneth R. Franklin	Retired
David M. Gillespie	Assist in work in AZ, VT

Harrington Gordon	Retired; serve on several committees within the Diocese
Everett H. Greene	Retired; supply coverage as needed. Chaplain, to the Retired Clergy and Surviving Spouses.
Sandra P. Haines-Murdocco	Retired
Edwin F. Hallenbeck	Retired; Serve on several committees and boards.
Marsue Harris	supply
Donald Hastings	Retired
Augustus Hemenway	Retired
Granville Henthorne	no report submitted.
Jean Webster Hickox	Retired Deacon;
George N. Hunt	Retired Bishop of RI; supply in California
Frederick K. Jellison	Retired
Ida Johnson	Retired Deacon; volunteer at san Miguel de allende
Michaela Johnson supply	Interim Associate. Nave Chaplain, Washington Cathedral;
Paul S. Koumrian	Part-time Assistant, Trinity in Newport
August Kuehl	Retired; visiting elderly
Richard Laremore	Retired
Donald Lavallee	Retired
John Lawrence	Interim Rector St Patrick's, Washington DC
Sean Manchester	Chaplain, Eleanor Slater Hospital and some supply
M. Teresa Matthews TX	Interim work; currently PIC at St. Williams, St. Pittsburgh,
Michele Matott	no report submitted.
James Patrick Mauney	Retired
Peter Michaelson	Interim; no report submitted

Nancy F. Miller	no report submitted
Lorraine M. Mills-Curran	Brazilian Ministry development; Christian Ed. coordinator
Hedwig B. Neale	Retired; outreach to seniors.
Eloise Neilsen	Retired; active with Order of Julian
Elizabeth Nestor, M.D.	Emergency dept, RIH
Janet Worth Nunley	Supply in Region II Diocese of NY
Nancy Olmsted	Retired;
Ceilia C. Perry submitted.	Chaplain, Hallworth House, Providence; no report submitted.
Paul Pickens	Retired
Pamela Rannenberg	Chaplain, Butler Hospital
Marshall T. Rice	Retired
David A. Ryan	Retired.
Richard Schweinsburg	Military Chaplain
Keith E. Scott Albany	Retired; preaching, teaching, pastoral care @ St. Andrew's,
Marcia A. Sessions	Supply
Robert L. Shearer submitted.	Interim Rector St. Peter's, Morristown, NJ; no report submitted.
Marlene J. Simonian	Retired; no report submitted.
Richard R. Simpson	Supply
Peter L. Spencer	Retired; Chaplain St. Elizabeth Home; Supply
Frederick J. Spulnik	Retired; volunteer work
Gordon J. Stenning	Eucharist to nursing homes; supply
Linda Strahan	Pastoral Counseling and supply work
Edward Trafford	Retired0
Henry G. Turnbull	Retired

Paul Twelves	Retired; Supply; part-time interim priest at 2 parishes
Paula Ulanowski	Retired; no report submitted
Robert Vanderau	retired; supply and help with administration
James L. Verber	Long term Supply, St. Mark's, Warren no report submitted
George Warren	retired; supply; no report submitted.
Peter H.G. Westhorp devices.	Associate Regulatory Affairs Specialist for medical
Gail Wheelock	Retired;
Nancy Willis	Rector, St. David's Jan-June; Retired; supply at All Saints', Providence
Edward S. Winsor Newport	Assisting, Fort Myers, Florida; supply at St. John's,
Geralyn Wolf	Bishop
Betty Wright	Retired; school volunteer

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23, 2010**

Standing Committee Members: 2009-2010

Clerical

The Rev'd William Locke (2010)
The Rev'd Stephanie Shoemaker (2011)
The Rev'd Pamela Mott (2012)
The Rev'd Jennifer Pedrick (2013)

Lay

Ms. Lora MacFall (2010)
Ms. Caryl Frink (2011)
Ms. Fran Gammell-Roach (2012)
The Hon. Scott Avedesian (2013)

The Rev'd William Locke was elected President and Ms. Caryl Frink was elected Secretary at the November 2009 meeting.

The Standing Committee throughout the year served in its canonical role as Council of Advice for the Bishop.

The Standing Committee heard periodically from the Canon for Congregational Development about the status of parishes and missions in the Diocese.

In the course of the past year, the Standing Committee has taken the following actions:

Appointed two members to the Mission Task Force

Approved loans from the Revolving Loan Fund for Christ Church, Lincoln; St. Matthews, Jamestown; and St. Luke's, Pawtucket

Consented to the submission of an application for a Small Business Administration Loan from Emmanuel Church, Newport

Consented to dissolving the congregation of Calvary, Pascoag, closing St. Mark's, Warren, and changing the status of St. Paul's, Portsmouth from parish to mission

Approved an Amended and Restated Deed of Trust for the Sarah Gibbs Trust at St. Mary's, Portsmouth

Consented to the sale of Church of the Epiphany, Providence

Issued a Presentment for Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy

Consented to the:

consecration of the Rev'd Scott A. Benhase as Diocesan Bishop of Georgia

consecration of the Rev'd Brian N. Prior as Diocesan Bishop of Minnesota

consecration of the Rev'd Ian T. Douglas as Diocesan Bishop of Connecticut

consecration of the Rev'd W. Andrew Waldo as Diocesan Bishop of Upper South Carolina

consecration of the Rev'd Michael J. Hanley as Diocesan Bishop of Oregon

consecration of the Rev'd Morris K. Thompson, Jr. as Diocesan Bishop of Louisiana

consecration of the Rev'd David E. Bailey as Bishop of Navajoland Area Mission

consecration of the Rev'd John S. Smylie as Diocesan Bishop of Wyoming

consecration of the Rev'd Michael L. Vono as Diocesan Bishop of Rio Grande

consecration of the Rev'd Mark A. Lattime as Diocesan Bishop of Alaska

consecration of the Rev'd Terry A. White as Diocesan Bishop of Kentucky

consecration of the Rev'd Scott B. Hiyashi as Diocesan Bishop of Utah

consecration of the Rev'd Diane M. Jardine Bruce as Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
consecration of the Rev'd Mary D. Glasspool as Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles
consecration of the Rev'd James B. Magness as Bishop Suffragan for Federal Ministries

Approved:

Patrick Greene for ordination to the transitional diaconate
Joyce Thorne for ordination to the vocational diaconate
John Higgenbotham for Candidacy for ordination

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd William Locke
President

**REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23, 2010
THE REV. CASEY SHOBE, CHAIR**

2009-2010

Last year we are proud of the grants made to support and sustain ministry in a variety of places and contexts.

Ascension, Cranston—children’s music ministry
Christ Church, Lincoln—priest associate
St. Luke’s, Pawtucket—music ministry
Messias/St. George’s—music and communications

The deadline for grants is March 1, 2011, with awards made in mid-June.

In 2011 we hope to do two new things:

Collaboration Gatherings

How can we all do what we do better together than alone? This is the question that led several churches in South County to begin to collaborate on youth ministry last year. The youth of four churches come together twice a month for fellowship, service, play and worship. And that model has been discussed in other places, too. CDC would like to help get these conversations going around the diocese—to gather leaders (clergy and lay) from churches in different geographic clusters to discuss opportunities for collaboration on things like outreach, education, youth ministry, and even worship. It need not be a source of fear to see our diocese continue to shrink over the next several years. The chaotic, whirling world can serve as a sort of holy centrifuge, forcing us together, forcing us to grow closer and work together more intentionally. So over the next several months, representatives of CDC will convene these gatherings at churches, and facilitate conversation, but the goal is to let you decide how you can work with your neighbors for the glory of God.

