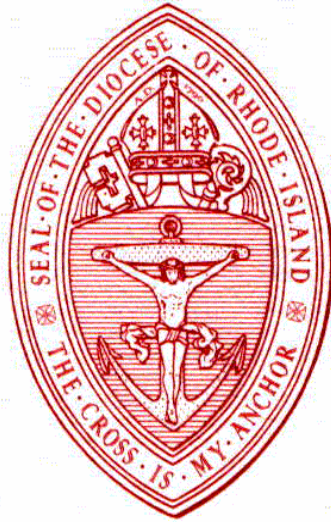


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MEMBERSHIP ON CANONICAL BODIES

(11-08)

STANDING COMMITTEE: Canon IV

vacant	2009	Mr. Franklin Cook
The Rev. William Locke [P]	2010	Ms. Lora MacFall
The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker	2011	Ms. Caryl Frink
The Rev. Pamela Mott	2012	Ms. Frances
Gammell-Roach		

DIOCESAN COUNCIL: Canon VI

ELECTED BY CONVENTION

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

The Rev. Scott Gunn [VP]	2009	Ms. Shirley Sibielski
The Rev. Casey Shobe	2009	Mr. Modesta Pellot
The Rev Greg Lisby	2010	Ms. Jean Mason
The Rev. Susan Wrathall	2010	
The Rev. James Bocchino	2011	Ms. Cindy Flaxington

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY BISHOP

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

The Rev. Christopher Epperson	2009	Margaret Thomas
The Rev. Canon Harry Krauss Avedisian	2010	The Hon Scott
The Rev. Dcn. Ted Hallenbeck	2011	Mr. Vince Haight

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, Mr. Brian Ehlers
President, Standing Committee, The Rev. William Locke

Staff

The comptroller
The Canon for Program and
Administration
The Canon for Congregations and
Clergy
Secretary of Council

Executive Committee of Council

The Bishop, President
The Rev. Scott Gunn, Vice President
The Rev. Harry Krauss
The Rev. Greg Lisby
Mr. Brian Ehlers
Ms. Cindy Flaxington
The Treasurer

COMMISSION ON FINANCE Canon VII.1

Elected (1 clerical, 2 lay)

Mr. Brian Ehlers 2009
The Rev. Gregory Prior Hallenbeck 2010
Mr. James Worrell [C] 2011

Appointed (1 clerical, 2 lay)

vacant
The Rev. Dcn. Ted
Mr. Scott Nicholson

Ex officio

The Bishop,
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
The Comptroller

Staff

The Comptroller
The Canon for Program and Administration

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

The Rev. James Bocchino 2009 Ms. Joan Skeffington
The Rev Stephanie Shoemaker 2010 The Hon. Scott Avedisian
The Rev. Gregory Prior 2011 Ms. Mary Heffner, Esq.
The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies 2012

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Canon VII.2

Elected

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

The Rev Evangeline Anderson 2009 Ms. Carol Drought
The Rev Alan Gates 2010 Ms. Lillian Hargrove
The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies 2011 Ms. Catherine
Thenault

Appointed

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

The Rev. Christopher Pappas 2009 Vacant
The Rev. Eletha Buote-Grieg 2010 Ms. Linda Lebreux
The Rev. Peter Mayer [C] 2011 Mr. James Burgess

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. 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
The Rev. John Alexander	2011	Mary Heffner
The Rev. Timothy Burger	2011	Carol Anne Bennett

Staff

The Bishop
Canon for Congregations and Clergy

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

Vacant	2009	Ms. Gail Ginnetty
Vacant	2009	Mr. Charles Lee [C]
The Rev. Chris Epperson	2010	Mr. Howard Merriman
Vacant	2010	Mr. Austin Smith
The Rev. Gregory Prior	2011	Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach
	2011	Mr. Jeffrey Belden

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

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

Currently vacant

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

The Rev. Daniel Burke	2009
The Rev. Harrington Gordon	2010
The Rev. Gordon Stenning [C]	2011
Ms. Bernice Belt	2012
Ms. Nancy R. Brown-Cobb	2013

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)

Vacant	2009
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Vacant 2010
Vacant 2011

COMMITTEE ON CANONS Canon II.4 (3 Clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Chancellor (ex-officio)

Vacant	2009	Vacant
Vacant	2010	Vacant
Vacant	2011	Vacant

COMMITTEE ON AGENDA Canon II.5 (at least 3 persons)

The Bishop
The Chancellor
The Secretary of Convention
The Canon for Program and Administration

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS Canon II.6 (3 clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. Bill Locke	2009	Vacant
The Rev. Scott Gunn	2010	Ms. Dorothy Wells
Vacant	2011	Ms. Carol Anne Bennett

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS Canon II.7 (3 clerical, 3 lay, staggered 3-years terms)

