

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
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216th ANNUAL CONVENTION

The two hundred sixteenth meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island began with a reception and dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2006, at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston. The theme for this year's Convention was *Lighten The World*.

Following dinner, Ms. Peggy Amatore, Director for Episcopal Charities, and Ms. Joan DeCelles, Assistant Treasurer, were recognized by the Bishop for 25 years of service to the diocese. They each were presented with a gift in recognition of their work, and the Bishop thanked them for their dedication. She commented, "I thank them for their expertise to the Diocese and their affection to all of you." The Bishop reported that Episcopal Charities is currently at the level of \$451,000 and needs another \$100,000 to attain their goal for this year.

Bishop Wolf introduced the speaker for the evening, The Rev. Michael Kinman, Director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, who spoke on the subject of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) and the national Episcopal Church's role in participation. Rev. Kinman said that we, as Episcopalians, start with God revealed in Jesus Christ, and that is why the MDG's are a blueprint for becoming a brand new church. In successive General Conventions, the Episcopal Church has committed itself to the elimination of extreme global poverty by working through the MDG's. The goals were developed by the leaders of the world's nations, in cooperation with the United Nations. The goals are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
2. Achieve universal primary education.
3. Promote gender equality and empower women.
4. Reduce child mortality.
5. Improve maternal health.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.
7. Ensure environmental stability
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

Rev. Kinman ended by saying that it is important to do this work, not because we should, but because we can. It is only when we give our lives away, that we are rich. To find out more about Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, please see [www.E4GR.org](http://www.E4GR.org).

Convention reconvened on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The preacher for the celebration was The Rev. Michael Kinman, Director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation.

Convention was called to order at 9:45 AM with prayer. The Chancellor noted 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 the Convention. He also observed that the Convention is open to all persons unless otherwise ordered by Convention. He said that the Convention is governed by the Constitution, Canons, and Standing Rules of Order of this Diocese. In addition, he also proposed that for Resolutions, there will be a limit of 15 minutes for two (2) speakers, then one (1) minute thereafter to allow as many as possible to speak. This motion was moved, seconded and approved. He asked all speakers to identify themselves by giving their names and congregational affiliation. He further said that any "late resolution" should be given to Ms. Carol Ann Bennett, the chair of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Secretary reported that there was a quorum present, at least one-third of the clergy were present and one-third of all parishes and missions were represented by at least one delegate. Ms. MaryAnn Kolakowski then moved that the Agenda for the 216th Annual Convention be hereby approved as presented. The motion was passed.

Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco, Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, made a motion that the Agenda be revised, to allow item # 16 (original agenda) Resolutions, including Late Resolutions be moved to become Item # 11 on the agenda, thence moving all items down one place accordingly. Discussion followed. Rev. Phil Devens, All Saints, Warwick commented that he supports this so that more time can be allowed for discussion of resolutions. The Chancellor commented that, thought it may not be readily apparent at first glance, the order of agenda provided for some resolutions to come out of Committee Reports. The motion was moved, seconded and approved.

Ms. Evelyn Brchan, chair of the Elections Committee then presented a slate of nominations for election:

Standing Committee: Choose 1 from the Clerical order. 4-year term

The candidates:

The Rev. Peter Mayer

The Rev. Willaim Locke

Total number votes cast: 193; Total number votes to win: 97. Rev. Mayer: 74; Rev. Locke: 119.  
The Rev. William Locke was elected.

Standing Committee: Choose 1 from the Lay order 4-year term

Ms. Lora Miller MacFall\*

Diocesan Council: Choose 1 from the Clerical order. 3-year term

The Rev. Barbara Mays-Stock

The Rev. Scott Gunn

Total votes cast: 190. Needed to win: 95. Rev. Gunn: 120; Rev. Mays-Stock: 70.

The Rev. Scott Gunn was elected.

Diocesan Council: Choose 2 from the Lay order. 3-year term.

Mr. Benjamin H. West

Ms. Margaret Thomas

Ms. M. Jeanne Mason

Ms. Jane E. Jellison

Total votes cast: 374. Needed to win: 94. Ms. Jellison: 120, Ms. Mason: 73, Ms. Thomas: 59,  
Mr. West: 122.