Learn and Lead

On your table is a flier for a daylong event we are calling *Learn and Lead*. CDC will host two of these events a year on topics that greatly impact our communities. As you have seen from reviewing our diocesan budget, we will be forced to cut \$120,000 from our expenses next year due to anticipated reductions of revenue. \$120,000 sounds like a lot of money, and it is. And the proposal to cover that deficit is by budget cuts. But did you know that a 5% increase in pledged giving to our churches would cover that deficit? 5%. If we all saw a 5% increase year over year, we could realize \$120,000. So CDC is hosting this Learn and Lead event to offer all our churches proven, successful, turn-key methods for leading stewardship programs that will expand and deepen the giving you experience in your churches. We will hear from Terry Parsons, former director of Stewardship at the National Church and a passionate advocate for more generous discipleship. And then there will be five different workshops, with presenters representing five distinct types of programs that have been proven successful in this diocese and this region and could work for you. Our hope is that you will walk away from St. Luke’s, East Greenwich on January 22 with a plan of how you can direct a more successfully program in 2011.

Diana Butler Bass

Finally, at Convocation next spring we will welcome Diana Butler Bass to speak to us. Ms. Butler Bass is a famed writer, teacher and scholar specializing in religion and culture. Her book *Christianity for the Rest of Us* was a bestseller in the Christian book world, and tells the story of how mainline Protestant congregations may find new vitality in a changing world. Her most recent book, *A People's History of Christianity*, is equally inspiring. She travels widely, speaking with faithful communities like ours about the changing face of modern Christianity. I know she'll bless us by her presence and wisdom, and I hope you'll come. We have a few copies of her books for sale on a table over here, so please come by during one of our breaks.

THE EPISCOPAL CHARITIES FUND OF RHODE ISLAND

2010 Annual Report to Diocesan Convention

The Board of Trustees, all committees and parish charities volunteers completed their work both in fundraising and outreach efforts. Grant distributions in the amount of \$382,677 were given to 96 social service agencies and programs throughout Rhode Island.

Congratulations are extended to the agencies funded through Episcopal Charities for their commitment to deliver the valuable services given to the people of Rhode Island who are in crisis and need.

The Susan Hudson Memorial Fund awarded grants in the amount of \$10,000 to the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless for their efforts to open and operate Emmanuel House to bring the homeless out of the dangerous weather

In total, the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island dispersed \$382,677 to assist people in crisis, need and desperate situations for the year 2010.

The volunteers and donors of Episcopal Charities deserve gratitude and recognition for their work, dedication and support. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Kaull of St. Luke's, East Greenwich and Jeff Manickas of St. Paul's Church, Wickford, who chaired the diocesan-wide parish campaign and to Mayor Scott Avedisian and Ed Bailey for their outstanding leadership as President and Vice President. Gratitude and appreciation is extended to all the members of the Board of Trustees for their dedication and commitment to the Mission of Episcopal Charities.

National Philanthropy Day was held in November, 2010. Non-profit organizations throughout Rhode Island had an opportunity to honor their valued volunteers and donors as "Partners in Philanthropy". The Rev. Dr. Gary C. Lemery and The Rev. Dr. R. Craig Burlington were named "Partners in Philanthropy" of the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island for their many years of outstanding service and dedication. They continue to serve their church, Episcopal Charities and their community.

**REPORT OF THE URI CAMPUS MINISTRY
(THROUGH ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH)
TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23, 2010**

St. Augustine's continues to welcome URI students from the Kingston Campus. This past year we were delighted to meet twelve graduate students and some spouses from China, most who had never been in a Christian church before. Several came to our special Thanksgiving dinner for them. Some spent a Christmas meal with parish families. One sang in our choir all year and was baptized at Easter and has returned home and connected with a Christian community there. Each was given a Chinese-English Bible and Book of Common Prayer as a gift. Some come to explore Christianity, others to improve their English conversation skills - we welcome them all.

Rev. Jennifer Phillips is active in the multi faith URI Chaplains' Association, and with colleagues who are Muslim, Jewish, Roman Catholic, Inter Varsity Fellowship evangelical, Lutheran, Orthodox, and Buddhist, leads a variety of campus events. We participate in Diversity Week each year - this year with a panel on "The stream Between the Extremes" in each of our faith traditions. We sponsor the Food For Thanks drive that organizes the campus community to furnish about 100 bags of holiday groceries for needy families through the Jonnycake Center. We take part in International Peace Day, Holocaust and Genocide Remembrance Day, and we respond to incidents of hate speech and pastoral crises on campus. Rev. Phillips also chairs the university's Institutional Review Board for human subjects research, assuring that research is ethical and meets federal and state regulations. Each year the chaplains select the URI recipient of a Martin Luther King Jr. Peacemaker Award and present it at the MLK luncheon which we co-sponsor, hosting around 150 students and faculty. Currently we are collaborating with some other churches to revive some visible Protestant campus ministry at URI and will be hosting a "meet the local pastors" reception for students next month.

Students drop in at the rectory for pastoral care around issues like academic stress, pregnancy, loneliness, relationship crisis, and spiritual crisis - and many of these are not Episcopalians. Some help with the monthly parish senior lunches. One student was very active in youth leadership through St. A's, and one, who was confirmed at St. A's, has become active in The Episcopal Church's leadership program for young adults and in Province I campus ministry leadership.

The new URI president, David Dooley, and his wife Lynn Baker Dooley- an American Baptist Minister - have moved into the president's house on campus and opened the lower level as a hospitable space for students and campus events, and there is a new friendly relationship with chaplains and collaboration on the spiritual care of students and faculty. Rev. Baker Dooley came as a guest preacher to St. A's, and is serving on the local Habitat for Humanity Board helping to pave the way for 4 new neighborhood Habitat houses to be built.

This is bare-bones campus ministry on a shoestring budget from the parish funds only, and faces likely reduction in the year ahead. However we are heartened by fresh interest in campus ministry from St. Peter's Narragansett, and would welcome other congregations' help. It is a privilege to serve these spiritually hungry and seeking young people.

respectfully submitted,

The Rev'd Dr. Jennifer Phillips
Rector, St. Augustine's Church and
volunteer URI Episcopal Chaplain Associate

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS
TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23, 2010**

The Committee on Canons recommends approval of five resolutions, four to amend the Canons of the Diocese and one to amend the Standing Rules of Order of Convention.

The first resolution amends in the entirety Canon XVI entitled Discipline of a Presbyter or Deacon. The reason for the change is the adoption by General Convention 2009 of a new disciplinary process in Title IV of the Canons of General Convention. Title IV requires each diocese to adopt certain structures and procedures by diocesan canon. The Committee has drafted the proposed resolution in order to implement the new disciplinary process of Title IV. The new canon would be effective as of July 1, 2011, the effective date of Title IV. The provisions of Title IV address transitional issues.

The second resolution amends Canon VI and Canon VIII by deleting obsolete references to the election by Deaneries of members of Diocesan Council.

The third resolution amends Canon X by adding two new provisions, Canon 10.28 and Canon 10.29. The new provisions provide clarification of the process for Parishes to obtain consent for mergers or dissolutions and for changes to a Charter, Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or By-Laws.

The fourth resolution adds a new provision to Canon III to provide a structure for the process to elect a Bishop. The change incorporates some of the elements of the procedures adopted by special rule for the last election in Rhode Island and recognizes a need to create a more formal process, particularly the need to assure both an open and a considered process of nomination.

The fifth resolution amends in the entirety the current Standing Rules of Order. The new Rules are ordered by topic, condensed and edited from the current Rules. The changes include clarification of the nomination and resolution process and adoption of new filing dates for resolutions and nominations. The Committee believes the changes make the Rules easier to understand and allow earlier distribution of information for Convention.

The resolutions amending the canons, other than the resolution amending the disciplinary canon, would be effective upon passage. The resolution amending the Standing Rules of Order would be effective upon the conclusion of Convention.

