

**Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island**  
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## MEMBERSHIP ON CANONICAL BODIES

(11-16-06)

### STANDING COMMITTEE: Canon IV

The Rev. Alan Gates	2008	Mr. Willam Plumb (P)
The Rev. Jennifer West	2009	Mr. Franklin Cook
The Rev. William Locke	2010	Ms. Lora MacFall
The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker	2011	Ms. Caryl Frink all

### DIOCESAN COUNCIL: Canon VI

#### ELECTED BY CONVENTION

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

The Rev. Dcn Ted Hallenbeck	2008	Mr. Dennis Stark
The Rev. Daryl Stahl	2008	
The Rev. Scott Gunn	2009	Ms. Jane Jellison
*****	2009	Mr. Benjamin West
The Rev Greg Lisby	2010	Ms. Jean Mason
The Rev. Susan Wrathall	2010	

#### DIOCESAN COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY BISHOP

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

The Rev. Dcn. LeRoy (Buck) Close	2008	Mr. John Kolarik
The Rev. Christopher Epperson	2009	Margaret Thomas
The Rev. Canon Harry Krauss	2010	The Hon Scott
Avedisian		

#### Ex officio

The Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf  
The Chancellor, Mr. Edmund C. Bennett, Esq.  
The Treasurer, Mr. Robert Batchelor, CPA  
Commission on Finance  
President, Standing Committee

**COMMISSION ON FINANCE Canon VII.1**

**Elected** (1 clerical, 2 lay)

Ms. Shirley Sibielski	2008
Mr. Brian Ehlers	2009
The Revd Gregory Cole	2010

**Appointed** (1 clerical, 2 lay)

Mr. Scott Nicholson  
vacant  
The Rev. Dcn. Ted  
Hallenbeck\*  
\*By Canon appointment is  
one year at a time.

**Ex officio**

The Bishop,  
The Chancellor  
The Treasurer  
The Comptroller

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

The Rev. Robert Anthony	2008	*****
Vacant	2009	Ms. Joan Skeffington
The Rev Stephanie Shoemaker Avedisian	2010	The Hon. Scott
The Rev. Gregory Prior	2011	Ms. Mary Heffner, Esq.

**COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Canon VII.2**

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

Vacant	2008	Mr. Richmond Robinson
The Rev Evangeline Anderson	2009	Ms. Carol Drought
The Rev Alan Gates	2010	Ms. Lillian Hargrove

**Appointed**

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

The Rev. Peter Mayer	2008	Mr. James Burgess
The Rev. Donald Parker	2009	Vacant
The Rev. Eletha Buote-Grieg	2010	Ms. Linda Lebreux

The Bishop (Ex-Officio)  
The Canon for Congregations and Clergy

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

The Rev. Pamela Mott	2008	Ms. Beverly Hall
The Rev. Alcide Barnaby	2008	Ms. Dorothy Wells
The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock	2009	Ms. Annette Cox
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick	2009	Mr. Rick Robinson
The Rev. Wayne Runner	2010	Ms. Gretchen Gammons
The Rev. Richard Shippee	2010	Mr. Leon Sibielski

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

The Rev. Gregory Cole	2008	Ms. Francis Gammel-Roach
	2008	Mr. Robert Robinson
Vacant	2009	Ms. Gail Ginnetty
	2009	Mr. Charles Lee
The Rev. Chris Epperson	2010	Mr. Howard Merriman
	2010	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)

Ms. Nancy R. Brown-Cobb	2008
The Rev. Daniel Burke	2009
The Rev. Harrington Gordon	2010
The Rev. Gordon Stenning (Chair)	2011
Ms. Bernice Belt	2012

The Bishop (Ex-officio)  
 The Comptroller (Ex-Officio)  
 The Assistant Treasurer (Ex-Officio)

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

Ms. Carol Ann Bennett (Chair)	2008
Vacant	2009
	2010

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

The Chancellor (ex-officio)		
Vacant	2007	Mr. Sydney Clifford
The Rev. Dcn. Margaret Higbie	2008	vacant
Vacant	2009	vacant
	2010	

**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 )

Clare Fischer-Davies	2008	Ms. Carol Ann Bennett
The Revd Bill Locke	2009	Vacant
The Rev. Scott Gunn	2010	Ms. Dorothy Wells

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

The Revd Rich Bardusch	2008	Francis Sturdevant
The Revd Phil Tierney	2009	Margaret Thomas
The Rev. Gregory Cole	2010	Vacant

The Convention Manager (Ex-Officio)  
The Secretary (Ex-Officio)

## CONVENTION ROLL OF CLERGY 2007

Title	First Name	Last Name	* Attended
The Rev.	John D.	Alexander	
The Rev. Dn.	Austin A.	Almon	*
The Rev.	David A.	Ames	*
The Rev.	Evangeline	Anderson	*
The Rev.	Robert W.	Anthony	*
The Rev.	Henry F.	Anthony	
The Rev.	William S.	Anthony	
The Rev. Dn.	Patricia A.	Bailey	*
The Rev. Canon	Richard	Bardusch	*
The Rev.	Alcide	Barnaby	
The Rev. Dn.	Jean	Barry	*
The Rev.	Bettine	Besier	*
The Rev.	Rebecca H.	Blair	
The Rev.	James R.	Bocchino	*
The Rev.	Hébert W.	Bolles	*
The Rev.	Edward C.	Boucher	
The Rev.	Lawrence H.	Bradner	*
The Rev. Dn.	Dorothy	Brightman	*
The Rev. Dn.	Janet	Broadhead	
The Rev.	Robert	Brooks	
The Rev. Dn.	Dennis	Bucco	*
The Rev.	Eletha A.	Buote-Greig	*
The Rev.	Douglas C.	Burger	
The Rev.	Timothy	Burger	*
The Rev.	J. Daniel	Burke	
The Rev. Dr.	R. Craig	Burlington	*
The Rev. Dn.	Christine H.	Burton	*

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev.	Mary	Canavan	*
The Rev.	David C.	Cargill	
The Rev.	Loring W.	Chadwick	
The Rev.	George M.	Chaplin	
The Rev.	John	Chrisman	
The Rev. Dn.	Leroy (Buck)	Close	*
The Rev.	Michael	Coburn	*
The Rev.	A. Royston	Cochran	
The Rev.	Gregory	Cole	*
The Rev. Dn.	Judith T.	Collins	
The Rev.	Ronald	Connor	
The Rev. Dn.	Sue	Crowninshield	*
The Rev.	Robert C.	Cummings	
The Very Rev.	Maria	DeCarvalho	
The Rev.	Maj. N.	Desrosiers	
The Rev.	Philip	Devens	*
The Rev.	W. David	Dobbins	*
The Rev.	Marc	Dobson	
The Rev.	Mary Ellen	Dolan	
The Rev.	Jo-Ann J.	Drake	*
The Rev.	Robert D.	Duffy	
The Rev.	Christopher	Epperson	*
The Rev.	Henry F.	Fairman	
The Rev. Dn.	Robert W.	Field	
The Rev.	Clare	Fischer-Davies	*
The Rev.	William F.	Fraatz	
The Rev.	Karen A.	Fraioli	
The Rev.	Kenneth R.	Franklin	



<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev.	James P.	Frink	*
The Rev.	Alan	Gates	*
The Very Rev.	David M.	Gillespie	
The Rev.	Gary	Goldacker	*
The Rev.	Charles Neal	Goldsborough	*
The Rev.	Harrington M.	Gordon	
The Rev.	Roy D.	Green	
The Rev.	Everett H.	Greene	*
The Rev.	Pamela S.	Gregory	*
The Rev. Dn.	Janice L.	Grinnell	*
The Rev.	Scott	Gunn	*
The Rev.	Sandra P.	Haines-Murdocco	*
The Rev. Dn.	Edwin	Hallenbeck	*
The Rev.	Marsue	Harris	
The Rev.	Donald L.	Hastings	
The Rev.	Augustus L.	Hemenway	
The Rev.	Granville V.	Henthorne	
The Rev. Dn.	Jean Webster	Hickox	
The Rev. Dn.	Margaret C.F.	Higbie	*
The Rev. Dn.	Mary L.	Hitt	*
The Rt. Rev.	George N.	Hunt	
The Rev.	Frederick K.	Jellison	*
The Rev.	Jeffrey A.	Jencks	*
The Rev. Dn.	Ida R.	Johnson	
The Rev.	Michaela	Johnson	
The Rt. Rev.	David B.	Joslin	*
The Rev. Dn.	Meaghan	Kelly	
The Rev.	Paul S.	Koumrian	

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev. Canon	Harry E.	Krauss	*
The Rev.	H. August	Kuehl	
The Rev.	Richard T.	Laremore	
The Rev.	Donald A.	Lavallee	
The Rev. Canon	John E.	Lawrence	
The Rev. Dr.	Gary C.	Lemery	*
The Rev.	Michael W.	Lemons	
The Rev. Dn.	Betsy	Lesieur	*
The Rev.	Gregory	Lisby	*
The Rev.	Kevin M.	Lloyd	*
The Rev.	William	Locke	*
The Rev.	Sean	Manchester	
The Rev.	Edward F.	Mason	
The Rev.	Michele	Matott	
The Rev.	M. Teresa	Matthews	
The Rev.	James Patrick	Mauney	
The Rev.	Peter	Mayer	*
The Rev. Dn.	Barbara	Mays-Stock	*
The Rev.	Joan Lyon	McShane	
The Rev. Dn.	Iris E.	Mello	*
The Rev. Dr.	Livingston T.	Merchant	
The Rev.	Peter R.	Michaelson	
The Rev. Dn.	Nancy F.	Miller	
The Rev. Dn.	Carol L.	Millette	
The Rev. Dn.	Lorraine	Mills-Curran	
The Rev.	Judith N.	Mitchell	*
The Rev.	Richard	Morgan	*
The Rev.	Pamela	Mott	*

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev. Dn.	Hedwig B.	Neale	*
The Rev. Dn.	Eloise S.	Neilsen	
The Rev.	Elizabeth M.	Nestor	*
The Rev.	Frederick R.	Nestrock	*
The Rev. Dn.	Susan J.	North	*
The Rev.	Janet W.	Nunley	
The Rev.	Nancy K.	Olmsted	
The Rev.	Jonathan J.	Ostman	
The Rev.	Donald	Parker	*
The Rev.	Ashley H.	Peckham	*
The Rev.	Jennifer	Pedrick	*
The Rev. Dn.	Ann D.	Pelletier	*
The Rev. Dr.	Joyce	Penfield	*
The Rev.	Cecilia C.	Perry	*
The Rev. Dr.	Jennifer	Phillips	*
The Rev. Dn.	Paul G.	Pickens	
The Rev.	John Gregory	Prior	*
The Rev.	Pamela	Rannenberg	*
The Rev.	Ann Holmes	Redding	
The Rev.	Marshall T.	Rice	
The Rev.	Jose	Roberts	*
The Rt. Rev.	Hays	Rockwell	
The Rev.	Russell G.	Ruffino	
The Rev.	Wayne P.	Runner	*
The Rev.	David A.	Ryan	
The Rev. Dn.	M.P.	Schneider	*
The Rev. Dr.	Richard L.	Schweinsburg	
The Rev.	Keith E.	Scott	

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev.	Marcia A.	Sessions	
The Rev.	G.H.	Shattuck	
The Rev.	Robert L.	Shearer	
The Rev.	Patricia	Sheppard	
The Rev.	Elizabeth Ann	Sherman	*
The Rev.	Richard C.	Shippee	
The Rev.	Stephanie	Shoemaker	*
The Rev. Dn.	Marlene J.	Simonian	
The Rev.	Richard R.	Simpson	
The Rev. Canon	Peter L.	Spencer	
The Rev.	Frederick J.	Spulnik	
The Rev.	Daryl W.	Stahl	
The Rev.	Gordon J.	Stenning	*
The Rev.	Susan	Stiles	*
The Rev.	Linda C.	Strahan	*
The Rev.	Paul	Tarrant	
The Rev.	Philip J.	Tierney	
The Rev. Dn.	Edward J.	Trafford	
The Rev.	R. Michael	Tuck	*
The Rev.	Henry G.	Turnbull	
The Rev.	Paul D.	Twelves	*
The Rev.	Paula Hannah	Ulanowski	
The Rev.	John	Van Siclen	
The Rev. Cn.	Robert J.	Vanderau	*
The Rev.	James L.	Verber	
The Rev.	George H.	Warren	*
The Rev.	Jennifer	West	*
The Rev.	Peter H.G.	Westhorp	

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>* Attended</b>
The Rev. Dn.	L. Gail	Wheelock	
The Rev.	Nancy A.	Willis	*
The Rev.	Edward S.	Winsor	
The Rt. Rev.	Geralyn	Wolf	*
The Rev. Dn.	Susan	Wrathall	*
The Rev. Dn.	Elizabeth L.	Wright	
		<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b>	<b>83</b>

## CONVENTION ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2007

### DEANERY I, CENTRAL

**Deans:** The Rev. Alcide Barnaby / Mr. Robert Goff

Centredale	St. Alban's	M.R. Pagano, James Segovis
Greenville	St. Thomas	Alice P. Gardner, Clarissa Patterson, Raymond Madden
N. Providence	St. James	Lucy Bettencourt, Daniel Harvey
N. Scituate	Trinity	Joan Melarango, Diane Weeks, Ray LaPointe
Providence	All Saints' Memorial	Robert Frueh, James Burgess
Providence	Cathedral, St. John	Frank Walker, Scott Williams, Leah Nastasi
Providence	Epiphany	Cynthia Rollins
Providence	Grace	Charles M. Smith III, Lucia Bamster, Spence Harber
Providence	St. Stephen's	Cathy Bledsoe, Jane Malone
Providence	St. Martin's	Donald Cunnigen, Maarten Hoogetboom, Fla Lewis, Joyce May
Providence	St. Peter/St Andrew's	Kate Muir

### DEANERY II, WEST BAY

**Deans:** The Rev. Philip Devens / Ms. Carol Drought

Coventry	Christ Church	Carol Drought, Donald Carpenter
Coventry	St. Matthias'	Eileen LeBlanc, Frances Sturdavant
Cranston	Ascension	F. Leon Sibielski, Shirley Sibielski
Cranston	Transfiguration	Carol Hills
Cranston	St. David's-on-the-Hill	Joan Daly, Lynne Purdy
Cranston	Trinity	William Plumb, Shirley Halvarson, Donna Manchester
Warwick	All Saints'	Bruce MacNeil, Annette Cox
Warwick	St. Barnabas	William Barker, Valerie Dreyer, Heidi Seddon
Warwick	St. Mark's	Vincent Haight, Roy Lautieri, Deborah Britt
Warwick	St. Mary's	Frank Walker, Michael Marsh