Ms. Jane E. Jellison and Mr. Benjamin H. West were elected.

Commission on Finance. 3-year term.

Mr. Brian Ehlers\*

Commission on Congregational Development: Clerical order. 3-year term.

The Rev. Evangeline Anderson\*

The Bishop thanked all of those who allowed their names to be put forward for nomination.

\*Since the number of nominees for the Laity on Standing Committee, and the open positions for  
Commission on Finance and Commission on Congregational Development equals the number of vacancies to be  
filled, Convention voted to declare those nominees elected.

The Bishop then introduced the seminarians of the Diocese

Mr. Dennis Bucco, Senior at General Seminary

Ms. Susan Carpenter, Middler, General Seminary  
Ms. Meaghan Kelly, Senior at Virginia Seminary  
Mr. James McKay, Junior at EDS  
The Rev. Dcn. M. P. Schnieder, Senior at General Seminary

Following that, she introduced those who are in the Deacon Formation Program.

Ms. Joan Collins from St. James', No. Providence.  
Mr. Mark Warner from St. Paul's, No. Kingstown.  
Mr. Robert Kerr from St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Narragansett

Postulants:

Ms. Ann Burke  
Ms. Joan Dorney Collins  
Ms. Modesta Pellet  
Mr. Mark Warter

She then recognized the Diocesan Staff present at Convention and acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that they did in preparation for this Convention. The Bishop noted staff changes. Ms. MaryAnn Kolakowski has become the Interim Resource Center Director. Ms. Sue Hurn is Interim Director of ECC. Ms. Jessica Gates is Communications Assistant to Scott Gunn for the Diocese.

The Bishop welcomed clergy new to the Diocese since the last Convention.

The Rev. Christopher Epperson, Rector, St Colomba's Chapel, Middletown  
The Rev. Kevin M. Lloyd, Rector, St. Matthew's, Jamestown  
The Rev. Peter Mayer, Rector, Emmanuel, Cumberland  
The Rev. Deacon Greg Lisby, Assistant, St. Martin's, Providence

Ordinations:

The Rev. Dorothy "Ricky" L Brightman, Vocational Deacon, St. Luke's E.G.  
The Rev. Susan Wrathall, Transitional Deacon, Assisting Clergy, St. Paul's Pawt.

Convention then moved to hearing the Bishop's address. A copy of this address follows these minutes.

The Bishop called upon Ms. Carol Ann Bennett to present the report of the Committee on Admissions. The Committee on Admissions has received two requests for admissions.

The first is from St. Augustine's in Kingston, currently a mission. St. Augustine's requests admission as a parish. The Committee proposes the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That St. Augustine's in Kingston is hereby approved as a parish in union with Convention upon the issuance of a certificate of admission by the Bishop.

The resolution was moved and seconded. It was requested that we acknowledge all past clergy and laity at St. Augustine's. The Resolution for parish status was approved.

The second request is from Mission Episcopal el Mesias in Providence, requesting admission as a mission. The Committee proposes the following resolution:

**Resolved:** That Mision Episcopal el Mesias in Providence is hereby approved as a mission in union with Convention upon the issuance of a certificate of admission by the Bishop. The resolution was moved and seconded. The Resolution for Mission status was approved.

Report of the Treasurer, Adoption of 2005 financial statements and motion to approve financial statements of the Diocese of RI for calendar year 2005. Mr. Robert Bachelor, Treasurer of the Diocese, gave his report for the year 2005. At the end of this he moved that the financial statements of the Diocese of Rhode Island for the calendar year 2004 are hereby approved as presented. This was seconded and approved.

The Bishop commended Mr. Batchelor and thanked him for his hard work in making sure that the Diocese financial status is always sound.

The Report of the Committee on Program and Budget; The Rev. J. Gregory Prior, Chair  
The Budget was moved, seconded. A discussion followed.

**An amendment** was presented, as follows: To restore 2006 levels of ACI chaplaincy for 2007 and to increase by the cost of living thereafter.

Ray LaPointe, Trinity, North Scituate suggested that 0.7% MDG's come from apportionment only—check this in video.