The Committee on Canons
Benjamin P. Harris, III, Esq., Chairman
The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin
James H. Hahn, Esq.
The Rev. Pamela L. Rannenberg
Patricia A. Sullivan, Esq.
The Rev. John J. Pallard

DISCIPLINE OF A PRESBYTER OR DEACON

Resolved: That the 220th Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends in its entirety effective July 1, 2011 Canon XVI of the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island as follows:

CANON XVI

DISCIPLINE OF A PRESBYTER OR DEACON

16.1. Canons of The Episcopal Church. This Canon XVI adopts policies, procedures and structures to implement in The Diocese of Rhode Island (the “Diocese”) provisions for discipline set forth in Title IV of the Canons of General Convention for priests and deacons who have certain responsibilities and accountabilities for the doctrine, discipline and worship of The Episcopal Church (the “Church”). In the event any provision of this Canon XVI is in conflict with or inconsistent with Title IV of Canons of General Convention (the “Canons of the Church”), the provisions of Title IV shall prevail.

16.2. Definitions. The capitalized terms in this Canon XVI shall have the meanings attributed to them in Canon IV.2 of the Canons of the Church unless otherwise defined in this Canon XVI. All references herein to Bishop shall mean the Bishop Diocesan or the Bishop Coadjutor, if specific jurisdiction for matters contemplated by Title IV of the Canons of the Church has been assigned to the Bishop Coadjutor in accordance with Canon III.11.10(a)(2).

16.3. Disciplinary Board. The Diocese shall have a court known as the Disciplinary Board (the “DB”) composed of not less than nine members, five of whom shall be presbyters canonically resident in the Diocese and four of whom shall be lay adult communicants in good standing registered in a congregation in the Diocese. The Bishop shall nominate and Convention shall confirm members to serve for staggered terms of up to three years. In the event of a vacancy in membership, the Bishop shall appoint an individual of the same order as the former member to serve until the next Annual Convention.

16.4. President of Disciplinary Board. Within thirty days following an Annual Convention, the Bishop shall appoint from among the members of the DB a President to serve for a term of one year.

16.5. Church Attorney. The Bishop, in consultation with the Standing Committee, shall appoint from time to time one or more duly licensed attorneys to serve for a specified term as Church Attorney. The number of Church Attorneys serving at any time shall be not less than one nor more than three. A Church Attorney shall be a communicant in good standing registered as a member of a parish of the Church. If, in the sole judgment of the Bishop, removal of a Church Attorney is necessary for the good order of the Church, the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may remove a Church Attorney at any time. In the event there is no Church Attorney then serving, the Bishop shall appoint a successor Church Attorney in consultation with the Standing Committee. The Diocese may compensate a Church Attorney for services rendered at a rate described in a written retainer agreement and shall reimburse a Church Attorney for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in a proceeding under this Canon XVI. For each report of information to an Intake Officer, the Reference Panel shall designate a Church Attorney.

16.6. Intake Officer. The Bishop shall appoint one or more persons to serve as Intake Officer. Information concerning an alleged Offense shall be reported to an Intake Officer. The name or names of the Intake Officer or Officers shall be published in the Diocese.

16.7. Investigator. The Bishop shall appoint one or more persons to serve as Investigator. The Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, may remove an Investigator at any time. The Diocese may compensate an Investigator for services rendered at the rate described in a written retainer agreement and shall reimburse an Investigator for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in a proceeding under this Canon XVI. The Reference Panel shall designate an Investigator for each proceeding.

16.8. Advisors. In each proceeding under this Canon XVI or Title IV of the Canons of the

Church, the Bishop shall appoint an Advisor for the Complainant and an Advisor for the Respondent. Individuals appointed or elected and serving in other positions under this Canon XVI or Title IV of the Canons of the Church or as a Chancellor or Vice Chancellor of a Diocese within Province One of the Church shall not be eligible to serve as an Advisor.

16.9. Clerk. The DB shall appoint a Clerk to provide administrative services and management of records. The Clerk may be a member of the DB.

16.10. Panels. In accordance with Canon IV.2 of the Canons of the Church, a Reference Panel shall be composed of the Intake Officer, the President of the DB and the Bishop. In accordance with Title IV of the Canons of the Church, a Conference Panel and a Hearing Panel shall be chosen by the President of the DB; provided, however, in the event a Conference Panel shall have more than one member, the Panel shall include at least one presbyter, and each Hearing Panel shall include at least one presbyter.

16.11. Accord. Except for an Accord issued in accordance with Canon IV.9 of the Canons of the Church, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the issuance of an Accord, the Bishop shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Accord.

16.12. Order. No less than thirty (30) days prior to the issuance of an Order, the Bishop and Complainant shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the proposed terms of the Order in accordance with Canon IV.14.7 of the Canons of the Church.

16.13. System of Challenge. In addition to the requirements and process of challenge described in of Canon IV.19.14 of the Canons of the Church, the integrity of the DB shall be maintained by permitting the Church Attorney or a Respondent to challenge a member of the DB or Panel appointed for a proceeding on grounds of conflict of interest or undue bias. The DB shall consider the challenge in accordance with the process described in Canon IV.19.15 of the Canons of the Church.

16.14. Fees and Expenses. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Canon XVI, all costs, expenses and fees incurred under Title IV of the Canons of the Church and this Canon XVI shall be the obligation of the person incurring them. The Diocese shall reimburse reasonable and necessary expenses of the DB, Intake Officer, Advisors appointed by the Bishop, and Clerk as may be approved by both the Bishop and the Standing Committee. Under certain circumstances the Diocese may reimburse certain fees and expenses of other parties to a proceeding upon the recommendation of the Bishop, the consent of the Standing Committee, and the approval of Diocesan Council. Except for the provisions of Canon IV.19.23(b) of the Canons of the Church, this Canon XVI shall provide the exclusive procedure and method for reimbursement or payment of costs, expenses and fees incurred in a proceeding under Title IV of the Canons of the Church and this Canon XVI.

16.15. Records. All records of open proceedings under this Canon XVI or Title IV of the Canons of the Church shall be preserved and maintained by the Clerk. Upon completion of a proceeding, the Bishop shall make provision for the storage of all records of such proceedings in the archives of the Diocese and the archives of the Church as prescribed by Canon IV.30(c) and (d) of the Canons of the Church.

16.16. Agreements. In accordance with Canon IV.5.3(i) of the Canons of the Church, the Diocese may enter into agreements with one or more other dioceses for the sharing of resources.

Explanation. The resolution amends the disciplinary Canons of The Diocese of Rhode Island to adopt structures and procedures necessary to implement in the Diocese of Rhode Island Title IV, entitled Ecclesiastical Discipline, of the Canons of General Convention.

AMEND CANONS VI AND VIII

Resolved: That the 220th Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends Canons VI and VIII of the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island by deleting the second sentence in Canon 8.2 and revising the last sentence of Canon 6.4 to read as follows:

A vacancy in either clerical or lay representation of a member elected by Convention shall be filled by election by Diocesan Council for a term until the next annual Convention. A vacancy in either clerical or lay representation of a member appointed by the Bishop shall be filled by an appointment by the Bishop.

Explanation. The resolution amends the Canons of The Diocese of Rhode Island to delete obsolete references to elections of members by Deaneries.

PARISHES

Resolved: That the 220th Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends Canon X of the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island by adding the following new sections:

10.28. Merger or Dissolution

(a) With the written consent of both the Bishop and the Standing Committee, a Parish may dissolve or merge.

(b) Any Parish considering dissolution shall prepare and present to the Bishop and Standing Committee a plan of dissolution. Following written consent by the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the Parish may implement an approved plan of dissolution. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the approved plan of dissolution, all right, title and interest in and to the property of the Parish shall be transferred and conveyed promptly to the Diocese. In connection with any dissolution, if a Parish does not authorize an individual to act on behalf of the Parish, then appropriate officers of the Diocese shall have the authority to act in the name and on behalf of such Parish.

(c) Any Parish considering merger or affiliation shall consult the Bishop and Standing Committee. If the Bishop and the Standing Committee provide written authorization to proceed with exploration of a merger or affiliation, the Parish shall prepare and present to the Bishop and Standing Committee a plan of merger or affiliation. Following written consent by the Bishop and the Standing Committee, the Parish may adopt and implement the approved plan of merger or affiliation. The plan of merger or affiliation shall address both pastoral and property issues of all congregations included in the plan of merger or affiliation, including a process of integration for parishioners and a plan for use or disposition of real property, tangible personal property and restricted funds.