### DEANERY III, BLACKSTONE

**Deans:** The Rev. Michael Lemons / Mr. Arthur Alarie

Ashton	St. John's	Donald Carlin, Michael Robertson
Central Falls	St. George's	Luis Alberto Pantoja, Martha Pantoja-Velez
Cumberland	Emmanuel	Lisa McLaughlin, John Gelati
Lincoln	Christ Church in Lonsdale	Bette Bruckner, Robert Lincourt, Diamonte Tavolaro Jane Worton
Pascoag	Calvary	Cate Gorman, Jean Mitchell
Pawtucket	Good Shepherd	Susan Jenson, Robin Paraiso
Pawtucket	St. Luke's	Jennifer Conrad, Barbara Stevenson
Pawtucket	St. Paul's	Sandra Gildea, Carol Varden, Kerri Scott
Providence	Redeemer	Henry Gould, Robert Howe
Woonsocket	St. James'	Catherine Thenault, Irene Nebiker

## DEANERY IV, EAST BAY

**Deans:** The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick/Mr. Richard Munro

Barrington	St. John's	Mary Hood, James Tracy, Charlotte Tracy, Jeanne Audette
Barrington	St. Matthew's	Sally Easton, Cindy Thomsen
Bristol	St. Michael's	John Lewis, Ann Hamm, Candace Stanley
East Providence	St. Mary's	Kenneth Bridge, Richard Hauck
Riverside	St. Mark's	Jim Hummel, Jeanne Mason, Deborah Ganer
Rumford	Church of the Epiphany	Robert Bergstrand, Shirley Friend, Virginia Rocha
Warren	St. Mark's	Helen Hunt, Julie Oliver

## DEANERY V, AQUIDNECK

**Deans:** The Rev. Cn. John Lawrence / Ms. Mary Lyon

Little Compton	St. Andrew's	Lee Havens, Lora MacFall
Middletown	Holy Cross	Robert King
Middletown	St. Columba's Chapel	Crane Anderson, June Terry, Jim Terry
Newport	Emmanuel	Debra Venancio, Joann Ritchie
Newport	St. George's	James McKay, Gardner C. Sconyers
Newport	St. John's	Jay Jacut
Newport	Trinity	Katherine Glover, Carnes Lord, Nancy Ryan, Karen Romanski
Portsmouth	St. Mary's	David Monroe, Joanne Dunlap, John Martin
Portsmouth	St. Paul's	Holly Phillips
Tiverton	Holy Trinity	Jim Forker, Marilou Dutra

## DEANERY VI, NARRAGANSETT

**Deans:** The Rev. Canon Philip Tierney / Ms. Evelyn Brchan

Alton	St. Thomas'	Ann Bettinger
Block Island	St. Ann's-by-the-Sea	Fran Migliaccio
Charlestown	Holy Spirit	Joanne Bilotta, Lora Cobden
East Greenwich	St. Luke's	Kenneth MacDonald, Jim Rezendes, Bruce Stevens, Carol Stevens
Hope Valley	St. Elizabeth's	Cathy O'Rourke
Jamestown	St. Matthew's	Charles Beal, Marcia Sallum
Kingston	St. Augustine's Chapel	Nancy Brown-Cobb, Arthur [Zeke] Olsen
Narragansett	St. Peter's-by-the-Sea	Robert Donnellan, Ruth Toolan, Diane Nobles
North Kingstown	St. Paul's	Richard Lewis, Kirsten Rounds, Jane Tiernan-Reilly, William R. Warburton
Saunderstown	Chapel, St. John Divine	Gordon Morrison, Janice Post
Wakefield	Ascension	Paul Parker, Karen Crosby, Sigrid Hewitt
Westerly	Christ Church	Virginia Bonk, Dana Semeraro, George Parent

**DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
217th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The 217<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, “Living A Life of Hope,” was held at the Biltmore Hotel, in Providence, RI on October 26 and 27, 2007.

Friday evening’s program consisted of dinner, followed by the presentation of the Episcopal Charities Higgins Award, to Paul Pickens and Paul Langmuir, for work that they did on the publication of the history of Episcopal Charities in Rhode Island, “And Anchor of Hope in Rhode Island: The First 50 Years.”

Convention reconvened on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 7:00 and included a Continental Breakfast, compliments of Episcopal Church Women.

At 8:30 the Holy Eucharist was presided over by Bishop Wolf, who gave her convention address therein. (Address can be found in the Appendix.)

The Business meeting of Convention was called to order at 9:48 AM by Bishop Wolf. Secretary to Convention affirmed the presence of a quorum according to Article 4, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

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 Bishop then moved that the Agenda for the 217th Annual Convention be hereby approved as presented. The motion was passed.

Rev. Gregory A.M. Cole, 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. Stephanie Shoemaker\*

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

Ms. Caryl Frink

Mr. Philip E. Masquelette

Mr. Bruce Livingston

Ms. Adrienne Southgate



Total votes cast: 183. Caryl Frink: 76; Philip Masquelette: 30; Bruce Livingston: 23; Adrienne Southgate: 54.

**Caryl Frink was elected.**

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

The Rev. Greg Lisby\*

The Rev. Susan Wrathall\*

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

Ms. Jeanne Mason\*

Commission on Finance. 3-year term.

The Rev. Gregory Cole\*

Commission on Congregational Development: Clerical order. 3-year term. Vote for 1:

The Rev. Eletha Boute-Greig

The Rev. Alan Gates

**The Rev. Alan Gates was elected.**

Commission on Congregational Development: Lay order. 3-year term. Vote for 1:

Ms. Lillian Hargrove

Ms. Linda Lebreaux

**Lillian Hargrove was elected.**

\*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.

## **ELECTIONS FOR DEPUTATION TO GENERAL CONVENTION**

In the Clergy Order, Vote for 4:

The Rev. Alcide Barnaby, Jr.

The Rev. R. Craig Burlington

The Rev. Alan K. Gates

The Rev. C. Neal Goldsborough

The Rev. Scott Gunn

The Rev. William Locke

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

The Rev. Jennifer Phillips

**Clergy Order:**

The Revs. Scott Gunn, William Locke, Jennifer Pedrick, these 3 were elected on Ballot #1

The Rev. Craig Burlington, elected on Ballot #5

In the Lay Order, Vote for 4:

Ms. Carol Anne (Missy) Bennett

Ms. Caryl S. Frink

Ms. Rebecca Gettel

Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski

Mr. Dennis Stark

Ms. Diamonte (Dee) Tavolaro

**Lay Order:**

Caryl Frink, Rebecca Gettel, MaryAnn Kolakowski; were elected on Ballot #1  
Diamonte Tavolaro, elected on Ballot #3

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

The Bishop then introduced the seminarians of the Diocese

Ms. Susan Carpenter, Senior, General Seminary  
Patrick Greene, Freshman at Virginia Theological 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.  
Anne Burke from Christ Church, Westerly  
Ms. Joyce Thorne from Cathedral of St. John

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 welcomed clergy new to the Diocese since the last Convention.

The Rev. Tim Burger, Assistant, Epiphany, East Providence

New Cures

The Rev. Alan Gates, Rector, Holy Trinity, Tiverton

The Rev. Scott Gunn, Priest in Charge, Christ Church, Lincoln

Ordinations:

The Rev. Dennis Bucco, St. Luke's East Greenwich.

Report of the Treasurer, Adoption of 2006 financial statements and motion to approve financial statements of the Diocese of RI for calendar year 2006. Mr. Robert Bachelor, Treasurer of the Diocese, gave his report for the year 2006. At the end of this he moved that the financial statements of the Diocese of Rhode Island for the calendar year 2005 are hereby approved as presented. This was seconded and approved. The Report in its entirety is in the Appendix of this report.

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

The Bishop then called on Ms. Carol Anne Bennett, chair of the Committee on Resolutions.

She presented this resolution for consideration:

**episcopal diocese of rhode island  
217<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OCTOBER 26-27, 2007**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**I. TITLE: STATEMENT ON SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS**

**RESOLVED**, That the Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island makes the following statement to our sisters and brothers in Christ, wherever they may be situated, and directs that it be published upon the adoption of this resolution:

We are all too aware that faithful believers within the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island and throughout the worldwide Body of Christ, however, denominated, earnestly disagree regarding the issues of same-sex relationships.

We remain divided on whether homosexual activity is a sin.

We acknowledge that we are all sinners in the sight of Christ.

We acknowledge that being a sinner is not an impediment to marriage.

We urge all our brothers and sisters to look on all of God's children with that love Christ has shown to us, and we pray that we may be able to do the same.

All baptized persons who choose to be Episcopalians, regardless of sexual orientation, are full and equal members of the church. The diocese, its leadership and members have a duty to minister to them without discrimination.

We pray that the grace of God, the love of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit may guide us as we seek to discern our Creator's will, both on these issues and in all endeavors of our life.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mr. Paul Parker, Delegate, Church of the Ascension, Wakefield on behalf of the Narragansett Deanery

After a very lengthy discussion, the resolution failed.

## **II. TITLE: ENERGY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**RESOLVED,** That this 217<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island recommends to all parishes, missions and institutions of the Diocese that have not done so to have energy audits conducted by certified professionals on all owned and/or occupied buildings in order to establish a baseline of energy use before the 218<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention and

**RESOLVED,** That this 217<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island encourages all Episcopalians to add their voices of faith to the growing efforts relating to climate change, renewable energy, sustainable development and clean air and water and

**RESOLVED,** That a Diocesan task force be *established to study practical methods for our congregations to become exemplars of environmental stewardship, such as energy conservation and recycling,* and report back to our 218<sup>th</sup> Convention. This task force will function as a resource for education advocacy and action and

**RESOLVED,** That congregations be encouraged to engage in the process of “greening” their churches utilizing the support of faith-based organizations.

### **EXPLANATION:**

According to the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the United States national Academy of Sciences, burning oil, coal and natural gas in cars, power plants and industrial processes creates carbon dioxide pollution and global warming. Global warming is recognized by the religious leaders, the world’s leading scientists, business leaders and national governments as perhaps the greatest threat to human health, livelihood and security today. According to scientists, global warming will likely produce rising sea levels, extreme weather events and increased disease and drought. Because global warming will impact all of God’s creation on Earth and will have a disproportionate impact on developing nations and people living in poverty, it has become a critical moral issue of our time<sup>1</sup>.

As people of God, we are called to care for God’s gift of creation. People of faith are called to be moral images of God and to reflect God’s divine love and justice through “keeping” the Garden (Gen. 2:15). We can strive to reduce the impacts of our energy consumption in order to fulfill the ministry to be better stewards of God’s creation.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Mr. Arthur Olsen, Delegate, St. Augustine’s, Kingston

### **Late Resolution**

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<sup>1</sup> Excerpted from a recent report to “The National Council of Churches USA”

The Committee received one late resolution, Christian Witness Concerning Controversial Topics. No one rose to address this resolution when the Bishop called for this action at Convention's opening, so it was not received for this convention.

Report of the Standing Committee, given by Rev. Robert Anthony.

Report of the Task Force on New Directions given by Rev. James Frink

Report on Communications, given by Jessica Gates

Report of the Cathedral of Saint John, given by The Very Rev. Harry Krauss

Report on The Episcopal Conference Center, given by Ms. Sue Hurn

Report on Congregational Development, given by Ms. Elizabeth Fornal

Report of Ad Hoc Commission on Apportionment, given by The Rev. Philip J. Tierney

Report on Hispanic Ministry, given by Mr. Tylan Creason

Report of Committee on Companion Diocese, given by The Rev. Gregory Lisby

Report of Committee on Canons, given by Mr. Edmund C. Bennett

Report of Committee on Resolutions, given by Ms. Carol Anne Bennette

### **Elections, Confirmations and Appointments**

**Secretary-** Motion from the Floor of Convention for The Rev. Kevin M. Lloyd.

[**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.]

Moved, seconded and approved

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

[**Resolved:** That Mr. 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.]

Moved, seconded and approved

### ***Elections- Commission on Investments***

Nomination by Diocesan Council

The Rev. Christopher L. Epperson

Mr. Howard R. Merriman

Mr. Austin C. Smith

[**Resolved:** That The Rev. Christopher L. Epperson, Mr. Howard R. Merriman and Mr. Austin C. Smith 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

Mary Heffner, Esq.

The Rev. J. Gregory Prior

[**Resolved:** That Mary Heffner, Esq. and The Rev. J. Gregory Prior 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. Gretchen Gammons

Rev. Wayne P. Runner

Mr. Leon Sibielski

The Rev. Richard C Shippee

[**Resolved:** That Gretchen Gammons, Rev. Wayne Runner, Leon Sibeilski and Rev. Richard Shippee for a term of three years, 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:

Ms. Linda Lebreaux

Rev. Elitha Boute-Greig

[**Resolved:** That Linda Lebreaux and Rev. Elitha Boute-Greig 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

Convention 2008 - The 218<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention shall be held on Saturday, October 25,  
2008

Marriott Hotel, Orms Street, Providence 8 AM to 5 PM

**Closing Prayers**

The Convention adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted

The Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock

Secretary of Convention

**217<sup>TH</sup> CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND**  
**27 OCTOBER 2007**  
**ADDRESS TO CONVENTION**  
**THE RIGHT REVEREND GERALYN WOLF**

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”*

So sang the Blessed Virgin Mary in response to the greeting from her cousin Elizabeth. Mary was filled with joy and praised God from a full and generous heart. So, I join with Mary in singing a song of joy in thanksgiving to God who brought Thomas Bair into my life, and for all of you who have showered us with your blessings and best wishes. However, unlike Elizabeth I'm happy to say, there is no babe-a-leaping!

The theme for this convention is about living a life of hope, a life rooted in Jesus' death and resurrection. The community of his followers has gathered with elation and thanksgiving, celebrating the mystery of the Pascha for almost two thousand years.

The story of Mary and Elizabeth, liturgically known as the Feast of the Visitation, and the Story of Easter contain elements that are beyond our comprehension. To our way of thinking Mary could not have become pregnant, and like Thomas, some doubt the resurrection. As people formed in a scientific, technological age when something is beyond our grasp, it is easy to question its authenticity. However, Scripture reminds us that with God all things are possible.