The Rev. Joyce Penfield, St. Peter and Andrew, Providence and ACI Chaplaincy spoke against the budget's line item for the ACI being reduced over three years, and said that we are backing off of our commitment to the ACI by eliminating the Episcopal chaplaincy at the ACI by the second year of the Triennial budget. At present, she said that 5% of the State budget is for rehabilitation at the ACI.

The Rev. Mary Canavan, Calvary, No. Scituate said that the MDG's appeal to every Christian, but to remove the ACI budget is troublesome and asks in the form of an amendment, that we take another look at the budget. This was seconded. The Rev. Marsue Harris and Ms. Cindy Thomas spoke in favor of the amendment. Mr. Michael Bergeron, St Michael & Grace spoke in support and suggested the reduction of 5% will reduce the staff by one (1) in the Episcopal Charities Office in order to re-fund \$26,000 to the ACI budget. The Bishop commented that the two positions at the Charities office are funded by totally restricted funds, to be used for that purpose only. Rev. Ricky Brightman, St. Luke's East Greenwich suggested that if parishes pay apportionment, we could re-evaluate this situation year to year to see if it can be adjusted. The Rev. Jennifer Philips, Vicar, St. Augustine's Kingston proposed **an amendment to the amendment** as follows: That up to \$30,000 be moved from the Resource Center line item (59) and be used for the funding of the ACI line item, along with any year end budget surplus. After discussion, it was voted as follows: Hand vote taken; Yea- 74 Nay- 95 Amendment to the amendment defeated. Discussion went back to the original amendment (above). The question was called. The amendment was approved in a voice vote. The Bishop commented that the Diocesan Council will take up the issue of looking at the budget to accommodate this change, and it undoubtedly will mean adjustments to the budget as it appears presently.

The Bishop then called on Ms. Carol Anne Bennett, chair of the Committee on Resolutions. She presented this resolution for consideration:

Note: Resolution #1 has already been presented by the Standing Committee and approved. Resolution #9 Amendment of Canon 9 of the Canons, has already been presented by the Committee on Canons and approved.

**I. TITLE: ADOPTION OF POLICIES FOR PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF ENDOWMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS**

**RESOLVED**, That the 216<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island recommends to all parishes, missions and institutions of the Diocese the adoption of appropriate policies for the prudent management of endowment and other institutional funds and further recommends that withdrawals from endowment and institutional funds in any one year not exceed an amount greater than seven (7) percent of the fair market value of the endowment or other institutional funds, calculated on the basis of market values determined quarterly and averaged over a period of three (3) years immediately preceding the year in which the withdrawal is made.

**SUBMITTED BY:** On behalf of the Standing Committee, The Rev. Robert W. Anthony, President.

Moved and seconded. Discussion:

The Rev. Robert Anthony, Christ Church, Westerly, spoke to the resolution. He said we cannot enforce this at the present time, but they wanted to caution congregations about spending down endowments. The Rev. Marc Dobson, St. Mary's Warwick, spoke against the resolution, saying

that 7% endowment spending is too severe for his congregation. Mr. Robert Batchelor spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

**II. TITLE: STUDY OF THE APPORTIONMENT SYSTEM OF THE DIOCESE  
(Forwarded without recommendation)**

**RESOLVED**, That an ad-hoc Commission be established to study the structure and pattern of the diocesan apportionment system, to consider how the proportionate share of the expenses of the Diocese might better recognize and be considerate of the differences among our several parishes; that the Commission be appointed by the Bishop with the consent of Diocesan Council and consist of five (5) members: one representative of Diocesan Council, one representative of the Commission on Finance, one representative of the Budget Committee, one cleric and one lay person, and that the Treasurer, the Comptroller and the Canon to the Ordinary shall be ex-officio members; that the Commission study diocesan support systems in use throughout the Church and submit an interim report to the 217<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention in 2007 and a Final Report proposing any changes the Commission may deem appropriate to the 218<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention in 2008, in a timely fashion, so that any changes that may be adopted might be implemented in the next three-year budget cycle.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. Philip J. Tierney on behalf of the Narragansett Deanery.