The Rev. Phil Tierney	2009	Margaret Thomas
Vacant	2010	Vacant
Vacant	2011	Vacant

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

CONVENTION ROLL OF CLERGY 2008

Title	First Name	Last Name	Registered
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.	David W.	Brown	
The Rev.	Dennis	Bucco	*
The Rev.	Eletha A.	Buote-Greig	*
The Rev.	Douglas C.	Burger	
The Rev.	J. Daniel	Burke	
The Rev. Dr.	R. Craig	Burlington	*
The Rev. Dn.	Christine H.	Burton	*
The Rev.	Mary	Canavan	*

The Rev.	David C.	Cargill	
The Rev.	Susan	Carpenter	*
The Rev.	Loring W.	Chadwick	
The Rev.	George M.	Chaplin	
The Rev.	John A.	Chrisman, Jr.	
The Rev. Dn.	Leroy (Buck)	Close	*
The Rev.	Michael	Coburn	*
The Rev.	A. Royston	Cochran	
The Rev. Dn.	Judith T.	Collins	*
The Rev.	Ronald	Conner	
The Rev. Dn.	Sue	Crowninshield	
The Rev.	Robert C.	Cummings	
The Very Rev.	Maria	DeCarvalho	
The Rev.	Philip	Devens	*
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	
The Rev.	James P.	Frink	*
The Rev.	Alan K.	Gates	*
The Very Rev.	David M.	Gillespie	
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. Dn.	Ida R.	Johnson	
The Rev.	Michaela	Johnson	
The Rev.	Paul S.	Koumrian	
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	
The Rev. Dn.	Hedwig B.	Neale	*
The Rev. Dn.	Eloise S.	Neilsen	*
The Rev.	Elizabeth M.	Nestor	*
The Rev. Dn.	Susan J.	North	*
The Rev.	Janet W.	Nunley	
The Rev.	Nancy K.	Olmsted	
The Rev.	Jonathan J.	Ostman	
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	Rannenber	*
The Rev.	Ann Holmes	Redding	
The Rev.	Marshall T.	Rice	*
The Rev.	Jose	Roberts	*
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	
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	*
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The Rev.	Paul D.	Twelves	*
The Rev.	Paula Hannah	Ulanowski	
The Rev. Cn.	Robert J.	Vanderau	*
The Rev.	James L.	Verber	
The Rev.	George H.	Warren	
The Rev. Dcn.	Mark	Warter	
The Rev.	Jennifer	West	*
The Rev.	Peter H.G.	Westhorp	
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	
		TOTAL:	<i>72</i>

CONVENTION ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

DEANERY I, CENTRAL

Centredale	St. Alban's	James Connors, James Segovis
Greenville	St. Thomas	Alice P. Gardner, Phyllis Spaziano
N. Providence	St. James	Christopher North, Daniel Harvey
N. Scituate	Trinity	Joan Melarango, Diane Weeks, Christopher Picozzi
Providence	All Saints' Memorial	Robert Frueh, James Burgess
Providence	Cathedral, St. John	James Dorber, Adrienne Southgate
Providence	Epiphany	Judy Walker
Providence	Grace	Charles M. Smith III, Lucia Bamster, Marty Ames
Providence	St. Stephen's	John Chamberlin, Phoebe Pettingell
Providence	St. Martin's	Donald Cunnigen, Maarten Hooageboom, Joyce May
Providence	St. Peter/St Andrew's	Lynn Harris
Providence	Mision Iglesia El Mesias	Yamika De Los Santos, Fanny Trejos

DEANERY II, WEST BAY

Coventry	Christ Church	Carol Drought, Mary Ann Mello
Coventry	St. Mathias	George Nathanson, Frances Sturdavant
Cranston	Ascension	F. Leon Sibielski, Susan Wright
Cranston	Transfiguration	Joseph Rose
Cranston	St. David's-on-the-Hill	Lynne Purdy, Fred Malaby
Cranston	Trinity	William Plumb, Donna Manchester, Margaret Thomas
Warwick	All Saints'	Marcia Butler, Annette Cox
Warwick	St. Barnabas	William Barker
Warwick	St. Mark's	Vincent Haight, Roy Lautieri, Deborah Britt
Warwick	St. Mary's	John Medeiros, Michael Marsh

DEANERY III, BLACKSTONE

Ashton	St. John's	Sally Sherwood, Jerry Sherwood
Central Falls	St. George's	Modesta Pellot, Luis Pantoja,
Cumberland	Emmanuel	John Gelati
Lincoln	Christ Church in Lonsdale	Jane Worton, Cindy Flaxington, Judith D. Foltz
Pascoag	Calvary	Miriam Freeman
Pawtucket	Good Shepherd	Caryl Frink
Pawtucket	St. Luke's	Jennifer Conrad, Barbara Stevenson
Pawtucket	St. Paul's	Sandra Gildea, Carol Varden, Kerri Scott
Providence	Redeemer	Mary Jane Flynn, Sandra E. DiPalma
Woonsocket	St. James'	Irene Nebiker