Yitzak Perelman, the great violinist, had just begun to play a solo piece when one of the strings of his violin broke. Since it occurred at the beginning of the performance, he could have stopped and put on a new string but he decided to keep playing with the three strings that remained. At the end the audience applauded with gusto. Perelman raised his bow to signal for quiet. “You know,” he said, “sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much beautiful music you can make with what you have left.” Instead of focusing on the broken string, he mesmerized his listeners by using the three that remained. What a gift, to make the very best of what you have, with who you are.

Unlike Perelman, vestries often spend endless hours focusing on what is missing. Hope asks us to claim what is ours, even if it's broken and inadequate, and to offer it faithfully for God's mission.

Imagine Jesus looking at the 5,000 hungry, tired people and then seeing the meager offerings of two fish and five loaves of bread; not a promising situation. Instead of sending the people away he gave thanks for what he had, broke it in many pieces, and fed them all. When we give our gifts to God and for his purposes, we discover that the impossible is achievable and that hope is revealed through apparent insufficiency.

Michael Ramsey, former Archbishop of Canterbury said, “[The Church] exists to teach men and women to die to self and to trust in a resurrection to new life...”. That is our



mission: to break the bread we have, to give it away, and to die to selfish aims and harmful ambitions as we trust in a resurrection to new life. Our diocesan vision statement is, “Live in Christ: Transform the world.” All the parables, all the stories and events portrayed in the Bible, direct us to the breathtaking power of God to transform people and events.

The heart of evangelism is sharing with others how God has been your agent of transformation. Because we are human, it is a story of brokenness leading to healing, of despair finding grace, of going astray and discovering a way home, of losing hope and receiving a new and inspired life. In spite of terrible sins there is forgiveness, and in the depths of heartache, love reaches out and prevails.

There is an old Orthodox legend that says that the Angel Gabriel had been appearing to young women throughout the millennia, serving as God’s messenger, seeking someone to give birth to God’s Word. Gabriel visited hundreds and thousands of young women, and Mary was the first to say “yes.”

The mission of the Church is to give everyone in every condition and culture the opportunity to say “Yes!” Gabriel is the messenger of messengers asking us to join him in proclaiming the glory of God in a culture where many say “No.” Our challenge is to have as much trust in God as Gabriel did, undeterred by negativity, and pressing on to the “yes” of life. Our message is about the transforming power of the Risen Christ to lead people from spiritual fear and defeat to an abundant and confident way of living.

There are many disciplines that assist the seeker in discovering a deeper spirituality. Their common characteristics are that the seeker acknowledges serious personal flaws and shortcomings, better known as sins, recognizes the need for God, and willingly surrenders to God’s care and direction. Congregations need spiritual discipline as well.

My friends, this is what we are talking about: Church as a place for difficult, challenging, growth in the Holy Spirit.

One of the primary ministries of many churches is to create an atmosphere of welcome and hospitality, where everyone is included. I heartily agree. However, our mission goes further. We gather to discover authentic life through the engagement of God’s authentic Word. Everyone is invited into the gathering, but our goal is to be transformed into the way of Jesus. As Christians, we witness to a particular Person, not just any person; to Jesus, the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, in whom is found salvation and grace, forgiveness and love, and everlasting life. Indeed, we welcome people just as they are, but we don’t expect them to stay that way. In trust we say, “Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.”

As you review your church budgets and stewardship programs, there may be moments of anxiety. Some of you will try to figure out ways of getting new members to support rising costs. Others will have fund-raisers. I admit that I enjoy immensely parish yard sales (or any yard sale for that matter), bake sales, spaghetti dinners, and May breakfasts.

However, many of us are looking for new members in all the old familiar places. In truth we don't attract many new members through these projects, and we don't raise much money by today's standards.

Want to know how to fill up our churches? Begin by letting God set your hearts on fire. "Were not our hearts on fire," said the apostles on their way to Emmaus. They knew what it was to be in Jesus' presence even if it took them a little while to figure it out. Has your congregation really known what it means to be in Jesus' company, and to experience your whole life turned upside down? What would you need in order to step out and take a bold leap of faith in your church? I've seen people in our diocese receive a renewed passion for Jesus' presence: our young adults who visit Taizé each year, people working in missions in Latin America, those who attend conferences with other Christians, the Credo program, and many others who through the complexities of life have come to know the depths of Jesus' love.

What's the purpose of your church? Do you know your spiritual goal? Are you able to articulate your mission and ministry and maintain a healthy flexibility? We fool ourselves if we think that our churches are growing across the diocese. The hand-full of our parishes that are growing are those who have embraced significant changes in attitude and outlook. It takes faith and discipline to move the focus from the budget to the Gospel, from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance, from being spiritually sluggish to being alive in the Lord.

When your hearts are on fire and passion is rekindled, people will want to know what makes you tic. When you exhibit the flame of hope that passes human understanding, people will want to know what's happening. Lives change through encounters with the God of Hope, shared in the company of others. Through hard, committed work, through passion and joy we become extraordinary witnesses to the gospel and, like Mary, are compelled to run and tell someone.

The fire of the Holy Spirit builds confidence, which leads to a deepening sense of purpose, and a willingness to make sacrifices. It is a flame of passion that does not consume but redirects our whole outlook on life. Ah, but your basket has only five loaves and two fish, what are they amongst so many. The violin has only three strings and you had hoped for four. It really didn't matter to Jesus, or to Yitzak Perelman, because through their confidence and attitude they had all that was necessary.

Each parish and mission has gifted and wise parishioners, and every church has a special charism. Can you name something in your Church that brings the hope that leads to and transform? Imagine choosing one thing that you do well and exploiting it; discovering every opportunity and technique to reveal the one gift so that it is large and visible, attractive to those who are seeking an authentic Christian community! The primary goal is not to raise money or to increase membership, but to rekindle the spiritual fires you already possess.

The parishes and missions who have chosen to merge with one another often began the project thinking that they did not have enough. Yet in every case they experienced a renewed sense of vitality and mission. Instead of business as usual, they took the risk of putting ministry and mission above security and survival. They learned that church was people and not buildings. They understood their work to be of God's kingdom and not their own. Instead of losing people, as some feared, these churches have grown.

St. Michael and Grace, Rumford, and St. Martin's, Pawtucket have become the new Church of the Epiphany. St. George's Newport, and St. Mary's, Portsmouth are one in the parish named for St. Mary.

These parishes moved beyond themselves to see the gift instead of the broken string, the blessing within the heartache, the way forward in the midst of distress, the truth that Rhode Islanders can drive an extra mile or two to attend church, and the revelation that you don't have to sit in the same pew. These faithful people are the ones who reveal to us the power of Christian Hope.

Each of us will have deficiencies until the day we die. Even with a heart of thanksgiving for all that Jesus means to us, we won't be able to obscure our shortcomings, or the troubles in our churches. We are made in the image of God but we are still human. Our fears and hesitancy will revisit, discord will rear its ugly head, interpersonal struggles will still exist, but we must not focus so heavily upon what is wrong that we miss all the good that counterbalances it. Mistakes are inevitable, but they are healed through forgiveness and love. Christians who are open and honest, who are committed to reconciliation at every turn, become a church that can take faithful risks and endure failure, and begin again.

Our goal is to be better equipped and more intentionally formed in the faith we profess. We have to learn the language of faith intersecting with culture, so that we will proclaim the message of hope with increasing confidence, in an increasingly secular society and global community.

Brian McLaren, in his book *Generous Orthodoxy*, said, "I seek to better understand Scripture not just for my own sake, but so I'll be better equipped to serve God and my neighbors." (p. 119)

As we gather today, members of The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion are praying for the unity that seems to elude us. This is not the first time that the Church has lost its equilibrium, though it is probably the most dramatic since the Reformation. I pray earnestly for the unity of The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion with the hope that we will discover a way to be different together, claiming our essential bonds of unity, and the limits of our autonomy. If my invitation to Lambeth stands, I plan to attend, working for unity in the tension of claiming traditional faith and its contemporary expression.

Hail Mary full of Grace the Lord is with you. Hail Sudanese children, hail governors and senators, and day workers, and immigrants, and teachers; hail to all of you for you are all full of grace. To every corner of the world and in times and places of despair, we must know that in God's eyes all are full of grace, even the most desperate among us. Today, Gabriel wanders about the universe, seeking people who say "Yes," to God's call. It is the poor who are answering "yes" with generous vitality. It is the hungry and destitute who have found the grace of faith. So many in our country seem to be saying, "No", so let us join courageously with Gabriel the great archangel, reaching out to people everywhere creating opportunity to encounter the living Christ.

In summary, my friends, focus on what you do well, knowing that no one person or group can do everything. Witness from your strengths, it will restore your energy. Open your heart to hope and gratitude and overcome the pettiness that is so detrimental to Christian life. Move from familiar responses to a fresh and vivid way of being Church.

None of us can do these things alone. We need each other to reveal the love of God. Use your diocesan staff as a resource. Call upon parishes in the diocese to help you. Contact churches that have come through challenging times and discover how they did it. Join with one another knowing that you are not as different as you may think, and discover the uniting bonds of our brother Jesus.

I am so grateful for the good spirit that is evident in our diocese; the increasing collegiality amongst our clergy, the success of parish mergers, the young adults who are being considered for diocesan positions here at this convention; these gifts bring hope to all of us. I am grateful for Canon Bob Vanderau, for his gentle and dedicated service, and for Jim Segovis whose term as Vice-President of Diocesan Council brought new directions to our common life. I look forward to a new configuration of my wonderful staff, and in welcoming Liz Crawley to take her part as my new Executive Assistant. I'm grateful to Ty Creason and Betsy Fornal for their wholehearted willingness to take on new and expanded ministries. Their competence and dedication are a blessing to all of us.

In just a few minutes we will offer and give thanks for ordinary creatures of bread and wine, and through God's grace, they will become our spiritual food and drink: Christ's Real and Sacred Presence. So, we approach this Gift with profound reverence and thanksgiving for the One who forgives our sins and meets us in complete, sacrificial love. And in that love our souls join with Mary and magnify the greatness of the Lord.

## 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.

Helen Foehr  
Florence M. Entwistle  
Edward Perry Coop  
Doris T. Winslow  
Barbara W. Alfast  
Dorothy E. Erhardt  
Harry W. Jones, Jr.  
Robert J. Kinnel  
Elizabeth L. Smith  
James F. Williamson  
Carolyn Crowley  
Marian Kaya  
Fred Selley  
Dorothy Shaw  
Audrey Kay McNally  
The Rev. Donald F. Belt  
David E. Palmer  
Albert L. Robinson, Jr.  
Sophia Young  
Logan James Walker  
Cleone R. Taylor  
Alice Larsen  
Ernest Panciera, Sr.  
Bowen Briggs  
Dennis Rodd  
Irena Spross  
John Campbell  
Susan Coy  
Shirley Randall  
Dorothy Pinto  
John Colarulli  
Marilyn Fish Munro  
L. Delphis Gariepy  
Ethel Bailey  
Louisa Penhallow  
Marian E. Godfrey  
Harris W. Arnold  
Brad Becken  
Liz Chandler

Taylor Chewning  
Albert Iandolo  
Susan Johnson  
Bill Yale  
Edna Brodeur  
Mary Tompkinson  
Richard Leighton  
Joseph White  
Milton Kaye  
George Lagasse  
Catherine Breault  
Janet Truchon  
Anna Marie Payson  
Mary L. Green  
Janice E. Mumma  
Jacqueline Morrisson  
Dorothy Buckbee  
Lois Counihan  
Benjamin Ambler  
Paul Sheldon  
Elsie Almond  
Ruth Clarke  
Joe King  
Lora Goss  
Virginia Drake Vulliamy  
Tom Webster  
Elizabeth Ahearn  
Ruth-Gloria Dexter  
Barbara Tattersall  
Robert Cummings  
Julius Stoll, Jr.  
Harvey Knight Peet  
Hope Gidley Young  
Valerie Pelletier  
Stephen Hanley  
David Yoeman  
Sally Hickok Kuehl  
James Earle McClelland, Jr.  
George Motley Sage

Robert Arthur Pickering  
Charlotte Amelia Wetherell  
Eleanor C. Stanley  
Theodore Abraham Leonard  
Harold Newton Read  
Helen R. Birdgham  
Kingley Newell Meyer  
Nancy Dodge Dow  
Herbert Donald Couchon  
Gordon Russell Hunter  
Robert W. Lister  
Patrick David Murphy  
Elsie Anna Holmes  
Lester Ewing Steiner, Jr.  
Barbara Hillman  
Arthur Mota (Pronounced: Marta)  
Julius Edwards  
Lauretta Moussally  
Gladys Matteson  
Fremina Dawson  
Silas Hall  
Isabella Boudreau  
Carol Shipman  
David Henry  
William Streeton  
Wallace Broome  
Mary-Lee Campbell  
Theodore Reynolds  
Everett Brusby  
Olga Knowles  
Katharine Frechette  
Robert Wellen, Jr.  
Sara Parmelee  
Nikailee Claire Pearson  
Lillian Ray  
Norma Clauss  
Mike Caruso  
Vera Lord  
Russell Grant  
Doris Kirby  
Louie Cook  
Mark Cicerone  
Barbara DelSanto  
Elsa Carter  
Hazel Meader  
Eleanor Piscitelli  
Linda Hughes-Rivers  
Violet Clark  
Carolyn G. Dane

Edmund Cooper Mayo, Jr.  
Robert Lucien deLisle, Jr.  
Anna Cockrell Lameraner  
Elizabeth Dearborn Wick  
Charles E. Matteson  
James Talbot Burnish  
Doris H. Burlington  
Stanley E. Auslander  
Gerald W. White  
William Caldwell, Jr.  
Nancy Blanchard  
Stanley Preston Brown  
Edward Albert Sherman  
Rita Dolan Sellar  
Roxy Edgar Ernsberger  
Robin Ann Mason  
Helen G. Mellekas-Frazer  
Ray Williams Wadleigh  
Anne Murdoch Allan  
Le Roy Thomas Taylor  
Herbert Fox Rommel  
John B. Beaumont  
William E. Duy  
Phyllis Elliott  
Gladys Pickles  
Barbara Tattersall  
Thomas Davin  
Rose Clarke  
Elsie DiFiore  
Cosmo Giovine  
Elinor Peckham  
Joseph J. Bodell  
M. Elizabeth Kershaw  
Harry Johnson  
Irene Chace  
Robert Anderson  
Frank Whorf  
Viola Bellman  
Everet Wilcox  
Elaine Varland  
Rose Smith  
Irene Lavender  
Mille St. Jean  
Gertrude L. James  
Harold J. Parry  
Mildred Hannah  
Doris E. Muenzel  
Steven Foster Smith  
Stella Argus

Isobel Henderson-Roberts  
Marjorie M. Roklan  
Thomas A. Sylvia  
Genevieve M. Claytor  
Alexander P. Bates, Jr.  
Pauline F. Broad  
Charlotte Magruder Buttrick  
William S. Caswell, Jr.  
Bernice Ann Clarke  
Edward Lindquist  
Robert D. Morris  
Harriet E. Richardson

Richmond Lee Walton  
Barbara Clarke Walton  
Janice DiMassi  
Mary Ridgewell  
Frank Lafaro  
The Rev. Charles Janes  
The Rev. Mark DeWolf

## REPORT OF THE TELLERS

Rev. Gregory A.M. Cole, 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. Stephanie Shoemaker\*

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

Ms. Caryl Frink

Mr. Philip E. Masquelette

Mr. Bruce Livingston

Ms. Adrienne Southgate

Total votes cast: 183. Caryl Frink: 76; Philip Masquelette: 30; Bruce Livingston: 23; Adrienne Southgate: 54.