10.29. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Any amendment to a Charter, Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or By-Laws of a Parish shall require consent of the Bishop and Standing Committee. In seeking consent, a Parish shall provide the Bishop and the Standing Committee a full statement of the reasons for any change.

Explanation. The resolution amends the Canons of The Diocese of Rhode Island to clarify a process by which certain actions and changes may be undertaken by Parishes.

NOMINATION OF A BISHOP

Resolved: That the 220th Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends Canon III of the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island by adding the following new sections:

3.6 Nomination of a Bishop. Following a call for an election of a bishop by the ecclesiastical authority, the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council shall appoint a Committee to conduct the nomination and election process. The Committee shall consist of no less than nine (9) members with clergy constituting a majority of one. Concurrently with the call for the election of a bishop, the ecclesiastical authority shall propose a budget for the expenses of the election for approval by the Standing Committee and the Diocesan Council. The Committee shall have the power to adopt rules and procedures governing the process that are not inconsistent with the Canons of General Convention and the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island. The Committee shall call for, receive and may itself propose names of clergy who may be elected to the episcopal office to be filled, and determine the time within which such names shall be filed with the Committee, provided that the time shall not be less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date for the Convention at which such election is to be held. Any member of the Committee whose name is proposed for consideration as a candidate for episcopal office shall resign from the Committee. The Committee shall consider information as to the persons so proposed and, after due deliberation, shall select not more than five (5) whom it deems qualified. The Committee shall create a process for the nomination of additional persons by petition, provided that the time within which such names shall be filed with the Committee shall not be less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date for the Convention at which such election is to be held. The Committee shall prepare a report to Convention, which shall include the names of the persons selected by the Committee, the names of the persons added by petition, and biographical information as to each person. The Report of the Committee shall constitute the nomination of the persons at the Convention to elect a Bishop. No nominations may be made other than as provided in this Canon 3.6.

Explanation. The resolution amends the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island to provide a structural outline of the process to elect a bishop.

THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER

Resolved: That the 220th Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends in their entirety The Standing Rules of Order of the Diocese of Rhode Island as follows:

THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER

of

The Diocese of Rhode Island

Preliminary

1. Open Assembly. Each session of the convention shall be open to all persons unless otherwise ordered by the convention. All persons seeking admission to Convention shall present such credentials as may be required by the Secretary of Convention. For members of Convention credentials may include evidence of right of membership and photographic identification.

2. Committee of the Whole. At the request of the president, or on motion, the convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

3. Roll of Members. At all times during a session of convention, the secretary shall maintain a roll of members entitled to vote.

Membership and Seating

5. Registration. While ascertaining the names and number of clergy and delegates and their alternates present at the organization of the convention, the secretary shall register the names of only such alternates as fill the places of delegates whose absence is confirmed in writing by the rector or chair of the delegation of the parish or mission; provided, that a delegate may at any time reclaim the seat, in which case the name of the alternate shall be withdrawn from the roll, provided however, that no change in the roll of members shall be made during consideration of a vote.

6. Seating. To the extent feasible, members shall be seated by parish or mission affiliation. Other members and guests may be seated in designated sections.

Reports

7. Reports. All reports of commissions and committees shall be in writing and shall be received and recorded without formal action by convention unless the report requests action by convention or unless convention places the report on the agenda.. All commissions and committees required to submit reports for action by conventions shall file the report with the secretary of convention no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the convention. If a Report recommends action by Convention, the Report shall be accompanied by a resolution or resolutions for consideration of Convention.

Conduct of Business

8. Limitation on Speaking. No member may address Convention more than twice on the same question without the consent of the convention; provided, however, that the Chair of a Committee having charge of its report may speak more often upon recognition by the president.

9. Questions of Order. The president shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the convention.

10. Consideration of Motions. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, at the request of the president or convention, reduced to writing. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone, to limit debate or to adjourn. All amendments shall be considered in the order received. If an amendment to a motion is under consideration a motion to amend may be made, however, no further amendment to such motion shall be in order. A motion that the subject lie on the table, or to adjourn, always shall be in order and be decided without debate.

11. Vote on Motions. All questions shall be decided by voice, or by rising vote; but at the request of five (5) members a vote by order shall be taken. A question susceptible of division shall at the request of any member be divided. When a vote is taken by orders, the votes of the clergy shall be counted first; and thereafter, the votes of the several delegates shall be counted. When required by ten (10) members, the yeas and nays, except in elections, shall be called; the names of those voting in the affirmative and negative, respectively, shall be announced before the result is declared, and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the minutes.

12. Reconsideration. A question once determined shall stand as the judgment of the convention, and shall not again be debated during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

Resolutions

13. General Resolutions. All proposals for the adoption of resolutions recommending action by the convention (with the exception of resolutions accompanying the reports of committees) shall be submitted by no less than two members of convention to the secretary of convention forty-five (45) days before the session of the convention to which such resolutions are to be proposed, and the secretary shall transmit the same forthwith to the committee on resolutions; provided, however, that such proposition may be offered to the convention when in session, with the consent of the convention, and thereupon shall be referred to the committee on resolutions before action is taken thereon. The committee shall report to the convention each of such proposals with revisions or recommendations as may be determined by the committee.

14. Request for Appropriations. All resolutions requesting an appropriation shall be filed with the Commission on Finance and the Committee on Program and Budget at such time as the Commission on Finance and the Committee on Program and Budget determine.

15. Amendment of Canons. All propositions for adoption, amendment, or repeal of the constitution, canons or rules of order which are to be offered at an approaching session of the convention shall, forty-five (45) days before such session, be sent to the secretary of the diocese, who shall transmit the same forthwith to the committee on canons and a copy thereof to the board or committee especially interested in the proposition; Provided, however, that with the unanimous consent of convention such proposition may be offered to the convention when in session, and thereupon shall be referred to the committee on canons before action be taken thereon. Said committee shall report to the convention each of such propositions with their recommendations thereon.

Nominations and Elections

16. Nominations. The Committee on Elections shall receive nominations to any elective office to be filled by convention in one of the following ways:

(a) by written nomination provided to the chairman of the committee at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the convention is scheduled to meet, signed by not less than three (3) members of the convention and accompanied by a brief biographical description; or

(b) the committee shall make a nomination for each elective office for which no other nomination shall have been made; or

(c) from the floor of the convention, provided each such nomination from the floor is seconded by not less than eight (8) members of the convention.

At least ninety (90) days before each annual session of the convention, the secretary of the diocese shall transmit to every member of the convention a list of the offices to be filled by election at the coming session, together with directions concerning the manner in which nominations to said offices may be made. The committee shall prepare ballots in which shall be printed, in order determined by lot, the names of persons duly nominated in advance of the meeting. In addition, the ballots shall contain, under each office, as many blank spaces as there are places to be filled, in which voters may write names of those nominated from the floor. Ballots shall have printed on them information as to the method of voting; and, in voting, only such ballots shall be used. The committee shall deliver to the secretary of the diocese specimen copies of this ballot, together with a brief biographical description of each candidate, in sufficient time to distribute them to every member of the convention at least ten days before the date of Convention.

17. Balloting for Elections. Elections shall be determined by ballot if it be required by the constitution or canon; but, unless so required, the ballots may be omitted when only one (1)

nomination is made. The tellers shall report to the chair the number of votes cast, the number necessary for a choice, and the number of votes for the respective candidates. The chair shall thereupon declare the result of the ballot and announce the names of the persons elected. The report of the tellers shall be placed on file, and details of the voting shall be reported in the journal of convention.

Notices

8. Form of Notice. Whenever written notice or notification is required to be given to any person hereunder, such notice or notification may be given by mail, by a generally recognized overnight delivery service, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic communication to his or her address as recorded in the records of the Diocese.