DEANERY IV, EAST BAY

Barrington	St. John's	Michelle DuPont, Steven Lippincott, Jean Audette, Mary Hood
Barrington	St. Matthew's	Sally Easton, June Truitt
Bristol	St. Michael's	John Whitney, Elaine Gotovich Cohen, Gretchen Gammons
East Providence	St. Mary's	Kenneth Bridge, Gordon Hubbard,
Riverside	St. Mark's	Linda Dawson, Jeanne Mason
Rumford	Church of the Epiphany	Robert Bergstrand, Maurice Holmes, Virginia Rocha
Warren	St. Mark's	

DEANERY V, AQUIDNECK

Little Compton	St. Andrew's	William M. Barnum, Virginia Chase
Middletown	Holy Cross	
Middletown	St. Columba's Chapel	Crane Anderson, June Terry, Jim Terry
Newport	Emmanuel	Debra Venancio, Jo Anne Ritchie
Newport	St. George's	James McKay, Gardner C. Sconyers
Newport	St. John's	George Meleleu
Newport	Trinity	Joan Bartram, Doriennne W. Farzan
Portsmouth	St. Mary's	Claire Hebert
Portsmouth	St. Paul's	
Tiverton	Holy Trinity	Norma Sweet, William Sweet

DEANERY VI, NARRAGANSETT

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, Lisa Johnson, Patricia Hallenbeck, Carol Stevens
Hope Valley	St. Elizabeth's	Cathy O'Rourke
Jamestown	St. Matthew's	Jim Breakell, Marcia Sallum Glassie
Kingston	St. Augustine's Chapel	Nancy R. Brown, Nancy Hampton Beeley
Narragansett	St. Peter's-by-the-Sea	Susan Roesner, Ruth Toolan, Diane Nobles
North Kingstown	St. Paul's	William Tolhurst, Michael Cerullo, Martha Parks
Saunderstown	Chapel, St. John Divine	Virginia Brewer, Janice Post
Wakefield	Ascension	Jeff Melish, Sigrid Hewitt
Westerly	Christ Church	Virginia Bonk, George Parent

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218TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The two hundred eighteenth meeting of Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26th, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. The theme for this year's Convention was *Friendship Rising: Diocese of Louisiana*. The preacher for the Holy Eucharist was The Right Reverend Charles E. Jenkins III, bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Convention was called to order by The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf at 9:45 a.m. Bishop Wolf called upon The Reverend Kevin Lloyd, Secretary of Diocesan Convention, who reported that seventy (70) of all clergy of the diocese eligible to vote and not less than 1/3 of all parishes and missions, including the Cathedral Chapter were registered and present, thus constituting a quorum.

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

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

Bishop Wolf then welcomed clergy new to the Diocese since last Convention, asking them to come forward and introduce themselves to Convention:

The Rev. Casey Shobe, Rector of Saint Peters-by-the-Sea, Narragansett
The Rev. Dan Barker, Priest-in-charge, Saint Ann's, Block Island
The Rev. Dcn. Susan Carpenter, Assistant to the Rector, Saint John's, Barrington
The Rev. Dcn. Lindsay Lunnum, Assistant to the Rector, Saint Martin's, Providence
The Rev. John Pollard, Assisting Priest at the Cathedral of Saint John, Providence
The Rev. Melody Shobe, Assistant, Christ Church, Lincoln
The Rev. Michael Tessman, Priest-in-charge, Holy Spirit, Charlestown
The Rev. Chris Pappas, Rector of Christ Church, Westerly

Bishop Wolf then called on The Reverend Phil Tierney, chair of the Committee on Elections, who presented a slate of nominations for election. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion to close the nominations was made, seconded and approved, and the slate of nominations was voted upon in the following order:

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Alan Gates, The Rev. Pamela Mott

Total number of votes cast: 189; Total number of votes needed to win: 95
Rev. Gates: 89; Rev. Mott: 100

The Rev. Pamela Mott was elected.

The candidates on the Lay order: Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach

Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. James Bocchino

The Rev. James Bocchino, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Ms. Cindy Flaxington, Mr. Dennis Stark
Total number of votes cast: 189; Total number of votes needed to win: 95
Ms. Flaxinton: 108; Mr. Stark: 81

Ms. Cindy Flaxington was elected.

Commission on Finance: Choose one (1) from the Clerical order and one (1) from the Lay order, each for a three-year term.

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. J. Gregory Prior

The Rev. J. Gregory Prior, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Mr. James L. Worrell

Mr. James L. Worrell, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Clare Fisher-Davies

The Rev. Care Fisher-Davies, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Ms. Catherine Thenault

Ms. Catherine Thenault, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

Deputies to Provincial Synod: Choose one (1) from the Clerical order and one (1) from the Lay order, each for a three-year term.

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. R. Craig Burlington

The Rev. R. Craig Burlington, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates for the Lay order: Ms. Caryl S. Frink

Ms. Caryl S. Frink, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The Bishop then offered her annual address to the diocese (see appendix A).