**Caryl Frink was elected.**

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

The Rev. Greg Lisby\*

The Rev. Susan Wrathall\*

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

Ms. Jeanne Mason\*

**Commission on Finance.** 3-year term.

The Rev. Gregory Cole\*

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

Vote for 1:

The Rev. Eletha Boute-Greig

The Rev. Alan Gates

**The Rev. Alan Gates was elected.**

**Commission on Congregational Development:** Lay order. 3-year term.

Vote for 1:

Ms. Lillian Hargrove

Ms. Linda Lebreaux

**Lillian Hargrove was elected.**

\*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.



## ELECTIONS FOR DEPUTATION TO GENERAL CONVENTION

In the Clergy Order, Vote for 4:

The Rev. Alcide Barnaby, Jr.  
The Rev. R. Craig Burlington  
The Rev. Alan K. Gates  
The Rev. C. Neal Goldsborough  
The Rev. Scott Gunn  
The Rev. William Locke  
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick  
The Rev. Jennifer Phillips

### **Clergy Order:**

The Revs. Scott Gunn, William Locke, Jennifer Pedrick,  
these 3 were elected on Ballot #1  
The Rev. Craig Burlington, elected on Ballot #5

In the Lay Order, Vote for 4:

Ms. Carol Anne (Missy) Bennett  
Ms. Caryl S. Frink  
Ms. Rebecca Gettel  
Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski  
Mr. Dennis Stark  
Ms. Diamonte (Dee) Tavolaro

### **Lay Order:**

Caryl Frink, Rebecca Gettel, MaryAnn Kolakowski; were elected on Ballot #1  
Diamonte Tavolaro, elected on Ballot #3

## PAROCHIAL ORGANIZATION 2007

### Alton St. Thomas' ■

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Clergy: Bettine Besier Sr. Warden: Mary Hafey  
Musician: Virginia Abruzzese Administrator: Cathy Harvey

### Ashton St. John's ■

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Clergy: Jeffrey A. Jencks, Mary Hitt Sr. Warden: Paul Bousquet  
Musician: Jack Cook Secretary: Pamela Gilbert

### Barrington St. John's ■

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Clergy: Charles Neal Goldsborough; Jennifer West Sr. Warden: James Tracy  
Musician: Brink Bush Administrator: Elizabeth Crawley

### Barrington St. Matthew's ■

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 Clergy: Susan Stiles Sr. Warden: Jennifer Noonan  
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- Coventry Christ Church** ■  
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 Clergy: Elizabeth Sherman Sr. Warden: Michael Muzzy  
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<http://www.stmatthiasri.org> • [parish@stmatthiasri.org](mailto:parish@stmatthiasri.org)  
 Clergy: Richard Morgan (until 6/1/07) Sr. Warden: Tonia Perra  
 Musician: Dorothy Morris Administrator: Marcia Jones
- Cranston Church of the Ascension** □  
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 Clergy: James Frink Sr. Warden: Arthur Martone  
 Musician: Robert Johnson Administrator: Venus Tavares
- Cranston St. David's-on-the-Hill** □  
 200 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, 02920-3997 ..... 942-4368  
<http://www.stdavidsonthehill.org> • [stdavidsonhillepis@juno.com](mailto:stdavidsonhillepis@juno.com) ....(Fax) 942-4368  
 Clergy: Nancy A. Willis Sr. Warden: Lois Bogda  
 Musician: Joan Daly Administrator: Emelia DiPippo
- Cranston Church of the Transfiguration** □  
 1665 Broad Street, 02905-2727 ..... 461-3142  
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 Clergy: Gary C. Lemery, Margaret C.F. Higbie Sr. Warden: Sherena Palmer  
 Musician: Joyce Bernau-Enriquez Administrator: Beverly Vale
- Cranston Trinity** ■  
 139 Ocean Avenue, 02905-3628 ..... 941-4324  
<http://www.trinitypawtuxet.episcopalri.org> • [trinitypaw@gmail.com](mailto:trinitypaw@gmail.com)  
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- Cumberland Emmanuel** □  
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 Musicians: Rud Porter & Jerry Silvia Administrator: Christine Hanley

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Musician: Priscilla Adams Rigg Administrator: Barbara DeFusco

**East Providence St. Mary's □**

81 Warren Avenue, 02914-5199 ..... 434-7456  
Clergy: Ashley Peckham Sr. Warden: Gordon Hubbard  
Musician: Anita Russo Administrator: Linda St. Hilaire

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Clergy: Jennifer Pedrick Sr. Warden: Marilyn Fuller  
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Clergy: Kevin Lloyd Sr. Warden: Charles Beal  
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 Clergy: Gregory Cole, Ann Pelletier Sr. Warden: JoAnne Ritchie  
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- Newport St. John's**  
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<http://www.saintjohns-newport.org> • *parishoffice@saintjohns-newport.org*  
 Clergy: R. Michael Tuck Sr. Warden: Ray Yorke  
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<http://www.trinitynewport.org> • *info@trinitynewport.org* ..... (Fax) 846-8440  
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Musician: Margaret Clark Administrator: Elaine Oliveira

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**Providence Church of the Epiphany**

542 Potters Avenue, 02907-2946 ..... 941-5095  
<http://www.epiphanyri.com> •  
Clergy: Karen A. Fraioli Sr. Warden: Judith Walker  
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Musician: Mark Johnson Administrator: Faith M. Goepfert  
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Musician: Adam Schneider Administrator: Susan Rossi

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Willett Road ..... 295-0193  
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Clergy: Stephanie C. Shoemaker Sr. Warden: M. Locke Webster  
Musician: Judith Stickney Administrator: Lori Jackson

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Musician: Deborah Walmsley Administrator: Diane Donahue

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Clergy: George Warren Sr. Warden: Vincent Haight  
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**Visitations**

Nov.	5 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints', Warwick
	19 <sup>th</sup>	St. James, Woonsocket
	26 <sup>th</sup>	St. George's, Newport
Dec.	17 <sup>th</sup>	St. James, North Providence
Jan.	14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Luke's, Pawtucket
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ascension, Cranston
Feb.	4 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's, Warwick
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity, Cranston
	18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mark's, Warwick
March	4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity, Newport
	11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Matthias, Coventry
	25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's, East Providence
May	20 <sup>th</sup>	Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown
	27 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul's, Pawtucket
June	10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's, Portsmouth
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston
July	1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Peter & St. Andrew, Providence
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Church of the Epiphany, Rumford
	15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Barnabas, Warwick
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathedral of St. John
Sept.	9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alban's, Centredale
	16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Thomas, Alton
	30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Stephen's, Providence
Oct.	7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mark's, Riverside
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Emmanuel, Cumberland
	21 <sup>st</sup>	St. Augustine's, Kingston

**Confirmations/ Receptions**

April 14, 2007 – Trinity, Newport; St. John's, Barrington

May 12, 2007 - St. Martin's, Providence; Christ Church, Lincoln

May 19, 2007 - St. Paul's, North Kingstown; Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston

December 8, 2007 – Cathedral of St. John

Confirmations 181

Receptions        72

Reaffirmations    2

**Postulants**

Joyce Thorne

Anne Burke

**Candidates**

Mark Warter

Susan Carpenter

**Ordinations**

The Rev. Dcn. Dennis Bucco – Transitional Deacon

The Rev. Dcn. Meaghan Kelly – Transitional Deacon

**Letters Dimissory In**

Alan Gates 9/1/2007

Gregory Lisby 10/5/2007

**Letters Dimissory Out**

Norman Desrosiers, Jr. 2/15/2007

Linda Cappers 4/17/2007

John Van Sicen 10/4/2007

## COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – 2007

Our second session of our Learning Community began in October of 2006 with six congregations participating - St. George's, Central Falls; St. Augustine's, Kingston; Trinity, Newport; Cathedral of St. John, Providence; and Grace Church, Providence; and St. Mary's Church, Warwick.

The eight sessions of the Learning Community covered such topics as church vitality, understanding conflict, lay ministry, generational lenses, marketing your church, new member incorporation, small group development, case studies in congregational development.

We also welcomed the Rev. Charles Fulton, Director of Congregational Development for the Episcopal Church who came to speak to our clergy in January about church growth and change.

The Commission sponsored six people to attend The Great Church Conference at All Saints' Church in Beverly Hills. At that conference, we heard Reggie McNeal's presentation on his book, THE PRESENT FUTURE, Six Tough Questions for the Church.

In May of 2007, the Commission made a commitment to Diocesan Council to present to Convention 2008 a status report on the state of the churches in the Diocese.

Members of the Commission in 2007:

The Rev. Becky Anderson  
The Rev. Gregory Cole  
Ms. Carol Drought  
Ms. Jean Mason  
The Rev. Peter Mayer  
Ms. Merredythe Nadeau  
The Rev. Donald Parker  
Mr. Rick Robinson  
The Rev. Philip Tierney  
Mr. Robert Wells

The Rev. Cn. Richard Bardusch  
Ms. Betsy Fornal

## **THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

### **2007**

The role of the Commission on Ministry is to advise and assist the Bishop in the implementation of Title III, Ministry, of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church. Under the guidance and oversight of the Bishop, the Commission has primary responsibility for the selection, examination, interviewing and evaluation of all applicants for Holy Orders and in the determination of present and future opportunities and needs for the ministry of all baptized people.

In following these guidelines the following work was done by the Commission.

### **Discernment Program**

This program is to help participants learn more about themselves and their gifts and to assist them in finding a path for ministry that is right for them, be it ordained or lay ministry. It is not an evaluation process and while required for those seeking ordination, it is open to all.

In the fall a recruiting letter was sent to all clergy in the Diocese encouraging them to seek out those in their parish community who they thought would benefit from the discernment program. Articles were published in *Risen* and *eRisen* encouraging participation in the program. Eighteen people responded to the invitation.

The program began with an Introductory Dinner in September for those interested in the program, their spouse, and rector. Following the dinner the program was presented followed by a question and answer session. Eighteen people attended the dinner, who were interested in the program. Others attending were rectors, spouses, and members of the Commission.

The Discernment Program met monthly from September through March and included the Introductory Dinner, a Quiet Day, programs in Adventure in Awareness, informal dinner with participants, spouses and rectors for fellowship, Christian Formation, Assigned Readings, Trip Through the Prayer Book, and a Closing Event for evaluation and feedback from participants in the program.

Twelve people from throughout the Diocese participated in this program and four applied for Postulancy interviews. The following people were accepted to Postulancy: Joyce Thorne, Cathedral of Saint John, Providence and Patrick Greene, Saint John's, Barrington. One is awaiting Postulancy interview: Tim Tibbitts, Saint Luke's, East Greenwich and one postponed: Steve Bouley,, Saint John's Barrington. Patrick Greene plans to enter Virginia Theological School in Fall, 2007. Joyce Thorne will enter The Deacon Formation program in Fall, 2007.

The Commission met in June to evaluate the past year and prepare for the upcoming year. The Discernment Program for 2007-2008 was formulated with attention being given to the feedback received from the participants in last year's program.

## **Listening Hearts Discernment Groups**

This training was postponed to January 2008. The book, written by Suzanne Farnham, *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*, will be the basis of the training. Ms. Beverly Hall will oversee the organization of the training.

## **Deacon Formation Program**

The Deacon Formation Program was formed in 2005 with the Rev. Wayne Runner overseeing the program as the dean. The program is carefully designed to meet the academic, practical and spiritual requirements of Title III. The program consists of classes, retreats and practical experiences. Five students were enrolled this year: Joan Dorney Collins, Mark Warter, Anne Burke, Joyce Thorne and Modesta Pellott. The program is conducted at the Diocesan House. Modesta Pellott withdrew from the program officially in June, 2007.

## **Overseeing Those Seeking Ordination for Holy Orders**

The Commission continues to oversee and work with the following people who are presently in the process of ordination for Holy Orders:

### **Priesthood**

Susan Carpenter, Trinity Church, North Scituate, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, General Theological Seminary  
Dennis Bucco, St. Barnabas' Church, Warwick, Ordination interview with COM, March 8, 2007, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, June 9, 2007

Meaghan Kelly, Grace Church, Providence, Grace Church, Providence, Transitional Diaconate Interview on March 8, 2007 and ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, June 9, 2007.

M. P. Schneider, St. Stephen's, Providence, GOE's January 2007, Met March 8 with COM for ordination interview, Fall 2007, working as Deacon at Christ Church, Lincoln  
James McKay, St. John's, Newport, On Leave of Absence from EDS while pursuing a year long study of CPE training. Meeting for Candidacy will be delayed.

Patrick Greene, Saint John's, Barrington is entering his 1<sup>st</sup> year at Virginia Theological School in Fall, 2007 and accepted as Postulant, June 2007.