Minutes

18. Minutes. Following the close of Convention, the President of Convention, the Secretary of Convention and the Chancellor are authorized to certify the minutes before printing.

Robert's Rules of Order

19. Unless in conflict with the Canons of the Church or of the Diocese, or with the Standing Rules of Order of the Diocese, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of Convention.

Suspension of Rules

20. Suspension of Rules of Order. No rule of order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

Explanation. The resolution amends the Standing Rules of Order of The Diocese of Rhode Island to reorganize and modify the current rules. The revised Standing Rules of Order include earlier time periods for notice and submission of information for the Annual Convention.

CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY AS OF DECEMBER 5, 2010

Name	DATE IN FROM
ALEXANDER, John D.	11/6/2000 NY
ALMON, Austin A. Jr.	7/13/1985 RI
AMES, David A.	2/1/1969 So. OH
ANDERSON, Evangeline	6/18/1994 RI
ANTHONY, Henry F. II	7/1/1994 East Tennessee
ANTHONY, Robert W.	6/1/1988 W. MA
BAILEY, Patricia A.	6/24/1995 RI
BARNABY, Alcide, Jr.	6/24/1968 RI
BARRY, Jean	7/13/1985 RI
BESIER, Bettine E.	8/1/1997 CN
BLAIR, Rebecca H.	11/21/1995 MA
BOCCHINO, James R.	6/23/1984 RI
BOLLES, Hebert W.	12/21/1976 Indnpls
BOUCHER, Charles Edward	3/4/2005 MA
BRADNER, Lawrence H.	3/7/1977 SD
BRIGHTMAN, Dorothy (Ricky)	5/25/2006 RI
BROADHEAD, Janet	7/13/1985 RI
BROOKS, Robert T.	3/7/2000 OH
BUCCO, Dennis	6/9/2007 RI
BUOTE-GREIG, Eletha	4/19/2006 Massachusetts
BURGER, Douglas C.	1/24/1995 Special List Secy HOB
BURKE, Anne B.	9/12/2009
BURKE, J. Daniel	2/19/1978 MI
BURLINGTON, R. Craig	3/4/1992 Newark
BURTON, Christine H.	3/28/1992 RI
CARGILL, David C.	11/21/1979 NH
CARPENTER, Susan Elizabeth	6/14/2008 RI
CHAPLIN, George M.	3/8/1969 RI
CHRISMAN, John A.	5/15/1991 CofE
CLOSE, Leroy	1/19/2005 NY

COBURN, Michael C.	8/18/1998 CT
COCHRAN, A. Royston	9/20/1973 MA
COLLINS, Judith T.	6/20/1992 RI
CONNER, Ronald P.	9/14/1981 WA
CUMMINGS, Robert C.	5/16/1983 CT
DeCARVALHO, Maria E. A.	6/23/1990 RI
DEVENS, Philip	2/26/1987 MA
DRAKE, Jo-Ann J.	2/1/1993 Pennsylvania
EPPERSON, Christopher L	6/11/2006 Atlanta
FAIRMAN, Henry	2/2/1982 Bethlehem
FISCHER-DAVIES, Clare	7/12/2005 SW VA
FRAATZ, William F.	12/5/2000 AZ
FRAIOLI, Karen A.	6/18/1994 RI
FRANKLIN, Kenneth R.	2/1/1969 CT
FRASER, R. Trent	6/2/2009 Michigan
FRINK, James P.	6/20/1959 RI
GATES, Alan Kenneth	9/1/2007 Olympia
GILLESPIE, David M.	2/1/1987 CA
GORDON, Harrington M.	6/24/1955 RI
GREENE, Everett H.	9/13/1960 Rochester
GREENE, Patrick J.	5/22/2010
GREGORY, Pamela	3/24/1998 Chicago
GRINNELL, Janice L.	3/16/1991 RI
GUNN, Scott Alan	2/5/2005 RI
HAINES-MURDOCCO, Sandra P.	9/21/1994 MD
HALLENBECK, Edwin	7/13/1985 RI
HARRIS, Marsue	2/18/1983 CA
HASTINGS, Donald L.	9/8/1975 NY
HEMENWAY, Augustus L.	10/23/1961 MA
HENTHORNE, Granville V.	1/23/1974 CT
HICKOX, Jean W.	4/5/1986 RI
HIGBIE, Margaret C. F.	6/23/1990 RI
HITT, Mary L.	4/13/1995 RI

HUNT, Bishop George N.	3/1/1980 CA
HUYCK, Jonathan T.	11/8/2010 Conv. of American Churches in Europe
JELLISON, Frederick K.	2/15/1955 MI
JOHNSON, Ida R.	7/13/1985 RI
JOHNSON, Michaela M.	12/1/1992 W.Mass
JULIAN, Mercedes	04/12/2010 So. Carolina
KOUMRIAN, Paul S.	1/2/1992 MA
KRAUSS, Harry E,	10/24/2005 NY
KUEHL, H. August	9/17/1973 Rochester
LAREMORE, Richard T.	6/20/1954 RI
LAVALLEE, Donald A.	6/19/1965 RI
LEMERY, Gary C.	8/19/1983 CA
LESIEUR, Betsy	7/13/1985 RI
LISBY, Gregory	10/5/2007 Indianapolis
LLOYD, Kevin M.	3/7/2006 Western North Carolina
LOCKE, William R.	12/27/1993 RI
LUCEY, David J.	2/10/2009 Chicago
MANCHESTER, Sean	11/16/1992 Rio Grande
MARSHALL, Robert K.	9/30/2010 Southwestern Virginia
MATOTT, Michele	11/22/1992 RI
MATTHEWS, M. Theresa	3/31/2006 Bethlehem
MAUNEY, James Patrick	4/27/1982 Sul Central Brazil
MAYER, Peter	11/15/2005 Washington
MAYS-STOCK, Barbara L.	3/20/1994 RI
MELLO, Iris E.	7/13/1985 RI
MICHAELSON, Peter R.	3/26/1993 ID
MILLER, Nancy F.	6/24/1995 RI
MILLETTE, Carol L.	4/5/1986 RI
MILLS-CURRAN, Lorraine M.	9/1/1991 Rio Grande
MITCHELL, Judith N.	6/26/1993 RI
MORGAN, Richard	1/5/1994 VA
MOTT, Pamela J.	12/1/2004 OR
NEALE, Hedwig B.	6/23/1990 RI

NEILSEN, Eloise S.	2/4/1989 RI
NESTOR, Elizabeth M.	6/29/1979 RI
NORTH, Susan G.	3/16/1991 RI
NUNLEY, Janet W.	12/10/1994 RI
OLMSTED, Nancy K.Y.	12/19/1994 NH
PALLARD, John J.	4/9/2009 Central Florida
PAPPAS, Christopher	9/16/2008 Edmonton, Ontario
PECKHAM, Ashley H.	6/27/1970 RI
PEDRICK, Jennifer L.	6/13/1998 RI
PELLETIER, Ann D.	6/23/1990 RI
PENFIELD, Joyce	6/27/2002 NJ
PERRY, Cecilia C.	1/27/1996 RI
PHILLIPS, Jennifer M.	6/20/2000 MO
PICKENS, Paul G.	6/18/1977 RI
PRIOR, John Gregory	4/10/2002 SC
RANNENBERG, Pamela L.	12/16/1999 VA
RICE, Marshall T.	2/9/1996 Newark
RICHARDS, Anne Marie	06/11/2010 Washington
ROBERTS, Jose Francisco	11/17/2004 PR
RUNNER, P. Wayne	8/26/1996 NJ
RYAN, David A.	6/18/1960 RI
SHELL-LAMBERT, Anita	04/16/2010 Vermont
SCHNEIDER, M.P.	3/28/1992 RI
SCHWEINSBURG, Jr., Richard	5/20/1998 Albany
SCOTT, Keith E.	6/28/1965 S. OH
SESSIONS, Marcia A.	8/1/1994 VA
SHATTUCK, Gardiner H.	7/15/1986 MA
SHEARER, Robert L.	11/1/1981 CA
SHERMAN, Elizabeth	6/30/1999 NY
SHIPPEE, Richard C.	6/14/1975 RI
SHOBE, Melody W.	09/13/2010 Virginia
SHOBE, R. Casey	11/25/2008 Texas
SHOEMAKER, H. Stephanie C.	3/16/1991 RI