Moved and Seconded. Discussion:

The Rev. Daryl Stahl, Interim, Holy Trinity, Tiverton, said that we should look to the connection between stewardship and apportionment. The Rev. Philip Tierney, Rector, St. Paul's, North Kingstown, Rev. Edwin (Ted) Hallenbeck, Retired Deacon and Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco, Rector, Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

**III. TITLE: MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
(Committee recommends approval)**

**RESOLVED**, That in the diocese, each congregation and all parishioners are urged to commit to 0.7% giving toward these goals by July 7, 2007; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the last Sunday after Pentecost be designated as a day of special prayer for mobilizing Episcopalians toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. R. Craig Burlington, Deputation to General Convention.

Moved and seconded. The resolution was approved.

**IV. TITLE: SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN INVESTMENTS  
(Forwarded without recommendation)**

**RESOLVED**, That the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island appoint a Social Responsibility in Investments (SRI) Committee whose mandate shall be the following:

To review and study the social policies of the Episcopal Church (USA) with regard to Investments as enumerated in *Proxy Voting and the Mission of the Church* (by Peace & Justice Ministries of ECUSA, 2000); in *Engage God's Mission: Policy for Action: The Social Policies of the Episcopal Church, USA* (2003) and in *Corporate Engagement By the Episcopal Church on Issues Related to Israel and the Palestinian Territories* (by The SRI Committee to the Executive Council, 2005),

To develop a comprehensive set of recommendations as to how the diocese can operationalize and implement these social policies in the investment of diocesan assets;

To report its findings to the 217<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese in 2007 for approval and action.

The SRI Committee will be appointed by Diocesan Council by December 1, 2006. The signers of this resolution hereby offer their participation and call upon the diocese to draw upon the competence and interests of our laity and clergy to constitute a committee capable of giving these issues the widest and wisest possible consideration. Membership should also include representatives of the Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT), Commission on Finance and the Standing Committee.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. Robert T. Brooks, Grace Church, Providence; The Rev. David Ames, St. Mark's, Riverside; The Rev. Daryl Stahl, Holy Trinity, Tiverton and Ms. Priscilla Read, Cathedral of St. John, Providence.

Moved and seconded. Discussion:

The Rev. Robert Brooks, Rector, Grace Church, Providence and Rev. Philip Tierney, Rector, St. Paul's North Kingstown, spoke in favor of the resolution. Rev. James Bocchino, All Saints, Providence, said that he (and some others) had not received explanations of the resolutions prior to convention day. It was reported that all delegates received the full explanations in the final packets for Convention in early October.

The resolution was approved.

**V. TITLE: DEVELOPING YOUNG ADULT LEADERS**  
**(Forwarded without recommendation)**

**RESOLVED,** That the 216<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island urges the Nominating Committee of every congregation to seek out young adults, under the age of 30, to serve on vestries, boards and committees and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That established leaders are urged to offer their experience as mentors for emerging leaders.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. R. Craig Burlington, Deputation to General Convention

Moved and seconded. The resolution was approved.

**VI. TITLE: COMPANION DIOCESE**  
**(Forwarded without recommendation)**

**RESOLVED,** That the 216<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island affirm its commitment to the establishment of a relationship with a companion diocese and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Guidelines for Companion Link Relationships in the Anglican Communion be used in a process of conversation, study, prayer and discernment by a committee working together with Bishop Wolf and the people of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this committee be charged with reporting its findings and recommendations to Diocesan Council prior to Convention 2007.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mr. Milton Schumacher, Trinity, North Scituate

Moved and seconded. The resolution was approved.

Noonday prayers and the reading of the Necrology followed. Convention then recessed for lunch.

Convention came to order again at 1:15 p.m .

#### VII. TITLE: THE WAR IN IRAQ

(Forwarded without recommendation)

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention urge the U.S. Congress to announce a timetable for the prompt withdrawal of American Armed Forces from Iraq; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That U.S. resources be directed to re-building the infrastructure of Iraq in order to promote the security and well-being of Iraqi citizens; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the United States facilitate international efforts to resolve the conflicts in Iraq; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That returning U.S. personnel be given the medical care and economic support and opportunities that they have merited by their valiant service under extremely difficult circumstances.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. David Ames, St. Mark's, Riverside; Ms. Lee Jenney, Cathedral of St. John, Providence; Ms. Priscilla Read, Cathedral of St. John, Providence.