Following her address, the Bishop made some more introductions:

Seminarian

Mr. Patrick Greene, Seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary

Postulants for Vocational Diaconate

Ms. Anne B. Burke

Ms. Joyce T. Thorne

Ordinations

The Rev. Dcn. Susan E. Carpenter will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in January

The Rev. Dcn. Mark W. Warter was ordained to the vocational diaconate

The Bishop thanked Bishop David Joslin for his work with the Diaconal program.

The Bishop then recognized Ms. Carol Anne Bennett who offered the Report of the **Committee on Resolutions**, who presented the following resolutions for consideration:

I. TITLE: AN APPEAL FOR NATIONAL IMMIGRATION POLICY

RESOLVED, That the 218th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island calls on the Congressional delegation from Rhode Island (Senators Reed and Whitehouse; Congressmen Kennedy and Langevin) to do all in their power to promote legislation that will create a fair process for those persons currently living in the United States to seek citizenship regardless of their current immigration status, and to effect a moratorium on workplace raids until the federal government can implement a comprehensive and just reform of the nation's immigration laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. William Locke, Blackstone Deanery

Resolution was moved and seconded. The Rev. William Locke offered a friendly amendment as follows: "...their current immigration status..." (line 5) be amended to read "...their current undocumented immigration status..." As amended the resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

II. TITLE: A CALL TO RESCIND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING IMMIGRATION

RESOLVED, That the 218th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island calls on the Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to rescind the executive order regarding immigration, and to effect a moratorium on workplace raids until the federal government can implement a comprehensive and just reform of the nation's immigration laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Convention convey this resolution to the Governor of Rhode Island.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. William Locke, Blackstone Deanery

Resolution was moved, seconded and passed by voice vote with one abstention.

III. TITLE: SUPPORT FOR MINISTRY WITH IMMIGRANTS

RESOLVED, That the 218th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island commends the Hispanic Missioner, the Rev. José Roberts, and the congregations of St. George's Church, Central Falls and Misión el Mesías, Providence, for their witness to the Gospel and continuing ministry with those directly affected by the sudden enforcement of immigration laws and policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Convention encourages the parish and mission congregations of the Diocese to find practical ways, such as contributions of food, money and legal assistance, to support this ministry.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. William Locke, Blackstone Deanery

Resolution was moved and seconded. The Rev. William Locke spoke in support of this resolution, calling special attention to the second resolved and encouraging the members of convention do what they can to help support this ministry. The Rev. Peter Mayer spoke in support of this resolution and announced that the Clergy Association would be meeting with Father Jose Roberts in Central Falls on December 11th. Ms. Caryl Frink offered that parishes could involve their facilities for ESL courses. **The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.**

IV. TITLE: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

RESOLVED, That a Disaster Preparedness Commission be formed to develop an Emergency Response Plan for the Diocese of Rhode Island and, further, to design and initiate planning assistance for the development of Emergency Response Plans by individual parishes.

That the Commission be appointed initially by the Bishop and confirmed by Diocesan Council, initially with not less than five members preferably with experience in disaster planning and relief, and the Canon for Program and Administration. The Commission shall designate its chair person, and may add persons from time to time to contribute further expertise in its work.

That the Commission is encouraged to review Disaster Plans recently developed and in effect in other Dioceses such as Louisiana and Central Florida as well as Disaster Planning recommendations from Episcopal Relief and Development..

That the Commission consider creation of a position of Emergency Coordinator, develop a position description and recommend to the Bishop if such a position be established and possible candidates for appointment. The position may be salaried, non-salaried, volunteer or linked to another position.

That the Commission report from time to time to the Diocesan Council and to the 2009 and subsequent Conventions on its progress until a Disaster Plan is completed and in effect. Following its work it may remain in existence as an advisory committee to the Bishop and the Emergency Coordinator.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. Dcn. Ted Hallenbeck, Narragansett Deanery

Based on the opinion that it was unnecessary to form an additional diocesan commission for the purposes mentioned in the resolution, the Committee on Resolutions recommended referral of this resolution. The resolution was moved and seconded. The Rev. Dcn. Ted Hallenbeck spoke in support of the resolution, expressing the opinion that a commission was indeed necessary to carry out the plans of this resolution, and spoke of his experiences in post-Katrina New Orleans. The Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco offered a substitute resolution that diocesan deaneries be intentional about being in touch with local disaster-relief agencies in their areas, including the American Red Cross, to see how we can interface with the plans that are already in place in the state. The amendment was seconded. Joanne Drake, Church of the Redeemer, spoke against the substitute resolution, suggesting that it oversimplifies a very complex situation and that it's important that we as a diocese do more than just interface with local agencies, but that we need to put together a plan for dealing with disasters. An unidentified delegate spoke against the substitute resolution, saying that as a former member of a town council he saw the need for a Commission to help evaluate how well prepared the state is for emergencies and disasters. The Rev. Jennifer Phillips spoke against the substitute resolution as being inadequate, indicating that she had recently been part of conversations with other clergy and health-care officials about a potential flu pandemic, and asserting that there was a clear need for churches to be involved in helping plan for emergency and disaster situations. The Rev. Haines-Murdocco then withdrew the substitute resolution. Mr. George Nathanson of Saint Matthias, Coventry asked for clarification about the resolution. An unidentified delegate called the question. **The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.**

V. TITLE: SLAVERY AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLVED: That in accordance with General Convention Resolution A123, a Diocesan Task Force be formed to study, document and report instances where the Diocese of Rhode Island and its member churches have been complicit in and benefited from the institution of (Trans-Atlantic) slavery. Such task force is to be named by the Bishop, to work under the umbrella of the Social Justice Committee, and report its findings by the 219th Diocesan Convention in 2009.