SIMONIAN, Marlene	6/23/1990 RI
SIMPSON, Richard R.	8/26/1997 Western KS
SPENCER, Peter L.	6/19/1965 RI
SPULNIK, Frederick J.	6/26/1984 MA
STAHL, Daryl W.	8/15/1990 IA
STENNING, Gordon J.	6/24/1955 RI
STILES, Susan R.	1/27/1996 RI
STRAHAN, Linda C.	2/21/1984 VA
TARRANT, Paul	2/23/1995 MA
THORNE, Joyce	5/22/2010
TIERNEY, Peter G. III	06/30/2010 MA
TIERNEY, Phillip J.	1/31/2005 NC
TRAFFORD, Edward J.	4/5/1986 RI
TUCK, Michael	1/23/2010
TURNBULL, Henry G.	6/23/1956 RI
TWELVES, Paul D.	12/17/1996 Newark
ULANOWSKI, Paula H.	4/17/1983 RI
VANDERAU, Robert J., Jr.	3/17/1994 Cent. FL
VERBER, James L.	7/13/1985 RI
WARREN, George H	12/7/2005 Western MA
WARTER, Mark Wilkinson	6/14/2008 RI
WESTHORP, Peter H. G.	6/24/1968 RI
WHEELOCK, L. Gail	2/4/1989 RI
WILLIS, Nancy A.	6/15/1996 RI
WINSOR, Edward S.	6/7/1958 RI
WOLF, GERALYN	2/17/1996 Kentucky
WRATHALL, Susan Lynn	5/25/2006 RI
WRIGHT, Elizabeth L.	2/4/1989 RI

**COURTESY RESOLUTIONS
AS PRESENTED TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23, 2010**

Resolved, that the 220th Diocesan Convention expresses its appreciation to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, as she completes her 15th year of ministry among us, and assures her and her husband Tom of our affection, prayers and support, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the Rt. Rev. David Joslin, Assisting Bishop of Rhode Island, as he celebrates the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, for his continued ministry within our diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its greetings and prayers to our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, and to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings to the people of our companion Diocese of Louisiana and its new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Morris Thompson, and to the people of our companion Diocese of Ezo and its Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Zawo, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings of affection and prayers to the Rt. Rev. George Hunt, retired bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and his wife Barbara, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention thanks the Rev. Canon Andrew White, our Preacher last night, and hopes that the work of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East will be successful, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to Emmanuel Church in Cumberland on its 175th anniversary, to the Church of the Redeemer in Providence on its 150th anniversary, and to Trinity Church in Pawtuxet on its 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates the Rev. David Ryan, the Rev. Kenneth Franklin, the Rev. John Hall and the Rev. Daryl Stahl on the 50th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood, and offers prayers for healing for the Rev. Herbert Bolles and the Rev. Donald Hastings, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its heartfelt thanks for the ministry of the parishioners of recently closed St. Mark's Church in Warren, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the committed Episcopalians across this state who work so diligently with the various commissions, committees, and institutions of this Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its thanks to all those who have offered their ministry of hospitality and support for this Convention, and especially to Ed Bennett who has completed 30 years as Chancellor of the Diocese and Bob Batchelor who has completed 15 years as Treasurer of the Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to all the members of the Bishop's staff for their continued, faithful ministry to all of us and for our Diocese.

**PLANT ASSETS-PROPERTIES OWNED
October 2010**

<u>Description</u> <u>Values</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>2009 Assessed</u>
Cathedral Close:		
Cathedral House and Annex	275 No. Main St., Providence	\$ 1,286,700.
Hallworth House	66 Benefit Street, Providence	3,234,800.
Hallworth House Parking Lots	14 & 18 Star Street, Providence	483,700.
Edwards Fund Homes	62, 74, 78, 80, 84, 88 Benefit Street, Providence	3,085,400.
Mission Churches:		
St. Thomas	322 Church St., Alton	318,700.
St Ann's-by-the-Sea	25 Spring St., New Shoreham	866,700.
St. Elizabeth's Church	63 Canonchet Rd., Hope Valley	468,300.
Church of the Holy Spirit	4150 Old Post Road, Charlestown	873,400.
Vacant Land (Old Post Road)	Lot 13/42, Charlestown	185,800.
Vacant Land (Old Post Road)	Lot 13/50/3, Charlestown	197,300.
Land & Bldg (4130 Old Post Road)	Lot 13/43, Charlestown	383,300.
St. Matthias Church & Vicarage	1395 Nooseneck Hill Rd., Coventry	959,200.
St. Francis	RR#2 Peckham Lane, Coventry	442,200.
Church of the Holy Cross	1439 West Main Road, Middletown	784,900.
Calvary Church and Vicarage	156 Broad Street, Pascoag	531,800.
Vacant Land (Grant House)	North Scituate "bypass"	133,700.
Old Narragansett Church:		
Old Narragansett Church	58 Church Lane, N. Kingstown	464,600.
"The Greenway"	Access to the church (55 Main St.)	54,800.
Burial Ground	Shermantown Rd., N. Kingstown	157,700.
Vacant Land (Brown/Merrill)	Church Lane, N. Kingstown	172,500.
Vacant Land (Merrill)	Church Lane, N. Kingstown	191,300.
Miscellaneous Properties:		
Episcopal Conference Center	872 Reservoir Road, Pascoag	1,174,000.
May Cottage	110 Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown	1,148,000.
May House	120 Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown	502,500.
Vacant Land	Lot 087, Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown	294,000.
Vacant Land	Lot 104, Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown	37,000.
Parking Lot	69 Benefit St., Providence	502,500.
Cemetery (Andrew's & Philips)	Main Street, W. Warwick	No Known Value
Leased Land	389 Elmwood Avenue, Providence	<u>469,700.</u>
Total Estimated Value		\$19,413,500.

This is to certify that the above are Diocesan-owned properties.

The Rev. Kevin M. Lloyd, Secretary

INSTITUTIONS (In the Diocese of Rhode Island)

St. Andrew's School	St. Elizabeth's Home
St. Mary's Home for Children	Seamen's Church Institute

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
December 31, 2009

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

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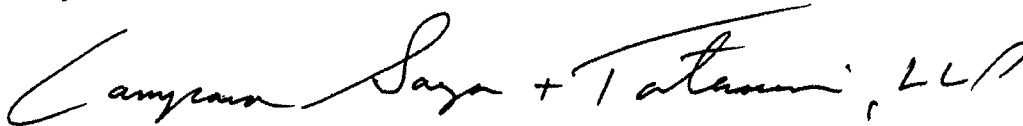
The Diocese of Rhode Island
Providence, Rhode Island

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Diocese of Rhode Island (a not-for-profit organization) as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Diocese's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Diocese of Rhode Island as of December 31, 2009, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