Moved, Seconded. Discussion:

The Bishop asked for clarification as to why this was sent from the Committee on Resolutions without recommendation. Ms. Bennett answered that the language contained a lot of baggage and the committee wondered about its usefulness. Rev. David Ames, Interim, St. Mark's Riverside, mentioned that The Rev. Charles Neal Goldsborough and the Rev. Jeff Jenks are both serving in Iraq at present, and then spoke in favor of the resolution. The Rev. Mark Dobson, St. Mary's Warwick, spoke against the resolution because it carries a lot of political baggage intervening with the government's work is a violation of the division of church and state. George Parent, Christ Church, Westerly, spoke in support of the resolution. Ruth Toolan, St. Peter's By the Sea, Narragansett, spoke against the resolution because it only says "Iraq" and not "Afghanistan." She proposed an amendment to add in the word, "Afghanistan" to the text. The Rev. Richard Morgan, Vicar, St. Matthias', Coventry, not supportive of the amendment. Ann Hamm, St. Michael's Bristol spoke in support of the resolution and said that this resolution is similar to the one from General Convention. The Rev. Phil Devens, All Saints, Warwick, spoke in support of the resolution, but not the amendment. Ms. Priscilla Read and Ms. Lee Jenny, Cathedral of St. John spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was defeated. Another amendment was proposed, as follows: In the first resolve, add in "to take pro-active steps to end our participation in Iraq as soon as possible." The amendment was defeated.

A friendly amendment was made to include, "and Administration" to the text of the first resolve. This was approved. It now reads:

**RESOLVED**, That this Convention urge the U.S. Congress and Administration to announce a timetable for the prompt withdrawal of American Armed Forces from Iraq; and be it further

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The resolution with above stated amendment was approved.

#### VIII. TITLE: HOLY LAND

(Forwarded without recommendation)

**RESOLVED**, That the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island set up a Committee for Peace in the Holy Land whose goal is to explore how we might contribute to the quest for a lasting peace based upon justice, equity and human rights for the people of Israel and Palestine. The Committee's mandate shall be the following:

- **To study** the history of the conflict in the last century and the current impasse;
- **To educate** Episcopalians in Rhode Island on these issues through a series of speakers and public discussions;
- **To review** the policies of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A. with regard to this conflict as set forth in *Engage God's Mission Policy for Action: The Social Policies of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A.* and in *Corporate Engagement by the Episcopal church on Issues Related to Israel and the Palestinian Territories: A Report with Recommendations* (October 3, 2005) by the Social Responsibility in Investments Committee of Executive Council; and
- **To develop** a consensus as to how the moral and financial resources of this Diocese could contribute to the search for peace in this region.

This committee shall be appointed by Diocesan Council by December 1, 2006 and will report its specific recommendations to the Diocesan Convention 2007 for approval and action. The sponsors of this resolution hereby offer their participation and call upon the Diocese to draw upon the competence and interests of our laity and clergy to constitute a committee capable of giving these issues the widest and wisest possible consideration.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. David Ames, St. Mark's, Riverside; The Rev. Dn. Dorothy Brightman, St. Luke's, East Greenwich; The Rev. Daryl Stahl, Holy Trinity, Tiverton; Ms. Lee Jenney, Cathedral of St. John, Providence; Ms. Priscilla Read, Cathedral of St. John, Providence.

Moved and seconded. Discussion:

A friendly amendment was made by Rev. James Bocchino, All Saints, Providence that the date in the resolution be changed from December 1, 2006 to January 15, 2007 for practical reasons.

This was accepted. The resolution now reads:

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- **To develop** a consensus as to how the moral and financial resources of this Diocese could contribute to the search for peace in this region.

This committee shall be appointed by Diocesan Council by January 15, 2007 and will report its specific recommendations to the Diocesan Convention 2007 for approval and action. The sponsors of this resolution hereby offer their participation and call upon the Diocese to draw upon the competence and interests of our laity and clergy to constitute a committee capable of giving these issues the widest and wisest possible consideration.