### **Diaconate**

Joan Dorney Collins, St. James, North Providence, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Deacon Formation Program

Mark Warter, St. Paul's, Wickford, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Deacon Formation Program

Anne Burke, Christ Church, Westerly, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Deacon Formation Program

Modesta Pellot, St. George's, Central Falls, began 2<sup>nd</sup> year, but withdrew from program in Spring, 2007

Joyce Thorne, Cathedral of Saint John, Providence, 1<sup>st</sup> year deacon Formation Program

## **Steele Martin Education Fund**

In September, 2007, A. Cox reported that there is \$22,839.63 in the fund. The quarterly dividend was \$140.30. The moneys from the fund are used as needed by seminarians for

miscellaneous expenses incurred by being in the ordination process in the Diocese of Rhode Island.

### **Members of the Commission on Ministry**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the gifts and hard work of those who served on the Commission:

The Rev. Pamela Mott, Co-Chair  
Ms. Annette Cox, Co-Chair  
The Rev. Dn. Barbara Mays-Stock  
Ms. Gretchen Gammons  
Ms. Beverly Hall  
Mr. Phil Masquelette  
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick  
Mr. Rick Robinson  
The Rev. Wayne Runner  
Ms. Dotty Wells  
The Rev. Alcide Barnaby  
The Rev. Richard Shippee  
Geraldyn Wolf, *ex-officio*.

In thanksgiving for the opportunity to serve the Bishop and Diocese in this way,  
Ms. Annette Cox  
Co-chair

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2007

Diocesan Council's role is to "exercise such powers of the Diocesan Convention between meetings thereof as are necessary to develop and implement the mission, policies, program and budgets of the Diocese of Rhode Island." (Canon 6)

During the year 2007, Council met as a full body 10 times. There were no meetings in July and August.

The following actions were taken during 2007:

### **January 17, 2007**

*Change Meeting Date, February*

Resolved: That the third Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, it was moved, seconded and so voted to change the February Council Meeting to Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

*From Standing Committee: Financial Planning*

A letter from Standing Committee was presented a letter going out regarding the Resolution adopted at 2006 Convention on Financial Planning and the Management of Endowments and other Institutional Funds. A motion was made, seconded to approve the letter with an amendment to read: "In the case of newly received endowment funds, an acceptable approach is to take no more than 7% of said funds until three years have passed and to include said funds in the three-year moving average." The motion was so voted.

*From Standing Committee: Bishop Wolf Additional Time*

The Standing Committee presents to Diocesan Council the approval of allowing Bishop Wolf additional time for her honeymoon beyond her vacation time. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to give her this time.

*Assignment of Council Members to Committees*

The list of Resolutions Adopted by the 2006 Convention sent to council to include Apportionment, Social Responsibility in Investment, Holy Land and Distribution of Convention Materials were handed out. Nancy Dorsey and Dennis Stark will serve on Apportionment. Nominations have been received for other 3 Committees; therefore, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the nominations as received.

### **February 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Request of Epiphany, East Providence*

RESOLVED: That Diocesan Council approve the request of the Church of the Epiphany, East Providence, for a \$32,000 open-ended loan at the rate of prime, minus 1% with interest only monthly payments and principal to be paid from the proceeds of the sale of St. Martin's, Pawtucket building. A motion was made, seconded and so voted with one abstention (The Rev. Scott Gunn) to approve the loan.

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Election to Executive Committee*



A motion was made, seconded and so voted to have the secretary distribute paper ballots for the election – the nominees being the Rev. Scott Gunn and The Rev. Pamela Gregory. The Rev. Scott Gunn received the necessary votes to serve.

### *13 Outstanding Audits from 2005*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted (with 1 opposed) to “*endorse sending a letter to those parishes who are delinquent in submitting audits, with Diocesan Council taking appropriate action, and reflecting as much pastoral concern as possible.*”

### **April 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Workers Compensation*

Finance is asking Council to concur in the referral back to the Willis Group; therefore, a motion was made, seconded and so voted “*that Workers Compensation adjustments for 2004 and 2005 be referred to Willis Group, that the check for \$11,024.00 be returned with a request that we see responsibility for handling this matter to be part of their agreement to manage policies and deal with each parish on an individual basis, so that the rationale and explanation for these adjustments can be given.*”

#### *Salary Adjustments to the 2007 Budget*

RESOLVED, that the following salary changes be made to the 2007 Budget, effective February 1, 2007: Betsy Fornal to \$48,500 and effective March 1, 2007 Barbara Sidla to \$27,500 and Lance Roberts to \$40,000. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept these salary changes.

#### *Congregational Development Website Proposal*

RESOLVED “*by the Diocesan Council to allocate up to \$25,000 for the development of a new Diocesan web site.*” A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution as presented.

#### *Merger Guidelines*

RESOLVED “*That Council recommend that the Standing Committee and the Bishop utilize the ‘Diocesan Merger Guidelines’ as drafted by the Council; and while Council does not have canonical authority pertaining to the disposition of real estate, the Council will oversee assets that come into the Diocese as a result of a merger.*” A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution as submitted from the Executive Committee.

#### *Merger of Two Parishes*

A Draft Diocesan Policy for Disbursement of Assets After a merger of Two Parishes: was distributed. Discussion was focused on Section 2: *The remainder goes into the general Diocesan Funds, No. 1: Half to diocesan reserves to be used for diocesan operations, apportionment replacement and funding new and existing Diocesan programs.* The word “operations” was too broad and that “operations” should be allocated by Diocesan Council. Therefore, a motion was made, seconded and so voted “*that this Draft Policy go forward as a recommendation from Council to the new Merger Committee to be “fine tuned” as needed.*”

### **May 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### *Insurance Retention Fund*

Diocesan Council was requested to expand the use of the Insurance Retention Fund to include such other Province One insurance-related costs as may be incurred, to be paid with advice and consent of the Commission on Finance. A motion was made and seconded with discussion: the words “*insurance related costs...*” were too broad and narrowly defined. Therefore, an amendment to the motion was made and seconded that “*this Action Item be referred back to Commission on Finance for clarification*”, so voted.

## **June 20<sup>th</sup>**

### *65 Corp Parking Lot*

Canon Robert Vanderau was authorized by Commission on Finance to bring bid results directly to Diocesan Council for action. Mr. Batchelor will provide suggested funding sources, including possible sharing with outside resources. A representative from Bowerman Associates, Inc. gave a presentation with proposed work costing \$323,893.00. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal from Bowerman Associates to begin work on the wall. After discussion, an amendment was made to the motion, “*to accept the proposal from Bowerman Associates to begin work on the wall subject to obtaining a written agreement and/or contract.*” Discussion then moved to the financing of proposed work with the Treasurer explaining that the funding would come from ‘the accumulated fund balance.’ On Mr. Batchelor’s recommendation, it was then moved, seconded “*to pay for the work from the accumulated fund balance.*” So Moved!

### *Insurance Retention Fund*

#1 Resolved: “*to request Council to authorize payment of \$2,140,20 to Church of the Apostles, Coventry refund for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2006*”.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution from Commission on Finance.

#2 Resolved: “*to request Council to authorize receiving and deposit of \$11,024.00 return of overpayment of Workers Compensation premiums paid in 2004 and 2005, representing ECC, Diocesan Staff and Open Door Ministries.*”

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution from Commission on Finance.

#3 Resolved: “*to request Council to authorize payment to Willis of Massachusetts \$20,628.00 to reimburse the Property Loss Fund Reserve for 2006 period due to greater than anticipated losses.*”

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept these resolutions from Commission on Finance.

#4 Resolved: “*to request Diocesan Council to expand the use of the Insurance Retention Fund to include such other Province One insurance related matters as may be incurred, to be approved with the advice and consent of the Commission on Finance.*”

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution.

### *Diocesan Budget Revisions*

Resolved, “*to recommend the Revised 2007 Apportionment Budget to Diocesan Council for approval, with a total expense of \$4,031,913.00*”

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this recommendation from COF.\

## **September 26, 2007**

### *Request of Holy Trinity, Tiverton*

Resolved: *“It was moved, seconded and voted to recommend to Diocesan Council that a renewal loan be made to Holy Trinity, Tiverton of \$81,800 at prime minus 1%, 7.25% for 15 years, with a decision to be made by October 15, 2007. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this request.*

***Additional Cost – 65 Corp Parking Lot***

Resolved: *“it was moved, seconded and voted to recommend to Diocesan Council that the dame reconstruction of the 65 Corp Parking Lot, approved by Council on June 20<sup>th</sup>, at a cost not to exceed \$323,893 was approved by the Historic Zone Commission with a redesign of the wall facing blocks at an additional cost of \$24,582.00 increasing the cost not to exceed to \$348,475. A motion was made, seconded (with one abstaining) and so voted to approve the increase in cost.*

***October 17, 2007***

***Episcopal Charities***

RESOLVED: *that Diocesan Council approves the Episcopal Charities 2008 Grant Distribution in the amount of \$486,500 (the recommended list is on file) and*

RESOLVED *that Diocesan Council approves the actions of the Episcopal Charities Board of Trustees for the distribution of funds from the Susan Hudson Memorial Fund for a total of \$22m600 as follows:*

<i>January, 2007</i>	<i>Meeting St. Capital/Relocation Campaign</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>April, 2007</i>	<i>RI Shriners, “Circus Day”</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>July, 2007</i>	<i>Episcopal Charities History Book</i>	<i><u>12,500</u></i>
<i>Total</i>		<i><b>\$22,600</b></i>

After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept these two resolutions from Episcopal Charities.

***Trinity, North Scituate Loan***

Resolved: *“a motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve a loan for up to \$269,000 at 6.75% interest for 5 (five) years for Trinity, North Scituate and to request further approval of the loan by Diocesan Council. The existing loan of \$31,000 for the Oil Spill will remain in place at a lower interest rate. A motion was made, seconded and so moved to approve the loan.*

***Nominations to Investment Committee***

The following names were presented for election to the Investment Committee: The Rev. Christopher Epperson, Mr. Austin Smith and Mr. Howard Merriman. *A motion was made, seconded, voted and so elected that these three nominees serve on the Investment Committee.*

***November 14, 2007***

***Election of Vice-President***

Only one nomination was made for the Office of Vice President, The Rev. Dcn. Buck Close. *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to elect Buck Close as Vice President.*

***Executive Committee Election***

The Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, 2 elected Clergy and 2 elected Lay of which one (from either order) must be a representative of Finance.

In Clergy Order: 1 nomination was made from the floor: The Rev. Scott Gunn. *A motion was made, seconded and so moved for Scott Gunn to be elected.*  
The Rev. Dcn. Ted Hallenbeck is the Clergy Representative from Finance. In the Lay Order: Two nominations were made: Mr. Dennis Stark and Ms. Margaret Thomas. There being no further nominations, *a motion was made, seconded and so moved that Dennis and Margaret be elected to serve.*

***Election to fill Vacancy on Standing Committee***

One nomination from the floor was made, The Rev. Alan Gates. *A motion was made, seconded and so voted that Alan Gates be elected to serve on year to fill the vacancy through 2008.*

**December 20, 2006**

***MacSparran-Lee Fund***

Resolved: That Diocesan Council at its December 20, 2006 meeting gives its consent to the allocation of the MacSparran-Lee Fund estimated 2006 income in the amount of \$19,900 to be distributed to support Outreach Mission Projects, Clericus, Clergy Continuing Education Grants and Clergy Sabbatical Grants, *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution.*

***Housing Allowance Allocations for 2007***

Resolved: That Diocesan Council designates the following amounts of cash compensation to be clergy housing allowances for 2007 in accordance with the IRS Code:

The Rev. Cn. Richard Bardusch	\$16,873
The Rev. Sean Manchester	8,028
The Rev. Joyce Penfield	14,000
The Rev. José Roberts	28,369
The Rev. Elizabeth Sherman	15,000
The Rev. Cn. Robert Vanderau	22,880
The Rt. Rev. Gerlayn Wolf	46,800

*A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this Housing Resolution.*

***Bishop's Compensation for 2004***

Resolved: That the compensation of the Bishop of RI be adjusted retroactive for 2004 by an increase of \$9,173 and a related Church Pension payment of \$1,651.14 for a total of \$10,824.14 The adjustment is based on the Median Diocesan Compensation for Bishops of comparable sized diocese at the time. These payments to be paid to the Bishop, or on her behalf, not later than December 3, 2006. *A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept this resolution.*

***Clergy Salary Review Committee 2006***

RESOLVED that the Committee recommends that Diocesan Council approve a 4% increase in recommended minimum salaries for various size parishes and various amounts of similar service for 2007. *A motion was made, seconded and so voted after brief discussion that this is a guideline and should be used as a "grid" for clergy salary and that not everyone is entitled to 4% increase.*

***Approval of Diocesan Triennial Budget 2007-2009***

According to the minutes from the Convention Secretary, the Triennial Budget for 2007-2009 was not voted on at Convention. Therefore, *a motion was made and seconded “that Diocesan Council officially accepts the Diocesan Triennial Budget for 2007-2009”*.  
*So voted with 1 opposed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra L. Smith  
Diocesan Council Secretary

## THE EPISCOPAL CHARITIES FUND OF RHODE ISLAND

### 2007 Annual Report to Diocesan Convention

The Board of Trustees, all committees and parish charities volunteers successfully completed their work both in fundraising and outreach efforts. Grant distributions in the amount of \$521,900 were given to 114 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 to the Meeting Street Capital and Relocation Campaign in the amount of \$10,000 and to the Rhode Island Shriners "Circus Day" for \$100.

In total, the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island dispersed \$532,000 to assist people in crisis, need and desperate situations for the year 2007.

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, Nancy Brown, St. Augustine's Church, Kingston, who chaired the diocesan-wide parish campaign and to The Rev. Austin Almon (Skip) for their outstanding campaign leadership. 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. The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to Jack StJean, Episcopal Charities Assistant, for his continued efforts and support to our donors, volunteers, the Board, and the people of our Diocese.

The Board is pleased to announce the production of the history of Episcopal Charities, *An Anchor of Home for Rhode Island – The First Fifty Years.* Special thanks to the Rev. Frederick K. Jellison for his leadership as chair of the History Committee. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated members of this committee for their work in researching just how the Fund began and where we are today.

The Bishop Higgins Award for distinguished and meritorious service on behalf of Episcopal Charities was presented to The Rev. Deacon Paul Pickens, author of the history book and to Paul Langmuir for the production of the book. They both worked tirelessly to make this very significant and important project a meaningful experience for everyone involved.