September 17, 2010

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2009

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Notes 2 and 14)		\$ 2,680,140
RECEIVABLES:		
Apportionment – net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$8,235	\$ 108,866	
Pledges - net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$8,514 (Note 4)	15,812	
Loans (Note 5)	227,770	
Other	<u>5,608</u>	
Total receivables		358,056
BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN PERPETUAL TRUSTS (Note 6)		431,704
INVESTMENTS (Note 2)		16,501,637
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net (Note 7)		<u>1,864,394</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$21,835,931</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		\$ 103,791
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$4,267,853	
Designated for specific purposes	<u>2,702,170</u>	
Total unrestricted		\$ 6,970,023
Temporarily restricted (Note 9)		11,004,410
Permanently restricted (Note 10)		<u>3,757,707</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>21,732,140</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$21,835,931</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Apportionment	\$2,067,446	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 2,067,446
Contributions	-0	535,656	150	535,806
Program services revenue	237,651	-0	-0	237,651
Interest income	11,333	433	-0	11,766
Investment return designated for current operations	148,717	736,227	-0	884,944
Other income	129,887	-0	-0	129,887
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 11)	<u>1,217,802</u>	<u>(1,217,802)</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>\$3,812,836</u>	<u>\$ 54,514</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 3,867,500</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Program expenses (Schedule I)	\$2,316,868	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 2,316,868
Support services	719,494	-0	-0	719,494
Episcopal Charities granted to Non- Diocesan programs	361,820	-0	-0	361,820
Fundraising	<u>178,857</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>178,857</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$3,577,039</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ 3,577,039</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS				
	<u>\$ 235,797</u>	<u>\$ 54,514</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 290,461</u>
OTHER CHANGES				
Investment returns in excess of returns for current operations	\$ 522,767	\$ 1,726,954	\$ -0	\$ 2,249,721
Net gain on beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	-0	-0	30,670	30,670
Net asset reclassifications based on change in law (Note 8)	(2,074,074)	4,548,086	(2,474,012)	-0
Transfer of church property (Note 13)	<u>81,918</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>81,918</u>
Total other changes	<u>(\$1,469,389)</u>	<u>\$ 6,275,040</u>	<u>(\$2,443,342)</u>	<u>\$ 2,362,309</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(\$1,233,592)	\$ 6,329,554	(\$2,443,192)	\$ 2,652,770
NET ASSETS, January 1, 2009 (Note 3)	<u>8,203,615</u>	<u>4,674,856</u>	<u>6,200,899</u>	<u>19,079,370</u>
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2009	<u>\$6,970,023</u>	<u>\$11,004,410</u>	<u>\$3,757,707</u>	<u>\$21,732,140</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended December 31, 2009

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Changes in net assets	\$2,652,770
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	80,095
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses	(2,280,391)
Decrease in receivables	112,213
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(24,057)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 540,630
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of property and equipment	(\$ 108,652)
Proceeds from sale of investments	62,147
Purchase of investments	(386,467)
Net cash used by investing activities	(432,972)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 107,658
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, January 1, 2009	<u>2,572,482</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31, 2009	<u>\$2,680,140</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The Diocese of Rhode Island (“Diocese”) is a nonprofit religious corporation established under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Diocese is dedicated to establishing, developing, and furthering the mission of The Episcopal Church in Rhode Island.

The Diocese is supported by apportionment amounts received from member parishes, contributions received from various donors, and endowment income.

The accompanying financial statements do not include the activities of any of the following funds or entities: The Diocesan Investment Trust; Cathedral of St. John; and the individual parishes and missions within the Diocese.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the Diocese and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted – includes net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expanded for any purposes in performing the primary objectives of the Diocese.

Temporarily Restricted – includes net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Diocese or the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted – includes net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that they be maintained in perpetuity by the Diocese. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Diocese to use all or part of the income and gains earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

When donor-imposed restrictions are met, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. For those temporarily restricted gifts whose restrictions are met within the same fiscal year, the Diocese initially records them within temporarily restricted net assets.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

Cash Equivalents

The Diocese considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of the purchase to be cash equivalents, with the exception of cash and short-term investments managed by the Diocese investment managers for long-term investment purposes.

Receivables

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect on outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

Investments

The Diocese's investments are in pooled investment funds held by the Diocesan Investment Trust, a separate non-regulated investment fund organized to provide investment options to the Diocese, its parishes and other related organizations. The investments in the Diocesan Investment Trust are carried at estimated fair value based principally upon the quoted market prices of the underlying assets of the fund.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The following fair value hierarchy is used in selecting inputs, with the highest priority given to Level 1, as these are the most transparent or reliable:

Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets.

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Level 3 – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs are not observable.

A qualifying asset or liability's level within the framework is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Diocese values all its qualifying assets and liabilities using Level 1 inputs.

Assets Held in Trust

The Diocese is a beneficiary of certain trusts that have been established by donors with funds contributed to be held in perpetuity. Under provisions of the trusts, the Diocese receives, annually, income on the trusts' assets, as has been stipulated by the donor, that can be utilized in any way that is consistent with the Diocese's mission. Distributions are recorded as unrestricted program service revenue in the combined statements of activities and changes in net assets. Changes in market value are recorded as increases or decreases to permanently restricted net assets in the statement of activities.

Property and Equipment

Missions and other real property in the name of the Diocese at January 1, 1982 were recorded at appraised value. Subsequent acquisitions are carried at cost. Land and building of the Hallworth House are carried at cost. Land and buildings restricted by donors are recorded at appraised value. Equipment and motor vehicles are carried at cost. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Expenditures for maintenance and routine repairs are charged to expense as incurred; expenditures for improvements and major repairs that materially extend the useful lives of assets are capitalized.

Income Tax Status

The Diocese qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes. In addition, the Diocese qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A).

Subsequent Events

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements, the Diocese evaluated subsequent events through September 17, 2010 which was the date the financial statements were approved for issuance, and concluded that no additional disclosures are required.

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Note 3. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The Diocese has annually been a recipient of distributions from beneficial interests in perpetual trusts. The distributions have been recorded as program service revenue for the purposes specified by the donors. In 2009, the Diocese has recorded the underlying trust assets. Accordingly, an adjustment of \$401,034 was made to increase the beginning balance of permanently restricted net assets.

Note 4. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises are included in the financial statements as pledges receivable and revenue of the appropriate net asset category. Pledges, net of allowance for uncollectibles, are expected to be collected within the next year.

Total pledges	\$24,326
Less allowance	<u>8,514</u>
Net pledges	<u>\$15,812</u>

Pledges receivable at December 31, 2009 have the following restrictions:

Episcopal Charities	<u>\$15,812</u>
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Note 5. LOANS RECEIVABLE

The Diocese maintains a revolving loan fund for the purpose of granting loans to parishes and missions in need of financial assistance. At December 31, 2009, seven (7) loans were outstanding totaling \$227,770. Interest is charged on the loan balances at an annual rate ranging from 2.25% to 6.50%. The loans mature at various dates until the year 2016.

Note 6. BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN PERPETUAL TRUSTS

The Diocese is the beneficiary of certain trusts created by donors, the assets of which are in the possession of financial institutions and not the Diocese. The Diocese's rights to such assets, is the right to income therefrom. Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) related to the beneficial interests are reported as changes in permanently restricted net assets based on explicit donor stipulations. The fair values at December 31, 2009 of those beneficial interests were as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Arthur A. Gammell Fund	\$215,858
James D. Dunning and Beatrice Marion Dunning Fund	115,998
Edna H. Treat Trust	<u>99,848</u>
	<u>\$431,704</u>

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Note 7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>Total</u>
Land and buildings	\$5,318,426
Equipment	37,762
Motor vehicles	<u>94,065</u>
	\$5,450,253
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>3,585,859</u>
	<u>\$1,864,394</u>

Depreciation expense for 2009 was \$80,095.

Note 8. ENDOWMENT

The Diocese's endowment consists of approximately 100 individual funds established for a variety of purposes, including both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Diocese to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Diocese to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

For 2009, the Diocese adopted the provisions of new accounting standards, which provide guidance in the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) and also requires disclosures about endowment funds, including donor-restricted endowment funds and board-designated endowment funds.

The Diocese is incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, which on June 30, 2009 adopted UPMIFA. Under UPMIFA, the assets of a donor-restricted endowment fund may be appropriated for expenditure by the Diocese in accordance with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. As a result of this new law and the adoption of new accounting standards, the Diocese has classified its December 31, 2009 net assets as permanently restricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and unrestricted net assets.