SUBMITTED BY: The Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Brightman, St. Luke's East Greenwich and Ms. Adrienne Southgate, Cathedral of St. John, Providence

The resolution was moved and seconded. The Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Brightman spoke in support of the resolution. **The resolution passed by voice vote with one “no”.**

The Bishop recognized Mr. Robert L.G. Batchelor, Diocesan Treasurer to give the **Treasurer’s Report** (see appendix B). Mr. Batchelor gave his report for the calendar year 2007 (see attached). Mr. Batchelor moved the following resolution for approval:

RESOLVED, That the 2007 audited financial statements for the Diocese of Rhode Island be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded. Joseph Rose, delegate from the Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston asked if the apportionment is collected or billed. Mr. Batchelor confirmed that it was collected. The motion was then approved unanimously.

Mr. Batchelor expressed his gratitude for the support and help of Catherine Thenault on the visual presentations for his report. Mr. Batchelor offered his support to all parishes, inviting anyone to call him or the financial office of the diocese.

The Bishop recognized Ron Turnbull, Diocesan Comptroller, for his 40 years of service to the diocese. Saying that Mr. Turnbull was unable attend for medical reasons, the Bishop indicated that they would make a special presentation to him at a later date.

The Bishop recognized Mr. William Plumb, President of the Standing Committee, who offered a **report of the Standing Committee** (see appendix C).

The Bishop recognized Ms. Caryl Frink, Chair of the Deputation to General Convention, who offered a **report of the Deputation to General Convention** (see appendix D).

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Kevin Lloyd, Secretary of Convention, who read the following resolutions of General Convention affecting the Constitution of The Episcopal Church:

A020: Amend Article I.2

Resolved, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

And be it further Resolved, That this amendment to Article I, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

A021: Amend Article VIII

Resolved, That the last paragraph of Article VIII of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

A bishop may permit *an ordained minister in good standing in a Church with which this Church is in full communion as specified by the Canons who has made the foregoing declaration, or minister ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or its predecessor bodies who has made the promise of conformity required by that Church in place of the foregoing declaration to officiate on a temporary basis as an ordained minister of the Church.*

And be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese to be made known to the Diocesan Convention at its next meeting, and be adopted by the General Convention at its next succeeding regular meeting.

The Bishop then indicated that anyone having any questions regarding these General Convention resolutions should direct those questions to Ms. Caryl Frink, Chair of the General Convention Deputation.

The Bishop recognized Mr. Arthur Olsen and Ms. Katherine Gibson, who offered a report on behalf of the **Environmental Stewardship Task Force** (see appendix E).

The Bishop recognized Mr. Tylan Creason, who offered a report concerning the **Programs of the Diocese** (no written report submitted).

The Bishop recognized Ms. Mary Ann Kolakowski, who, along with The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies, offered a report on behalf of the **Companion Diocese Committee** (see appendix F).

The Bishop recognized The Rev. Peter Mayer, who offered a report and power point presentation on behalf of the **Commission for Congregational Development** (see appendix G).

The Bishop call upon Mr. Ty Creason, who announced the location of the Resolution break-out groups.

The Bishop led the members of Convention in Noonday Prayers with Necrology before dismissing everyone for Luncheon Recess.

The Bishop recognized Ms. Carol Anne (Missy) Bennett, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions to facilitate action on the resolutions (see above).

The Bishop expressed her gratitude to the members of the Committee on Resolutions and to those who led the break-out discussion groups.

OTHER ELECTIONS, CONFIRMATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop called for nominations for Secretary of Convention for a one-year term. Mr. William Plumb nominated the Rev. Kevin Lloyd as Secretary of Convention for a one-year term. Nominations were closed. **The Rev. Kevin Lloyd was elected by voice-vote as Secretary of Convention for a term of one year.**

The Bishop called for nominations for the position of Treasurer of the Diocese. Mr. William Plumb nominated Mr. Robert Batchelor to be Treasurer of the Diocese for a one-year term. Nominations were closed. **Mr. Robert Batchelor was elected by voice-vote to be the Treasurer of the Diocese for a term of one year**

The Bishop nominated the Rev. Al Barnaby and the Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies for four-year terms to the Ecclesiastical Trial Court. **The Rev. Alcide Barnaby Jr. and the Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies were elected as members of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, each for a term of four years.**