National Philanthropy Day was held in November, 2007. Organizations throughout Rhode Island had an opportunity to honor their valued volunteers as "Partners in Philanthropy". Nancy Brown, St. Augustine's, Kingston and Bette Bruckner, Christ Church, Cumberland, (SISTERS !) 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.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Continuing Education Committee dispenses grants to clergy serving in churches of the Diocese of Rhode Island who wish to engage in specific continuing education programs that will benefit their parochial ministries. The Committee normally meets as needed to respond to applications or by “polling” members of the Committee by e-mail as needed. The grant moneys come from restricted endowment funds and grants must conform to the terms of the restrictions and to the policies guiding the Committee.

In 2007 a total of \$4,485.00 was granted to Thirteen (13) clergy for the purpose of continuing education and/or sabbaticals.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Cn. Robert Vanderau  
Canon to the Ordinary

## **EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER**

Bishop Wolf and Members of Convention, It's a pleasure to be here to give an update about the Episcopal Conference Center.

Last night I returned from taking a week-long course “The Basic Camp Director’s Course.” Now I know what you are thinking, she’s fired up after the course and we’re going to hear all about it! You are partially correct: I am fired up from the course. Fired up because it affirmed we are doing many things well and right at ECC.

Fired up because I now have clear direction where to go for help for the things we need to accomplish at ECC. But let’s look at this past summer:

I learned that we need to get the schedule out very early. On your tables you will see a flyer with the dates for camp for 2008. Please take this back to your churches/missions and post for your families to make their plans.

My goal is to have visiting staff recruited by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Before I left for this course, I began working on more detailed job descriptions for each of the visiting staff positions. What I learned at the course is that the American Camp Association has done much of that already! Whew. Each member of visiting staff will receive a booklet detailing what is expected of them during the week they are at camp.

It is also my expectation that the Director of each week will meet at least twice with her/his staff to plan the program for that week.

This past summer also confirmed the fact that themed weeks draw the biggest registration. We have known for years that Music and Creative Arts camp has the highest registration.

Of the eight weeks of camp Music and Creative Arts, Summersend and Older Girls had themes when the brochure was printed and were our three most populated camps. Guess what will happen this year – ALL weeks will have a theme identified in the brochure!

STAFFING: We reduced the staff for last summer to match what the quotas recommended by ACA (American Camping Association). That proved to be too much of a cut, so this year we will hire a few more counselors. For the second year we hired international staff and will do the same for next summer.

I hired a Summer Program Manager, Mr. Patrick Greene, which is a position I have already advertised for this coming summer. I am also recruiting for a new City Camp Director and City Camp Coordinator. One of the requirements I definitely have for these positions is the occupants be bi-lingual. This has not been a requirement in the past, but having the coordinator from this year being bi-lingual was most helpful in communicating with families of the City Campers.

Mrs. Donna Vispo served as our Counselor-in-Training trainer which is invaluable, and I anticipate she will continue next summer.

PROPERTY: One of the compliments I receive on a regular basis is how well maintained the property is. Lance and Joyce Roberts are responsible for outside and inside, respectively. We have a plan that we focus on working in between the unexpected repairs that occur.

We received a generous donation of a golf cart that needed some work, but once we were able to use it, it is invaluable to us. As a matter of fact, we are searching e-bay for a six-passenger cart that will enable the nurse and I to transport sick or injured campers.

Another generous donation received last week will enable us to purchase new chairs for the dining hall.

FUND RAISING: Some of our fund raising activities have languished, but I am in the process of working to energize them. If you have not yet purchased your brick for the memorial walk, you need to hurry! We will lay the first bricks during April Work 2008.

2009 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> year of camping at ECC. A committee has been established to plan events throughout the year.

Our fees for camp are low compared to other camps of similar size and program. This is due to the apportionment funds we receive from the budget, the generosity of the Episcopal Charities grant, and the individual support we receive to support any child who wishes to come to camp. We do not turn away anyone who wants to come.

We are experiencing a lot of return business from rentals during the off season. We are working on expanding our wedding rental business. However, I would like to see more use of our facility by vestries and other organizations.

Finally, I would like to say that I am having a good time at ECC and look forward to bringing more opportunities for ministry there.

Thank you,  
Sue Hurn



**DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION  
INTERIM REPORT**

Pursuant to the Resolution for the *Study of the Apportionment System*, which was passed at the 2006 Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island, Bishop Wolf formed a commission to “study diocesan support systems in use throughout the Church and submit an interim report to the 217<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention and a final report with any changes it may deem appropriate to the 218<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention”. During the Commission’s meetings the following matters were discussed in detail:

**Current Practices.**

Apportionment practices and formulas as gathered from other dioceses around the country were reviewed and studied. It was found that the unifying practice within each diocese was to seek to underwrite the expenses of the diocese. It was also found that formulas intended to achieve that goal were quite varied, ranging from 12 to 22%, and with many dioceses graduating their formulas on a sliding scale based upon parish income. The Diocese of Rhode Island is in the middle with a current rate of 17.5%

**Relationship to Mission and Ministry.**

The theme of mission came up in our discussions recurrently. There was a shared sense that the goal of the diocese and its constituent congregations is to effectively exercise our shared mission in the Gospel. The question, of course, is always how best to accomplish that end by means of our allocation of finances and how to raise them. It was often voiced that apportionment is a way for local congregations to participate in the larger life and ministry of the diocese and national Church, sort of an Episcopal “United Way,” which has pretty much been the traditional view for the past fifty years or more.

This begs a question of discernment. On several occasions we asked ourselves this question: “Fifteen or twenty years from now, looking back, what do we suppose we will have wished that we did to further strengthen the Church and our mission?” The facts are these: denominational loyalty has declined precipitously during the past 20 years. The so-called mainline Churches have suffered decline disproportionately, and that includes the Episcopal Church. Many parishes and missions have declined during that period, and there is no indication that this trajectory will reverse itself without change. The membership of many parishes is aging, and younger individuals and families often gravitate to faith communities that have what they consider more compelling programs for various ages and demographic groups. Within the marketplace of faith communities’ most Episcopal churches can’t compete with churches that seem to be able to channel more funds to develop programs that draw a broader range of ages. With that scenario likely to continue unfolding fewer parishioners will be increasingly asked to give more money, which will be increasingly desperately needed and vied for between congregations and dioceses.

We have a paradox. Parochialism is anathema to most of us. It smacks of self-interest as opposed to servanthood. People shopping for churches are solely interested in the local congregation – often the ones with the most compelling or diverse programs, which

require more money spent at the local level. Dioceses usually direct funds to para parochial ministries that have been historically unable to support themselves and geared toward needs on the wider community. For hundreds of years the Episcopal Church has depended upon (excuse the expression) product loyalty to ensure our income stream, but now, in order to increase funds we need to increase membership by increasing programs that draw people. To accomplish that we need to direct more funds into the programs offered by local congregations or else the stream from which we draw funds for our wider, collective ministries at the diocesan level will more precipitously diminish. These are the two philosophical points of view that the commission has discussed at length. The question is not whether we do our shared ministries in service of Christ's mission, but rather how best under the aforementioned circumstances to effectively accomplish that mission. This is the core issue calling for our discernment.

### **Standard Deductions.**

We reviewed the development of deductions that congregations historically have enjoyed (such as housing deductions). We analyzed what the deductions meant, what they have come to mean, why they originally came into being, and what their practical impact has been over time. Several suggestions were made to consider making changes to the deductions that congregations are allowed, including: eliminating the general \$5,000 deduction for all congregations, reconsidering the housing deduction and related equity issues, increasing deductions for parishes, and setting aside the money from deductions to fund grants from the diocese to help underwrite innovative programs of ministry at the congregational level.

### **Mutual Ministry.**

Various paradigms of mutual ministry and mission were also discussed at length, including: regional mission groups, yoked congregations, blended congregations, shared pastoral oversight, etc. It was agreed that difficult decisions might need to be made in the future in the clear hard light of reality.

### **What's Next?**

To date no general consensus has been reached about any of the items presented. This purpose of this report is to serve an interim report on our discussions.

Our plans over the next year are to seek input from across the Diocese by meeting with Deaneries and other appropriate groups. Following this a report and recommendations will be prepared for the 218<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention in 2008.

September 20, 2007

Members of the Commission:

The Rev. Robert W. Anthony, Diocesan Council

The Rev. Deacon Edwin F Hallenbeck, Commission on Finance

The Rev. J. Gregory Prior, Budget Committee

Mr. Leon Sibielski, Appointed by the Bishop

The Rev. Philip J. Tierney, Appointed by the Bishop

Mr. Robert Batchelor, Diocesan Treasurer, ex officio

Mr. Ronald Turnbull, Diocesan Contgroller, ex officio

The Rev. Canon Robert Vanderau, Canon to the Ordinary, ex officio

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS**

The Committee on Canons has reviewed and recommends to Convention for approval two resolutions, one to amend the Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island and one to amend the Standing Rules of Order of Convention.

The first resolution amends Canon X by adding two new provisions, Section 10.28 and Section 10.29. The new sections provide clarification of the process to obtain consent for mergers or dissolutions; for changes to the Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws, in certain limited circumstances; and for changes to the name by which a Parish is known. With respect to obtaining consent for an amendment of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the Committee revised proposed Section 10.29 to limit the consent to circumstances in which there is a change of purpose, powers or name.

The second resolution amends the Standing Rules of Order by providing earlier time periods for the submission of resolutions and nominations for Convention. The change would permit an earlier distribution of information for Convention.

The resolutions would be effective upon passage. A copy of each resolution, as revised by the Committee, is attached.

The Committee on Canons

The Honorable Sidney Clifford  
Joel Harrington, Esq.  
The Rev. Dcn. Margaret C.F. Higbie

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

The Committee on Resolutions reviewed the two resolutions included in the Convention mailing and makes the following recommendations:

### **I. STATEMENT ON SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS**

The Committee recommends rejection of this resolution. The Committee does not think this resolution is clear as to purpose nor serves to advance further conversation on this issue.

### **II. ENERGY CONVERSATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee presents this resolution for your consideration without recommendation. While the Committee is favorable disposed to this resolution, it would like the third resolve to recommend ways for parishes to conserve energy, rather than discuss global climate change.

The Committee on Resolutions  
Ms. Missy Bennett, Chair  
Ms. Dotty Wells  
The Rev. Scott Gunn  
The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies  
The Rev. Bill Locke

## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

	<b>St. John's, Ashton</b>
Sally Whitehead-Sherwood	2009
Philip Masquelette	2009
Paulette Robertson	2010
Cindy L. Grenier	2010
	<b>St. John's, Barrington</b>
Marion Colella	2009
Sara Fogarty	2010
Minot Crowell	2010
Prudence Bishop	2010
Joan L. Harper	2010
	<b>St. Matthew's, Barrington</b>
Mary E. Miller	2009
	<b>St. Michael's, Bristol</b>
Anne McCarthy	2008
Betty Burkhardt	2009
Kenneth Burkhardt	2009
Dinah Baker	2009
Sally Woodruff	2009
Richard Munro	2010
	<b>St. George's, Central Falls</b>
Modesta Pellot	2010
	<b>St. Alban's, Centredale</b>
M.R. Pagano	2008
Linda Couture	2009
Roland B. Mergener	2009
	<b>Holy Spirit, Charlestown</b>
Patricia Bow	2008
Lora B. Cobden	2010
Nancy Penn	2010
Marjorie F. Frank	2010
Gail F. King	2010
	<b>Christ Church, Coventry</b>
James Tonge	2009
Carol Nahod	2010
	<b>St. Matthias', Coventry</b>
Alberta Sarvia	2009
David Burton	2009
George Nathanson	2009

	<b>Ascension, Cranston</b>
Hope Kirkconnell	2009
John Kirkconnell	2009
	<b>St. David's-on-the-Hill, Cranston</b>
Robert G. Brown	2009
Lorena A. Brown	2009
Lynne E. Purdy	2009
Paula Bolig	2009
Frederick W. Malaby	2010
Grace E. Malaby	2010
Antonio F. Oliver	2010
	<b>Transfiguration, Cranston</b>
William McCormick	2008
	<b>Trinity, Cranston</b>
Harry T. Allison	2008
Shirley H. Halvarson	2009
Margaret Thomas	2009
	<b>Emmanuel, Cumberland</b>
Paul Lanciaux	2008
John Gelati	2008
Harry Bentley	2009
Jeanne B. Ikerman	2009
Karl B. Ikerman	2009
Lee-Ann Lanciaux	2010
	<b>St. Luke's, East Greenwich</b>
Virginia E. Butler	2008
Ernest E. Slocum, Jr.	2008
Elizabeth Fornal	2008
Collin Barnett	2009
Harry J. Waterman	2009
Priscilla Wormwood	2010
	<b>St. Mary's, East Providence</b>
Beverly A. Edwards	2009
	<b>St. Thomas', Greenville</b>
Christopher Robert North	2009
Clarissa M.H. Patterson	2010
	<b>St. Elizabeth's, Hope Valley</b>
Beverly A. Anderson	2009
E. Harold Anderson	2009
David Hearty	2009

	<b>St. Augustine's, Kingston</b>
Scott L. Sears	2008
Nancy Lee Hampton-Beeley	2010
Ann Dunham	2010
Bruce Dunham	2010
Elinor Schneider	2010
	<b>Christ Church, Lincoln</b>
Patricia Cooper	2009
Jean L. Kay	2010
Mary Jane M. Jenson	2010
Joanmarie O'Neill-Almond	2010
Barbara E. Papineau	2010
	<b>St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, Little Compton</b>
Sidney Clifford	2010
	<b>Holy Cross, Middletown</b>
Mildred A. Ward	2010
	<b>St. Columba's Chapel, Middletown</b>
Florence Tobin	2008
	<b>St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Narragansett</b>
Johanna Rakauskas	2009
Priscilla A. Durant	2009
Hillary I. Transue	2009
D. Verna Atwood	2010
Andrea Wilson	2010
	<b>St. Paul's, North Kingstown</b>
Shawn Crawford	2008
Colleen P. Tolhurst	2009
Patricia Cunningham-Warburton	2009
June T. Spink	2009
Martha A. Hitchcock	2009
Linda L. Adamonis	2009
Kevin O'Connor	2010
Michael E. Cerullo, Jr.	2010
Pataricia B. Carlson	2010
Wilfred P. Royles	2010
Nancy C. Shore	2010
Pinkie Sweet-Holland	2010
Dora Martorelli	2010
Ernest J. Houle	2010
Margaret Moore-Webb	2010
Marsha Welch	2010
Jane Tiernan-Reilly	2010
Marci O'Connor	2010