Further discussion: Mr. Steven Rous, Trinity Church, Newport spoke against the right of return of all Palestinians, and Ms. Priscilla Read responded that this was part of a quote, not wording from their resolution. The Rev. Ricky Brightman, St. Luke's East Greenwich, spoke in support of the resolution, saying that sending this to Diocesan Council was a way of going to action. An amendment was presented saying, "in consultation with our Jewish brothers." The Rev. Robert Brooks, Grace Church, Providence spoke against the amendment because it did not include Muslims and Palestinians. The Rev. Marc Dobson, St Mary's Warwick, spoke against the amendment and the resolution because he feels that this is out of our area of expertise. The Rev. Mary Ann Dolan, Non-parochial, spoke against the amendment. The amendment was defeated. The resolution as above, with friendly amendment was approved.

#### **Late Resolution**

The Committee received one late resolution, Distribution of Diocesan Convention Materials to Delegates. Copies of this resolution were available at registration.

#### **LATE RESOLUTION:      Distribution of Diocesan Convention Materials to Delegates**

**RESOLVED**, That all materials pertaining to the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, including but not exclusive of the proposed budget and resolutions and changes to the three-year budget, be in the hands of the delegates of said Convention not less than thirty (30) days before the date of Convention.

It was required that a 2/3 majority accept the late resolution. The vote approved the acceptance of the late resolution for consideration.

The resolution was moved and seconded. After a short discussion, the resolution was rescinded by Rev. Alcide Barnaby, St. James, North Providence, and the following substitute resolution was put in its place:

#### **LATE RESOLUTION:      Distribution of Diocesan Convention Materials to Delegates**

**RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to look at collecting and distributing materials for Diocesan Convention and in the hands of the delegates at least 30 days in advance of Convention.

The resolution was moved, seconded. Discussion:

Rev. James Bocchino, All Saints, Providence, spoke in support of the resolution and asked that the scheduling of convention go to this committee. Rev. James Frink, Priest-in-charge, Church of the Ascension, Cranston, had questions about timing issues with the mailing. Ms. Carol Frink, Trinity, North Scituate, Offered a friendly amendment that “including electronically” be added. This was approved. The resolution now reads:

**RESOLVED**, That a committee be appointed to look at collecting and distributing materials (including electronically) for Diocesan Convention and in the hands of the delegates at least 30 days in advance of Convention. The resolution was approved.

**IX. TITLE: AMENDMENT OF CANON 9 OF THE CANONS**

**RESOLVED**, That the 216<sup>th</sup> Convention of The Diocese of Rhode Island hereby amends Canon 9 of the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island in its entirety so that as amended Canon 9 is as follows:

**CATHEDRAL CHURCH**

- 9.1. Cathedral. The Cathedral of St. John shall be the Cathedral Church of the Diocese (the “Cathedral”).
- 9.2. Governing Body. The Cathedral shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Cathedral shall have a Chapter which shall constitute the governing body to manage the affairs of the Cathedral in accordance with the articles of incorporation and other governing documents.
- 9.3. Membership of Chapter. The number and terms of members of the Chapter shall be determined under by-laws of the Cathedral and shall include the following:
  - a. The Bishop and Dean of the Cathedral as ex-officio voting members;
  - b. Six individuals elected by the Cathedral Congregation; and
  - c. Four individuals elected by Diocesan Council upon nomination by the Bishop.
- 9.4. Governing Documents. The Cathedral shall be subject to the laws, discipline and usages of The Episcopal Church and to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese. The Chapter shall adopt by-laws for the governance of the Cathedral subject to the written consent of the Bishop.

**SUBMITTED BY:** The Rev. Cn. Harry Krauss, Interim Dean, Cathedral of St. John, Providence.

This Resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons, who approved it.

The resolution was moved and seconded. Discussion:

Rev. James Bocchino, All Saints, Providence, asked for clarification for “ex-officio voting members.” Ms. Adrienne Southgate, Senior Warden of The Cathedral of Saint John was given permission to speak to the resolution, and supported it.

The Resolution was accepted.

Bishop Wolf introduced the Rev. Katherine Rumens, Rector of St. Giles’ Cripplegate, London. Rev. Rumens is visiting the United States to observe women in charge of ministries within the Episcopal Church. She is rector of one of the few remaining medieval church in the city of London.

**\*\*Please note\*\* The following reports are attached in the Appendix at the end of the minutes.**

Report of the Commission on Investments, given by the Chancellor for Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach, Chair.