The Bishop nominated the Rev. John Alexander, the Rev. Timothy Burger and Ms. Mary Heffner for terms of three years each to the Commission on Ministry. **The Rev. John Alexander, the Rev. Timothy Burger and Ms. Mary Heffner were confirmed by voice-vote as members of the Commission of Ministry, each for a term of three years.**

The Bishop nominated the Rev. Peter Mayer, the Rev. Christopher Pappas and Mr. James Burgess to be members of the Commission on Congregational Development, each for a term of three years. **The Rev. Peter Mayer, the Rev. Christopher Pappas and Mr. James Burgess were confirmed by voice-vote as members of the Commission on Congregational Development, each for a term of three years.**

The Bishop nominated Mr. Edmund C. Bennett to be the Chancellor of the Diocese for a term of one year. **Mr. Edmund C. Bennett was elected by voice-vote as the Chancellor of the Diocese for a term of one year.**

The Bishop announced **the appointment of herself, the Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin and Mr. Edmund C. Bennett as members of the Committee to Audit the Minutes of Convention.**

The Bishop announced **the appointment of the following individuals to the Commission on Disaster Preparedness:**

Mr. Paul Brooks (St. Luke's, East Greenwich) – Mr. Brookes is the Fire Safety Officer at Brown University, and has been involved in preparing disaster plans for a number of constituencies and facilities at Brown. He served for 20 years as a firefighter in the City of Warwick.

Mr. Charles Hall (St. Barnabas, Warwick) – Mr. Hall is the Deputy Chief of T.F. Green Airport Fire and Rescue, with responsibility for training. He was previously Fire Chief in West Warwick at the time of the Station Fire.

The Ven. Margaret C. F. Higbie (Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston) – Robin Higbie is Chaplain at Kent County Hospital and is a member of the Hospital Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

The Rev. Gary Lemery (Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston) – Fr. Lemery has a leadership role in the Rhode Island Critical Incident Stress Management Team and is Chaplain at T.F. Green Airport.

Mr. Jack StJean (Episcopal Charities) – Mr. StJean is Executive Officer, Rhode Island 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, which is part of the National Disaster Management System.

Mr. Ty Creason (Canon for Program and Administration) – Mr. Creason will serve as staff liaison to the Diocese.

The Bishop introduced and recognized the members of her staff at Diocesan House and expressed her deep gratitude for all their hard work on behalf of the diocese.

The Bishop expressed her gratitude to **Jessica Gates** as Communications Officer and announced and accepted her resignation. The Bishop then announced the hiring of a new Communications Officer for the Diocese, **Ruth Mateer**.

The Bishop called upon Ms. Carol Ann Bennett to offer the **courtesy resolutions** (see appendix H). The resolutions were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

The Bishop recognized and **thanked the Rev. Dcn. Barbara Mays-Stock** for her work as Chair of the Convention Task Force.

The Bishop blessed and dismissed the members of Convention.

218TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
25 OCTOBER 2008
ADDRESS TO CONVENTION
THE RIGHT REVEREND GERALYN WOLF

We gather together at a most significant time in the life of our country and the community of nations.

We gather when even the necessities of life are beyond the grasp of millions of Americans, and multiple millions of people around the globe. The homeless population is increasing, unemployment is at 8.8% in our state, the highest in the nation, and home foreclosures affect owners and renters alike.

For those looking toward retirement or dependent upon income from investments, there is much uncertainty. Vestries are worried about pledges and offerings, concerned that they may be less than last year.

It is natural for us to be anxious, but anxiety and fear can paralyze the church, creating an atmosphere of stagnation and listlessness.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy he said, "God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

Paul wrote this epistle from prison, when his earthly life was coming to an end. It was a letter of encouragement and reminds us that Jesus has given us these same gifts: power, love, and self-discipline; our tools for the challenges we face as we persevere in faith to convert paralysis into hope.

Like Timothy, we are called to receive Christ's spirit of relentless hope. It is a hope so deep that we cannot shake it, so vast that we are empowered to do things we could not have asked or imagined. It is a hope rooted in the living God who literally unbinds the church from our fears.

This unbinding frees the church from false idols: our focus on security, buildings, and comfort; our attachment to the way things were, and the myth that we don't have enough. Placing our trust in Christ these false gods lose their power, and we have the choice to live a new and courageous life.

Let me give you an example. It is quite clear, that the cost of maintaining the Cathedral is beyond the scope of the congregation, and its endowment will be depleted in three or four years. The Cathedral, Diocesan House, Hallworth House, and the Edwards Homes sit on a beautiful square just beyond the heart of the city, and down the street from the state house. I believe that this block is an extraordinary resource, and have met with leaders from the Cathedral Campus, to brainstorm regarding the present and future use of the property. We have many ideas to explore in the coming months.

Only by facing the realities that exist in your church will you discover God's desire for your future. Opening our eyes to the truth of our situations is often difficult and heart-wrenching because change carries its own anxieties. However, it is also potentially exciting and creative. For some this leads to the development of new programs, for others the expansion of buildings and staff; and still for other the challenge to cut back, or merge or close, not in defeat, but in the recognition that there is a new direction and a new life to which God is calling.