Joan Dorney-Collins	<b>St. James, North Providence</b> 2009
Doreen Riley	<b>Trinity, North Scituate</b> 2008
Jane M. Dempsey	2008
Raymond R. LaPointe	2009
Marjorie A. DelBonis	2009
Joan N. Melaragno	2010
Lois A. Whittaker	<b>Calvary, Pascoag</b> 2009
Robert E. Whittaker	2009
Kenneth Lagerquist	<b>Good Shepherd, Pawtucket</b> 2008
Susan J. Jenson	2010
Rose Marques	<b>St. Paul's, Pawtucket</b> 2008
M. Carrie Ruo	2010
William Gagne	<b>St. Mary's, Portsmouth</b> 2008
Thomas A. Brown	2008
Alexander Cozzens	2008
Katharine Kreiser	<b>All Saints' Memorial, Providence</b> 2008
Rebecca A. Silliman	2009
Agnes L. Fox	2009
Nancy Hamlin Soukup	<b>Cathedral of St. John, Providence</b> 2008
Kevin H. Valentine	2008
Millard Miller	2008
Arline Walker	2008
Cynthia Rollins	<b>Epiphany, Providence</b> 2009
Lucille Scanlan	<b>Grace, Providence</b> 2009
Sidney Clifford, Jr.	2009
Rhea Brooks	2010
Charles Rooney	2010
Christopher Utter	2010
Rebecca N. Alberg	<b>Redeemer, Providence</b> 2010

	<b>St. Martin's, Providence</b>
Robin A. Bugbee	2008
Penny Seacord	2009
Alec DJ McLure	2009
Gail E Peet	2009
Betsy Slocum	2009
Denis Moonan	2010
John F. Staniunas, Jr.	2010
Shirley N. Chace	2010
Elke Moonan	2010
	<b>St. Peter &amp; St. Andrew's, Providence</b>
Arthur J. Thomas	2008
James L. Seavor	2010
	<b>St. Mark's, Riverside</b>
Phyllis Petter	2008
James Hummel	2008
Linda L. Lawson	2008
Kenneth H. Wilmot	2008
Russell Grant, Jr.	2008
Michael Rossi	2010
Myra Duhamel	2010
M. Jeanne Mason	2010
Constance Pascale	2010
Judith Lewis Ouellette	2010
	<b>Church of the Epiphany, Rumford</b>
Sara Erskine	2008
Evelyn Hassell	2009
Michelle Callahan	2010
	<b>Holy Trinity, Tiverton</b>
Lynn Sluiter	2009
Phyllis Currier	2010
Alan Locke	2010
	<b>Ascension, Wakefield</b>
Clifford Gardner	2008
Margaret N Collins	2008
Betty Jane Rocha	2008
Kathleen Wossencraft	2009
	<b>St. Mark's, Warren</b>
Cynthia Lachapelle	2008
Frederick D. Rounds	2009
Christina Lachapelle	2009
John Kolarik	2010



	<b>All Saints', Warwick</b>
Annette Cox	2010
Gilbert Wiggins	2010
	<b>St. Barnabas', Warwick</b>
Valerie Dreyer	2008
Helen E. Dexter	2009
Nikki Dziadosz	2009
Linda C. Petrarca	2009
	<b>St. Mary's, Warwick</b>
James Farrell	2008
Richmond Robinson	2008
Marianne Collinson	2008
Denise P. Wilkinson	2008
Gayle H. Sangster	2009
	<b>Christ Church, Westerly</b>
Deborah Musto	2009
Kathleen Nicodemus	2009
Julie Miller	2009
Frank Thacker	2009
Ernest Panciera, Jr.	2009
Karen Hanson	2009
Anne Burke	2010
	<b>St. James, Woonsocket</b>
Edna M. Sacs	2008
Nancy E. Hudson	2009
Shirley E.G. Ayers	2009
Irene Nebiker	2009

**PLANT ASSETS – PROPERTIES OWNED**  
**December 31, 2007**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Mission Churches:</b>	
St. Thomas, Church	Carolina-Bradford Rd, Alton
St. Ann's-by-the-Sea	Spring St., New Shorham (Block Island)
St. Elizabeth's	Canonchet Rd., Hope Valley
Church of the Holy Spirit and Vacant Land	Post Rd., Charlestown 2 lots adjacent to Church
Christ Church	Peckham Lane, Coventry Center
St. Matthias Church & Vicarage	Nooseneck Hill Rd., Coventry
Church of the Holy Cross	West Main Rd., Middletown
Calvary Church and Vicarage	Broad St., Pascoag
Vacant Land	Hope Valley
 <b>Cathedral Close:</b>	
Cathedral House and Annex	271 North Main St., Providence
Hallworth House	66 Benefit St., Providence
Hallworth House Parking Lot	Star St., Providence
Edwards Fund Homes	62, 74, 78, 80, 84, 88 Benefit St., Providence
 <b>Old Narragansett Church:</b>	
Old Narragansett Church	North Side of Main St., N. Kingstown
The Greenway	Access to the church
Burial Ground	Shermantown Rd., N. Kingstown
Fowler Property	Vacant Land, Fowler St., N. Kingstown
Baker Property	Vacant Land, new Fowler St.
 <b>Miscellaneous Properties:</b>	
Episcopal Conference Center	Reservoir Rd., Pascoag
May Cottage	Cold Spring Ln., No. Kingstown
Parking Lot	65 Benefit St., Providence
St. Phillips Cemetery	West Warwick, RI

This is to certify that the above are Diocesan-owned properties.  
The Rev. Dn. Barbara Mays-Stock, Secretary

## DIOCESAN INSTITUTIONS

*\*See clergy list for contact information*

EDWARDS HOMES (Benefit St., Providence).....	274-4505
Mail to: 66 Benefit St., Providence RI 02904	
Contact: Kathleen M. Lavallee	
EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER.....	568-4055
872 Reservoir Rd., Pascoag RI 02859 .....	(Fax) 568-7805
Acting Director: Ms. Sue Hurn	
Registrar: Barbara Sidla	
Resident Manager: Joyce Roberts; Property Management: Lance Roberts	
HALLWORTH HOUSE.....	274-4505
66 Benefit St., Providence RI 02904 .....	(Fax) 521-3947
Administrator: Kathleen M. Lavallee	
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL.....	246-1230
63 Federal Rd., Barrington RI 02806	
Headmaster: John Martin	
ST. ELIZABETH HOME (Long-Term Care Facility).....	471-6060
One St. Elizabeth Way, East Greenwich RI 02818 .....	(Fax) 471-6072
Administrator: Matthew Trimble	
ST. ELIZABETH MANOR (Long-Term Care).....	253-2300
1 Dawn Hill, Bristol RI 02809	
ST. ELIZABETH COURT (Assisted Living Facility).....	490-4646
190 Melrose Street, Providence RI 02107	
Administrator: Richard Frigon	
ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL .....	847-7565
372 Purgatory Rd., Newport; Mail to: P.O. Box 1910, Newport RI 02840.....	(Fax) 848-0420
Headmaster: Charles A. Hamblett	
Chaplain: The Rev. Mark Pruitt*	
ST. MARY'S HOME FOR CHILDREN / THE SHEPHERD PROGRAM .....	353-3900
420 Fruit Hill Ave., North Providence RI 02911 .....	(Fax) 354-7986
Executive Director: Bernard J. Smith	
SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE.....	847-4260
18 Market Sq., Newport RI 02840 .....	(Fax) 847-4284
Superintendent: Mr. Jack Grant; <a href="mailto:jgrantupt@yahoo.com">jgrantupt@yahoo.com</a>	

**NON-PAROCHIAL CLERGY REPORT  
2007**

Austin A. Almon, Jr. Deacon Norton, MA	Liturgical Assistant
David Ames Providence, RI	Interim Ministry, St. Mark's, Riverside
Henry F. Anthony Vero Beach, FL	Occasional Supply
Robert W. Anthony Centerville, MA	Eight months supply at St. Ann's, Block Island. Presently, Interim in Osterville, MA
Patricia Bailey Deacon East Providence, RI	Until November, 2007 Deacon at St. Alban's. Worship services in nursing homes.
Jean Bary Deacon Charlestown, RI	Executive Director, homeless shelter; work at a soup kitchen and do emergency assistance.
Hébert W. Bolles Portsmouth, RI	Some supply, helping at Nursing and Retirement Homes providing Holy Eucharist.
Lawrence H. Bradner	Retired; occasional supply
Janet Broadhead Deacon Jamestown, RI	Retired
Douglas C. Burger Woonsocket, RI	Retired; no report submitted
J. Daniel Burke Little Compton, RI	Occasional supply work
David C. Cargill Cranston, RI	Pastoral work with shut-ins;
Loring W. Chadwick Ocala, FL	Assisted at Church of Advent, FL and as organist too.
George M. Chaplin Newport, RI	Limited Supply, Holy Cross in Middletown, RI

John A. Chrisman Sarasota, FL	Some supply at St. Boniface, Sarasota, FL
Michael Coburn Providence, RI	Outreach on the homeless team, Providence Center and clergy supply.
A. Royston Cochran North Kingstown, RI	Volunteer Meals-on-Wheels; North Kingstown's "FISH" organization
Ronald P. Conner Washington, DC	Parish priest St. Stephen Incarnation, DC
Sue Crowninshield Deacon Middletown, RI	Pastoral care – mostly retired
Maria DeCarvalho Providence, RI	Teaching Spiritual Direction
Mary Ellen Dolan	Living in Germany;
Robert D. Duffy Warwick, RI	"Unofficial" chaplain West Bay Manor and resident
Henry F. Fairman Swansea, MA	Assist or celebrate Christ Church, Swansea, MA and on Supply list in Rhode Island.
Kenneth R. Franklin Warwick, RI	Celebrated a few services St. Stephen's early '07.
James P. Frink Smithfield, RI	Priest-in-Charge Ascension, Cranston 10 months.
David M. Gillespie Rochester, VT	Assist in work in AZ, VT, W. TN and NY
Harrington Gordon Warwick, RI	Retired; serve on several committees within the Diocese
Roy D. Green Bend, Oregon	Retired; Hospice Chaplaincy and some guest preaching.
Everett H. Greene Newport, RI	Retired; supply coverage as needed. Chaplain, to the Retired Clergy and Surviving Spouses.
Edwin F. Hallenbeck Deacon Warwick, RI	Retired; Serve on several committees and boards.

Donald Hastings East Boothbay, ME	Retired
Augustus Hemenway Providence, RI	Assisted at 2 burials. Retired
Granville Henthorne Brooksville, ME	Dean and President of Logos House of Theological Studies
Jean Webster Hickox Deacon West Kingston, RI	Retired Deacon (No report submitted)
George N. Hunt Windsor, CA	Retired Bishop of RI; supply in California
Frederick K. Jellison North Providence, RI	Retired
Ida Johnson Deacon Loredo, TX	Retired Deacon (No report Submitted)
Michaela Johnson Silver Spring, MD	Nave Chaplain, Washington Cathedral; supply and preaching, celebrating and teaching at St. Thomas' in Washington, DC
Paul S. Koumrian Tiverton, RI	Part-time Assistant, Trinity in Newport
August Kuehl Warren, RI	Retired
Richard Laremore Cranston, RI	Retired
Donald Lavallee Safety Harbor, FL	Retired (No report submitted)
Sean Manchester Providence, RI	Chaplain, Eleanor Slater Hospital and some supply
Edward F. Mason Rocky River, OH	Retired
M. Teresa Matthews	No Report Submitted
James Patrick Mauney	Retired

Sagamore Beach, MA	
Livingston T. Merchant Greece	Full time Bilkent University's Graduate School of Education training young Turkish teachers.
Peter Michaelson Warwick, RI	Supply, Interim, Pastoral & organizational Assistance
Nancy F. Miller Deacon Orleans, MA	Chaplain, Pleasant Bay Nursing Home
Lorraine M. Mills-Curran Deacon Westborough, MA	Retired
Hedwig B. Neale Deacon East Greenwich, RI	Pastoral Care Committee; Co-Chair "Aging with Grace", dealing with issues of aging. Retiree
Eloise Neilsen Deacon Narragansett, RI	Retired; occasionally serve when asked by Rector
Elizabeth Nestor, M.D. Wakefield, RI	Full-Time Physician; occasionally serve at St. Paul's, North Kingstown
Janet Worth Nunley Peekskill, NY	Deputy for Communication, Presiding Bishop's Staff
Nancy Olmsted Albuguerque, NM	Retired
Ceilia C. Perry Bristol, RI	Nursing Home ministry for St. Michael's, Bristol; Chaplain, Hallworth House, Providence.
Paul Pickens Deacon Lincoln, RI	Retired
Pamela Rannenberg North Kingstown, RI	Chaplain, Butler Hospital
Ann Holmes Redding East Seattle, WA	No Report Submitted
Marshall T. Rice Charlestown, RI	Retired; Interim & Consultant work; Co-Facilitator of Fresh Start Program

David A. Ryan The Villages, FL	Retired, limited activities
M. P. Schneider Deacon Warwick, RI	Deacon / Student until May, 2008
Richard Schweinsburg Coventry, RI	Military Chaplain
Keith E. Scott Delmar, NY	Retired; Clergy Supply
Marcia A. Sessions Greenville, RI	Supply
Robert L. Shearer New York, NY	Interim at Christ Church, Tarrytown, NY Interim at St. Peter's, Morristown, NY
Patricia Sheppard Fernandena Beach, FL	Associate Priest, St. Peter's, Fernandena Beach, FL 9/1/07 Priest in Charge Bethany, Hilliard, FL (1/1/08 Canonical Resident in Florida)
Marlene J. Simonian Deacon North Port, FL	Pastoral visits Nursing homes and hospitals
Richard R. Simpson Westerly, RI	Supply, Adult Education
Peter L. Spencer Wakefield, RI	Sacramental chaplain, St. Elizabeth's Home
Frederick J. Spulnik San Diego, CA	Retired
Daryl W. Stahl Providence, RI	Part-time Interim Holy Trinity, Tiverton early '07, then occasional supply work.
Gordon J. Stenning Portsmouth, RI	Eucharist to nursing homes; supply
Linda Strahan Newport, RI	Pastoral Counseling and supply work



Edward Trafford Deacon West Warwick, RI	Assist occasionally at All Saints' Memorial, Providence
Henry G. Turnbull Youngtown, AZ	Retired
Paul Twelves Bristol, RI	Supply mostly retired
Paula Ulanowski Scituate, MA	Retired
Robert Vanderau Orlando, FL	Canon to Ordinary and Sunday Supply til retirement in December.
James L. Verber North Kingstown, RI	Long term Supply, St. Mark's, Warren til May. Supply in Canada through August.
Peter H.G. Westhorp Maryland Heights, MD	Associate Regulatory Affairs Specialist for BioMerieux, Inc – infectious disease in vitro diagnostic company.
Gail Wheelock Deacon Jamestown, RI	Teen ministry at ECC; Chaplain, Family Camp and Director, Junior High Camp.
Edward S. Winsor Fort Myers, FL	Assisting, Fort Myers, Florida
Geralyn Wolf Providence, RI	Bishop
Betty Wright Deacon Newport, RI	Assist when needed St. Columbas' in Middletown and at Nursing Homes when needed.

**CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY  
AS OF SEPT. 27, 2007**

<i>Name</i>	<i>DATE IN FROM</i>
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, William S.	3/28/1968 KS
ANTHONY, Henry F., II	7/1/1994 E. TN
ANTHONY, Robert W.	6/1/1988 W. MA
BAILEY, Patricia A.	6/24/1995 RI
BARDUSCH, Richard E., Jr.	9/12/2002 NEWARK
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, J. Daniel	2/19/1978 MI
BURLINGTON, R. Craig	3/4/1992 Newark
BURTON, Christine H.	3/28/1992 RI
CANAVAN, Mary A.	8/12/2002 OR
CARGILL, David C.	11/21/1979 NH

<i>Name</i>	<i>DATE IN FROM</i>
CHADWICK, Loring W.	6/15/1957 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
COLE, Elaine A.	6/26/1993 RI
COLE, Gregory A.M.	12/6/1995 Newark
COLLINS, Judith T.	6/20/1992 RI
CONNER, Ronald P.	9/14/1981 WA
CROWNINSHIELD, Susie C.	6/20/1992 RI
CUMMINGS, Robert C.	5/16/1983 CT
DeCARVALO, Maria E. A.	6/23/1990 RI
DEVENS, Philip	2/26/1987 MA
DOBSON, Marc Anthony	10/24/2005 Pittsburgh
DOLAN, Mary Ellen T.	6/24/1995 RI
DRAKE, Jo-Ann J.	2/1/1993 Pennsylvania
DUFFY, Robert D.	11/1/1966 NY
EPPERSON, Christopher L	6/11/2006 Atlanta
FAIRMAN, Henry	2/2/1982 Bethlehem
FIELD, Robert W.	2/4/1989 RI
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
FRINK, James P.	6/20/1959 RI
GATES, Alan Kenneth	9/1/2007 Olympia
GILLESPIE, David M.	2/1/1987 CA
GOLDSBOROUGH, C. Neal	11/1/2001 VA
GORDON, Harrington M.	6/24/1955 RI
GREEN, Roy	8/19/1994 Olympia

<i>Name</i>	<i>DATE IN FROM</i>
GREENE, Everett H.	9/13/1960 Rochester
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
JELLISON, Frederick K.	2/15/1955 MI
JENCKS, Jeffrey A.	4/5/1986 RI
JOHNSON, Ida R.	7/13/1985 RI
JOHNSON, Michaela M.	12/1/1992 W.Mass
KELLY, Meaghan Martin	6/9/2007 RI
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
LAWRENCE, John E.	9/10/2000 Southern OH
LEMERY, Gary C.	8/19/1983 CA
LEMONS, MICHAEL W.	10/16/1998 NE
LESIEUR, Betsy	7/13/1985 RI
LLOYD, Kevin M.	3/7/2006 Western North Carolina

<i>Name</i>	<i>DATE IN FROM</i>
LOCKE, William R.	12/27/1993 RI
MANCHESTER, Sean	11/16/1992 Rio Grande
MASON, Edward F.	2/1/1957 OH
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
McSHANE, Joan Lyon	4/8/1984 RI
MELLO, Iris E.	7/13/1985 RI
MERCHANT, Livingston T.	5/10/1977 Dallas
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
OSTMAN, Jonathon J.D.	9/17/1991 MA
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

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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
REDDING, Ann Holmes	6/18/1983 RI
RICE, Marshall T.	2/9/1996 Newark
ROBERTS, Jose Francisco	11/17/2004 PR
ROGERS, John S.	2/21/1984 ME
RUFFINO, Russell G.	10/27/1990 RI
RUNNER, P. Wayne	8/26/1996 NJ
RYAN, David A.	6/18/1960 RI
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
SHEPHERD, Patricia	2/29/2004 OH
SHERMAN, Elizabeth	6/30/1999 NY
SHIPPEE, Richard C.	6/14/1975 RI
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

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TIERNEY, Phillip J.	1/31/2005 NC
TRAFFORD, Edward J.	4/5/1986 RI
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 Westerm MA
WEST, Jennifer K.	5/23/2005 MD
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

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
Providence, Rhode Island

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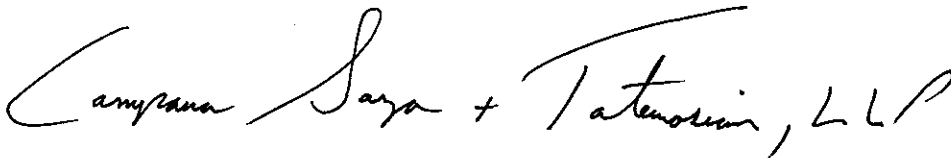
The Diocese of Rhode Island  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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, 2006, 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, 2006, 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.

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May 4, 2007

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND  
Providence, Rhode Island

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2006

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Notes 2 and 12)		\$ 2,473,444
RECEIVABLES:		
Apportionment – net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$99,000	\$ 64,704	
Pledges - net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$10,787 (Note 3)	20,034	
Loans (Note 4)	467,421	
Other	<u>18,068</u>	
Total receivables		570,227
INVESTMENTS (Note 5)		19,529,886
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net (Note 6)		<u>1,495,128</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$24,068,685</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		\$ 69,176
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$4,587,428	
Designated for specific purposes	<u>6,699,260</u>	
Total unrestricted		\$11,286,688
Temporarily restricted (Note 7)	7,140,324	
Permanently restricted (Note 8)	<u>5,572,497</u>	
TOTAL NET ASSETS (EXHIBIT B)		<u>23,999,509</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$24,068,685</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
For the year ended December 31, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:</b>				
Apportionment	\$ 1,899,710	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 1,899,710
Contributions	-0	534,690	-0	534,690
Program services revenue	250,634	-0	-0	250,634
Investment income	355,868	570,249	-0	926,117
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	338,248	246,148	213,778	798,174
Gain on sales of property	3,800	-0	-0	3,800
Other income	102,302	-0	-0	102,302
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 9)	<u>1,005,920</u>	<u>( 1,005,920)</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>\$ 3,956,482</u>	<u>\$ 345,167</u>	<u>\$ 213,778</u>	<u>\$ 4,515,427</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Program expenses (Schedule I)	\$ 2,136,116	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 2,136,116
Support services	633,062	-0	-0	633,062
Episcopal Charities granted to Non- Diocesan programs	357,232	-0	-0	357,232
Fundraising	<u>173,149</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>173,149</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 3,299,559</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ 3,299,559</u>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE OTHER CHANGES</b>	\$ 656,923	\$ 345,167	\$ 213,778	\$ 1,215,868
<b>OTHER CHANGES</b>				
Transfer of church property (Note 11)	<u>605,530</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>605,530</u>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	\$ 1,262,453	\$ 345,167	\$ 213,778	\$ 1,821,398
<b>NET ASSETS, January 1, 2006</b>	<u>10,024,235</u>	<u>6,795,157</u>	<u>5,358,719</u>	<u>22,178,111</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, December 31, 2006</b>	<u>\$11,286,688</u>	<u>\$7,140,324</u>	<u>\$5,572,497</u>	<u>\$23,999,509</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the year ended December 31, 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Changes in net assets	\$1,821,398
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	65,859
Realized gains on investments and property	( 3,995)
Unrealized gains on investments	( 797,979)
Decrease in receivables	36,613
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	( 10,392)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$1,111,504
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of property and equipment	(\$ 18,709)
Proceeds from sale of investments and property	9,508
Purchase of investments	( 831,987)
Net cash used by investing activities	( 841,188)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 270,316
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, January 1, 2006	<u>2,203,128</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31, 2006	<u>\$2,473,444</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 2006

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.

Note 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Diocese have been prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting.

The Diocese’s financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, “Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations.” Under SFAS No. 117, the Diocese is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets. The categories are: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted. In addition, the Diocese is required to present a statement of cash flows.

All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose of restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Management’s policy requires that the net appreciation in permanently restricted assets be retained permanently in an amount necessary to adjust the historic dollar value of the original gifts by the change in the consumer price index. Any remainder of appreciation is available for appropriation.

Contributions

The Diocese records contributions in accordance with SFAS No. 116, “Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made,” whereby contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon satisfaction of the time or purpose restrictions.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with maturity dates of three months or less.

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 accounts for its investments in accordance with SFAS No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 124, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair value in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets.

Use of Estimates

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

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.

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).

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Note 3. 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	\$30,821
Less allowance	<u>10,787</u>
Net pledges	<u>\$20,034</u>

Pledges receivable at December 31, 2006 have the following restrictions:

Episcopal Charities	<u>\$20,034</u>
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Note 4. 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, 2006, twelve (12) loans were outstanding totaling \$467,421. Interest is charged on the loan balances at an annual rate ranging from 2.75% to 8.5%. The loans mature at various dates until the year 2027.

Note 5. INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at market and realized and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in the statement of activities.

Investment securities consisted of the following at December 31, 2006:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Corporate Bonds	\$ 9,996	\$ 17,703
Common Stock	17,455	32,263
Pooled Investments	<u>12,243,331</u>	<u>19,479,920</u>
	<u>\$12,270,782</u>	<u>\$19,529,886</u>

Pooled investments represent funds invested with the Diocesan Investment Trust of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island (DIT), a related entity.

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Note 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Land and buildings	\$3,897,054	\$1,060,822	\$ -0	\$4,957,876
Equipment	113,726	-0	-0	113,726
Motor vehicles	<u>98,491</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>98,491</u>
	\$4,109,271	\$1,060,822	\$ -0	\$5,170,093
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,826,307</u>	<u>848,658</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>3,674,965</u>
	<u>\$1,282,964</u>	<u>\$ 212,164</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$1,495,128</u>

Depreciation expense for 2006 was \$65,859.

Note 7. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2006:

Parish Endowment Fund	\$ 369,718
Old Narragansett Church	21,650
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	1,483,795
Episcopate	2,114,972
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	163,594
A.A. Gammell	89,458
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	1,855,537
Episcopal Charities	861,302
Airport Chapel	1,722
Missions	167,318
Commission on Ministry	<u>11,258</u>
	<u>\$7,140,324</u>



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Note 8. 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, 2006:

Missions	\$ 585,116
Episcopal Conference Center	237,733
Old Narragansett Church	76,665
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	557,961
Episcopate	1,129,678
Edwards Homes	90,039
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	176,147
Episcopal Charities	2,511,318
Parish Endowment Fund	14,261
Congregational Development	<u>193,579</u>
	<u>\$5,572,497</u>

Note 9. 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:

Episcopal Charities	\$ 512,427
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	51,256
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	35,855
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	63,228
Episcopate	144,553
Episcopal Conference Center	117,668
Old Narragansett Church	3,737
Ministry and Chaplaincy	9,147
Parish Endowment Fund	16,418
Dunning Trust	5,449
City Camp	18,254
Congregational Development	27,022
Other Outreach and Support	706
A.A. Gammell	<u>200</u>
	<u>\$1,005,920</u>

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Note 10. 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 2006. An actuary's statement shows that no contribution was needed to keep the plan funded in accordance with the minimum funding standards of ERISA.

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 employees salary to a maximum of nine percent. The Diocese contributed \$49,847 to this plan in 2006.

The Diocese also contributed \$68,357 to a plan sponsored by the National Church covering clergy employed by the Diocese.

Note 11. CHURCH PROPERTIES

During the past year, a parish of the Diocese sold its church property and transferred proceeds of \$605,530 to the Diocese.

At December 31, 2006, mergers and closings of certain parishes and missions were under consideration. Also under consideration are policies for the sale of certain church properties. The financial effect to the Diocese from possible mergers and closings cannot be estimated at this time, and therefore are not reflected in the financial statements.

Note 12. 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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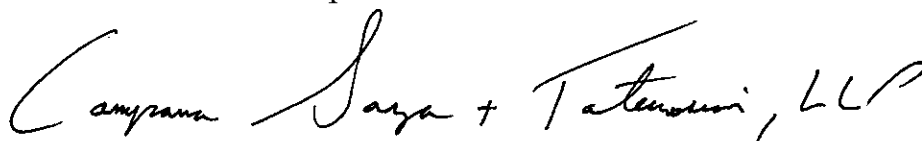
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of The Diocese of Rhode Island as of December 31, 2006 appears on Page 2. 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.

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May 4, 2007

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SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2006

	Apportionment <u>Funded</u>	Non- Apportionment <u>Funded</u>	Total Program <u>Expenses</u>
Leadership & Pastoral Support			
Office of the Bishop	\$ 251,958	\$114,929	\$ 366,887
Support of the Bishop	190,165	-0	190,165
Clergy Development/Deployment	105,761	9,123	114,884
Other Leadership & Support	<u>58,324</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>59,285</u>
Total leadership & pastoral support	<u>\$ 606,208</u>	<u>\$125,013</u>	<u>\$ 731,221</u>
Outreach, Advocacy & Service			
Episcopal Conference Center & City Camp	\$ 495,671	\$ 7,605	\$ 503,276
National Church Assessment	423,992	-0	423,992
Ministry to Higher Education	32,596	-0	32,596
Chaplaincies	74,046	9,164	83,210
Other Outreach	<u>47,696</u>	<u>68,286</u>	<u>115,982</u>
Total outreach, advocacy & service	<u>\$1,074,001</u>	<u>\$ 85,055</u>	<u>\$1,159,056</u>
Congregational Development	<u>\$ 208,183</u>	<u>\$ 37,656</u>	<u>\$ 245,839</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$1,888,392</u>	<u>\$247,724</u>	<u>\$2,136,116</u>