Report of the Standing Committee, given by Mr. Bill Plumb, for Rev. Robert Anthony.

Report of the Task Force on New Directions

Report of Deputation to General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Report of the Committee on Canons

***Elections of Officers and Members of Commission on Investments***

**Secretary-** Motion from the Floor of Convention for The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock.

**[Resolved:** That The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock is hereby elected Secretary of the Diocese of Rhode Island for a term of one year, and until her successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

Moved, seconded and approved

**Treasurer-** Motion from the Floor of Convention for Mr. Robert L. G. Batchelor.

**[Resolved:** That The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock 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.]

Moved, seconded and approved

***Elections- Commission on Investments***

Nomination by Diocesan Council

Ms. Gail A. Ginnety

Mr. Charles P. Lee

**[Resolved:** That Ms. Gail A. Ginnety and Mr. Charles P. Lee are hereby elected to the Commission on Investments, each for a term of three years, and until their successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

Moved, seconded and approved

***Elections for Ecclesiastical Trial Court***

Nomination by The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF, for a term of four years

The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker  
The Hon. Scott Avedesian

[**Resolved:** That The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker and The Hon. Scott Avedesian are hereby elected to the Ecclesiastical Court , each for a term of four years, and until their successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

Moved, seconded and approved

**Confirmations-** The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf

--**Commission on Ministry**, nominated by The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf

For term of three years:

Ms. Annette Cox  
Rev. Jennifer Pedrick  
Mr. Richmond Robinson  
The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock

For a term of two years:

The Rev. Alcide Barnaby

For a term of one year:

The Rev. Richard Shippee

[**Resolved:** That Annette Cox, Jennifer Pedrick, Richmond Robinson and Barbara Mays-Stock for a term of three years, Alcide Barnaby, Jr. for a term of two years, and Richard Shippee for a term of one year are hereby confirmed as members of the Commission on Ministry , and until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

Moved, seconded and approved

--**Commission on Congregational Development** nomination by The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, for a term of three years:

Meredith Nadan  
Rev. Donald Parker  
Rev. Peter Mayer

[**Resolved:** That Meredith Nadan, Rev. Donald Parker and Rev. Peter Mayer are hereby confirmed as members of the Commission on Congregational Development for a term of

three years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

**Chancellor** nomination by The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf

Edmund C. Bennett

[**Resolved:** That Edmund C. Bennett is hereby confirmed as Chancellor for a term of one year, until their successors is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.]

**Appointments** – The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf

-- **Committee to Audit Minutes**

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf

The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin

Mr. Edmund C. Bennett

**Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Courtesy**

Ms. Carol Ann Bennett

Resolved, that the 216<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention congratulates The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf on the tenth anniversary of her consecration as Bishop of Rhode Island and assures her of our affection, prayers and support for her ministry among us, and be it further

Resolved, that this convention expresses its appreciation to The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin, Assisting Bishop of Rhode Island, for his continued ministry among us, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its greetings and prayers to our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, III; to the Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop-Elect; and to the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, as they work for reconciliation in the Anglican Communion, and be it further

Resolved, that the Convention extends its greetings of affection and prayers to The Rt. Rev. George Hunt, retired Bishop of Rhode Island, and his wife, Barbara, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention send greetings to Bishop Thomas J. Tobin and to our sisters and brothers in Christ in the Roman catholic Diocese of Providence, assuring them of our continuing prayers and appreciation for their ministry in our state and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention extends its appreciation to the Rev. Michael Kinman and expresses its enthusiastic support for his caring and worldwide ministry, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates the Rev. Hebert Bolles on the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and the Revs. Harrington Gordon, Gordon Stenning, Richard Reid and the Rt. Rev. George N. Hunt on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordinations to the priesthood, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the members of the Bishop's staff for their careful work in preparation for this Convention and for their faithful ministry to all of us and for our Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to Saint Paul's Church in Wickford on the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding as a parish, and to Saint Augustine's Chapel, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding.

We move adoption of these resolutions.

Moved, seconded and approved.

**Convention 2007** - The 217<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention shall be held on October 26-27, 2007

**Closing Prayers**

The Convention adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock

Secretary of Convention