Jesus said "those who lose their life for my sake shall find it." We discover God's purposes when we take the risk of dying without knowing what the future holds. Our baptism is once for all, but our dying is daily because every death leads to a risen life. I'm certain that when you have examined your life you recognized that painful losses and despair eventually led to gains you could not have imagined or

anticipated.

If we hold these experiences as blessings, we discover that Christ is continually at work, revealing to us and to our churches a spiritual freedom that no fear can destroy. This spiritual unbinding empowers us to focus on Christ's ministry and not our own survival. And Christ's ministry calls us to consolidate our resources, expecting a more effective and vigorous Episcopal witness in our state. Next year we will celebrate the 90th anniversary of our Cathedral, not by maintaining the status quo, but in assessing realistically the new ministry to which God is calling us.

Lesslie Newbiggin, one of the great English missionary bishops of 20th century Anglicanism, said: [the renewal of the church, and the renewal of the world] "will only happen as and when local congregations renounce an introverted concern for their own life, and recognize that they exist for the sake of those who are not members, as sign, instrument and foretaste of God's redeeming grace for the whole of society."

God's bountiful and relentless hope calls us to be sacrificial instruments of healing for the whole community. At the Lambeth Conference, Tom and I learned of the desperate plight of Anglicans in Northern India and the faith that sustained them in spite of the constant threat of church burnings and death. With joy and thanksgiving the people in the Sudan gather Sunday-by-Sunday in spite of unimaginable poverty and suffering. Deep and abiding faith makes it possible for Haitians to walk many miles to participate in the Eucharistic Meal and the fellowship of the Christian community. And in the Congo, Anglicans sing praise to God when all around is war and death. Each in his or her way proclaimed how the profound gift of Jesus' love saved them from personal despair and the sin that is everywhere present. In many nations throughout the developing world, churches are burned, Christians imprisoned, and clergy intimidated. Most recently, Christians in Orissa, India were asked to convert to Hinduism on threat of death. And in all these places, the faithful gather with gratitude and thanksgiving to proclaim God's Word, to break bread, and to sing praises to the Lord.

We were humbled by the witness of these extraordinary people, and wondered if we would be as faithful in the face of such hardship. Our sister and brother Anglicans have much to teach us about prayer and the power of Jesus' love and the saving grace of Jesus Christ who meets every hardship with that love.

I believe that every parish and mission is an outpost of God's glorious kingdom for which we yearn and in which we reside. (Inspired by Fr. Tony Clavier) Does your church reflect God's kingdom; a welcoming sanctuary where Christ is visibly present? A place where people's lives are transformed?

We have a special vocation to the poor, especially at a time like this, not just for the necessities of life, but for the spiritual message of God's forgiveness, salvation, and grace. As a community of disciples and heralds of the kingdom we must reach out sacrificially to those whom Jesus touched and loved.

I hope for many things. The first, and most important thing we do is worship the Lord, Sunday by Sunday, through word and sacraments, even during the summer months, and in heavy snowstorms, when it rains and when it is nice out, and when it is difficult to get the children out of bed. Second, Hispanic ministry is so critical in scope that we must support it generously even if we have to make cuts in other areas as we prepare the 2010-2012 budget. It is predicted that the next census, only two years away, will reveal that 17% of the population of Rhode Island comes from countries and families that are Spanish speaking. And these are amongst the poorest people in our state, and they are hard workers, and they are Christians. Third, let us take seriously the need for Christian formation for all ages. I hope that each of us can answer two questions: "What do Christians believe?" and "What does it mean for me to live a Christian life." And Fourth: We must let go of doom and gloom, with blame and complaint. God invites us to live with thanksgiving. He gives us "a garland instead of ashes; the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a

mantle of praise instead of despair.” (Isaiah 61) This is the message that gladness brings, inspiring Christian faith and attracting others to its life.

We were not baptized into St. John’s, or Christ Church, or the Ascension, or St. Mark’s, or any other Church—we were baptized into Christ---his death and his resurrection. Tell your people; tell your vestry; remind each other of who we are and what we are about: we are Christ followers, disciples; the bible is our guide, our global positioning system; our sustenance the sacraments; our work proclamation through word and deed; our goal, the transformation and salvation of the world and her peoples.

As Episcopalians, our efforts are made within the context of a national church and a global Anglican Communion. This has presented us with difficult challenges as we seek a common life in the midst of divergent cultures and expectations, even within our own diocese.

Some of us prefer jazz with its innovative rhythm and structure, and its clubby atmosphere. Others enjoy classical music and the stately aura of the concert hall. Still others prefer rock, or country, or folk, or ska, or grunge. [I don’t even know what the last two are!] Each has its own character and followers, its own instrumentation and dress code, and there are many expressions in between. But all music has certain rules of notation and construction regardless of style.