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The portion of donor-restricted endowment funds that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Diocese in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Diocese considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Diocese and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect on inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Diocese
- The investment policies of the Diocese

Net assets comprising true endowment funds and funds designated by the Diocese to function as endowments were as follows at December 31, 2009:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	(\$ 37,312)	\$10,537,566	\$3,545,543	\$14,045,797
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>2,887,544</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>2,887,544</u>
	<u>\$2,850,232</u>	<u>\$10,537,566</u>	<u>\$3,545,543</u>	<u>\$16,933,341</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2009 are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of the year	\$4,329,256	\$ 1,771,499	\$5,988,735	\$12,089,490
Net asset reclassification based on change in law	<u>(2,074,074)</u>	<u>4,548,086</u>	<u>(2,474,012)</u>	<u>-0</u>
Endowment net assets after reclassification	<u>\$2,255,182</u>	<u>\$ 6,319,585</u>	<u>\$3,514,723</u>	<u>\$12,089,490</u>
Investment return:				
Dividend and interest income	\$ 148,716	\$ 736,227	\$ -0	\$ 884,943
Realized and unrealized gains	520,766	1,729,954	-0	2,250,720
Increase value to beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>30,670</u>	<u>30,670</u>
Total investment return	<u>\$ 669,482</u>	<u>\$ 2,466,181</u>	<u>\$ 30,670</u>	<u>\$ 3,166,333</u>

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Other changes:				
Contributions	\$ -0	\$ 142,331	\$ 150	\$ 142,481
Transfers to create funds functioning as endowment	83,459	2,346,045	-0	2,429,504
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure				
	(157,891)	(736,576)	-0	(894,467)
Total other changes	<u>(\$ 74,432)</u>	<u>\$ 1,751,800</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>	<u>\$ 1,677,518</u>
Endowment net assets, end of the year				
	<u>\$2,850,232</u>	<u>\$10,537,566</u>	<u>\$3,545,543</u>	<u>\$16,933,341</u>

Prior to 2009, the Diocese was subject to the Rhode Island Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (UMIFA), as amended. Rhode Island's enacted version of the UMIFA required the Diocese to maintain the purchasing power of the historic dollar value of its donor-restricted endowment funds and, as a result, the Diocese annually added a portion of the funds' return to permanently restricted net assets to account for inflation. This requirement was eliminated by the enactment of UPMIFA and, accordingly, in 2009 the Diocese reclassified certain amounts of permanently restricted net assets to temporarily restricted net assets. In addition, the adoption of new accounting standards in 2009 resulted in the reclassification within donor-restricted endowment funds of certain amounts from unrestricted net assets to temporarily restricted net assets. The effects of the reclassification are reflected on the statement of activities as "net asset reclassification based upon change in the law."

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with an individual donor-restricted endowment fund may fall below the amount designated as permanently restricted net assets. Deficiencies of this nature, which are reported in unrestricted net assets, aggregated \$37,312 as of December 31, 2009. These deficiencies resulted principally from investment losses and continued appropriation for certain programs that was deemed prudent by the Diocese. Subsequent gains that restore the fair value of the assets of these endowment funds to the required level will be classified as increases in unrestricted net assets.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Diocese has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets, including both donor-restricted and designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Diocese, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the total return of various benchmarks. Actual returns in any given year or period of years may vary from this amount.

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Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Diocese relies on a total return strategy in which the investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Diocese targets a diversified asset allocation that places emphasis on investments in public equity and fixed income to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Diocese invests its endowment funds and allocates the related earnings for expenditure in accordance with the total return concept. The endowment usage is determined in accordance with the policy adopted by the Diocese. This policy fixes the spending range of endowment total return between 4.25% and 5.25% of the average fair value of applicable endowment for the twelve calendar quarters preceding the budget year, with the objective being to hold the spending rate to no more than 5% average over time. Applicable endowments include Diocese-designated and donor-designated endowment funds.

Note 9. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2009:

Office of the Bishop	\$3,319,399
Clergy development	498,262
Other leadership and pastoral support	32,116
Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp	491,410
Ministry to higher education	218,592
Other outreach	594,814
Congregational development	2,102,782
Support services	1,667,689
Episcopal charities	<u>2,079,346</u>
	<u>\$11,004,410</u>

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Note 10. PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Permanently restricted net assets consisting of property and investments are restricted in perpetuity, the income from which is available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2009:

Office of the Bishop	\$1,562,288
Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp	108,193
Other outreach	90,038
Congregational development	326,002
Support services	280,008
Episcopal charities	<u>1,391,178</u>
	<u>\$3,757,707</u>

Note 11. NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donor.

Purpose restrictions accomplished:

Office of the Bishop	\$ 277,485
Clergy development	26,970
Other leadership and pastoral support	351
Episcopal Conference Center and City Camp	166,949
Ministry to higher education	12,082
Other outreach	37,542
Congregational development	115,919
Support services	72,236
Episcopal charities	<u>508,268</u>
	<u>\$1,217,802</u>

Note 12. PENSION PLANS

The Diocese has a defined benefit pension plan covering its retired lay employees. Benefits are based on years of service and the employee's average earnings for the highest five (5) consecutive years. The Diocese's funding policy is to annually contribute the amount required under the minimum funding standards.

The Diocese did not contribute to this plan in 2009. An actuary's statement shows that no contribution was needed to keep the plan funded in accordance with the minimum funding standards of ERISA.

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The Diocese also has a defined contribution plan sponsored by the National Church. The plan covers the Diocese's active lay employees. Contributions are made by the Diocese at a minimum of five percent of an employee's salary to a maximum of nine percent. The Diocese contributed \$64,490 to this plan in 2009.

The Diocese also contributed \$50,909 to a plan sponsored by the National Church covering clergy employed by the Diocese.

Note 13. CHURCH PROPERTIES

In 2009 the Diocese received \$81,918 from the closing of parishes.

At December 31, 2009, mergers and closings of other parishes and missions were under consideration. The financial effect to the Diocese from future mergers and closings cannot be estimated at this time, and therefore are not reflected in the financial statements.

Note 14. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

At times, throughout the year, the Diocese maintained amounts in certain bank accounts in excess of the FDIC insured limits.

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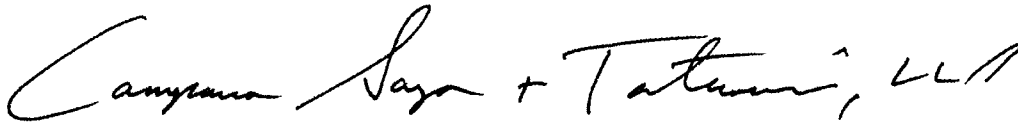
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of The Diocese of Rhode Island as of December 31, 2009 appears on Page 1. That audit was for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of program expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



September 17, 2010

SCHEDULE ITHE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
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For the year ended December 31, 2009

	Apportionment <u>Funded</u>	Non- Apportionment <u>Funded</u>	Total Program <u>Expenses</u>
Leadership & Pastoral Support			
Office of the Bishop	\$ 278,680	\$169,190	\$ 447,870
Support of the Bishop	87,003	-0	87,003
Communications	80,641	-0	80,641
Clergy Development/Deployment	99,563	6,791	106,354
Other Leadership & Support	<u>77,178</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>77,178</u>
Total leadership & pastoral support	<u>\$ 623,065</u>	<u>\$175,981</u>	<u>\$ 799,046</u>
Outreach, Advocacy & Service			
Episcopal Conference Center & City Camp	\$ 464,127	\$ 7,605	\$ 471,732
National Church Assessment	481,784	-0	481,784
Ministry to Higher Education	18,720	-0	18,720
Chaplaincies	74,629	10,284	84,913
Other Outreach	<u>47,425</u>	<u>57,881</u>	<u>105,306</u>
Total outreach, advocacy & service	<u>\$1,086,685</u>	<u>\$ 75,770</u>	<u>\$1,162,455</u>
Congregational Development	<u>\$ 203,284</u>	<u>\$152,083</u>	<u>\$ 355,367</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$1,913,034</u>	<u>\$403,834</u>	<u>\$2,316,868</u>