Our challenge is to find those “notations,” and “constructions” that bind our Anglican family in one Communion, while honoring the various ways in which different cultures and peoples express the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. Every family has a unique way of living together with certain standards of behavior and mutual expectations. I support the development of a Covenant that clarifies our Anglican identity, and the theological and faith foundations upon which our Communion will continue to grow and change.

With the vast majority of our Communion and Ecumenical Partners, I support the theology and practice of baptism before communion, and the definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman. Both of these are expressed in Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, and the traditions of the Christian faith. I know that there are those who disagree with these positions, and for whom these thoughts evoke disagreement, yet, in the midst of these differences I am grateful for our ability to hold these tensions with mutual respect and affection. Through this affection, we witness a charitable alternative to those whose stridency provokes estrangement and whose characterizations of those who disagree with them distort the message of Christ.

Indeed the world changes rapidly, but certain values endure. Let our churches be transparent about finances; our people generous in a land where there is blind greed; our minds open to an increasingly international and global community. Let us teach our children that success and beauty are deeper and more profound than what is conveyed through the media and other forms of communication. Let us opt for a simpler lifestyle, re-assessing our priorities, freeing ourselves from debt, saving for the future, being good stewards of time, talent, and money. Let us commit our energies to safeguard our environment, doing what we can to become a green church and people. Let us claim the moral high road in our reception of immigrants, our compassion for the poor, and our service towards one another. Let us continue giving to the Millenium Developments Goals, pressing on towards the eradication of poverty throughout the world. Let us thank all who offer their talents and time for the life of the church; for those who have served on vestries and committees, in our soup kitchens and thrift shops, through mission trips and teaching, and other works of mercy; for priests and deacons who inspire us through their preaching without 25 hours of preparation [in reference to the 25 hours that Phillips Brooks took to prepare his

weekly sermons]. I believe that the church is most faithful when all its members work as trustees of the gospel, in the passionate service of God's kingdom.

In the fourteenth chapter of the good news according to Matthew, "Jesus immediately said to his disciples. Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

It took courage for Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water. He had never done that before. He took a risk—he moved out of his comfortable pew—his place of safety. But he saw Christ and with self-abandonment he followed beyond what was rational. He went forward in faith.

"The Lord is near," Paul wrote to the Church at Philippi, "do not be anxious." [Indeed, the Lord is very near in our hearts; I am so grateful to all of you because together we walk this journey]. And he continued, "My friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and attractive, whatever is excellent and admirable—fill your thoughts with these things.and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:5b,6,8,9b REB)

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.

Eva Coupe

Robert Williamson

Mary Elizabeth O'Neill

Raymond F. King, III

Donald Frances Peckham

Kathleen Keifer Ludlam

Mary Kemper Simpson

Mary Allerton Newhall Maxwell

Martin George Belko

Victoria M. Patykewich

Joseph R. Silvia

Martha Marie Babbitt

Helen Chisolm Johnstone

Eileen Gillespie Slocum

Athena Irene Coppit

Arthur Frederick Moody

Howard W. Cook

Kathleen O'Brien

Margaret Briggs

Kathryn Champlin Kernan

Francis J. Lofaro

Richard Kyte

Ginger Mazzeo

Alden Saunders

Charles Hebblewaite

Frank Browne

Mildred Nahigian

Ruth Higson

Beatrice Keene

Raymond Hutton

Ernest Guindon

Helen Rounds

Carolyn Dane

Jennie Simpson

Sara Parmelee

Mary Murray

Blanche Foster

Ann Nevins

Louise Gardiner

Mary Anne Sabo

Lillian Lewis

Ruth Timpson

Freelove Peterson

James Timpson

Melvin Sams

Barbara Kinzel

Robert Holland

Stanley Reynolds

Margaret Heidacker

Howard Gardiner, Jr.

Frederick Luhman

Edith Matteson

Dorothy Gleason

Myra Anderson

William Firth

John Fortier

Meredeth “Smoky” Henry
Marvin Zutavern
Claire Tattersall
Katherine Cowles (pronounced COLES)
Barbara Tobin
William Almeida
Ruthanne Pacheco
Louise Ledoux
Godfrey Allen
Kenneth Wilmot
Henri Cloutier
George Bassett, Jr.
Helen Margaret Renton
Lori Ann Hien (pronounced Heen)
Paula E. Creswick
Dorothy Houle-Merolla
Ernest Willard Tuckerman
Barbara Mellor-Campbell
Florence McHale
Wilma Bush
Alberico Suppappola
Kenneth Landry
Raymond Dexter
Diane Maker
Daniel Walker
Marilyn Lukowicz
Lena Jenkins
Randall Lockwood
Glenn Ward
Jeryl Wade
Helen Pollard
Ruth Reynolds
Clifford Burgess

Kenneth Freeborn
Marie Dietlin
Charles Daggett
Hedda Anderson
Ruth Agnes Davis
Edna Fall
Cliff Patt
Patricia S. Schryver (pronounc Shriver)
Elizabeth MacMillan
Virginia R. McClelland
Audrey K. Gaebe (pronounced Gabe)
Paula D. Tagiuri
Grace B. Walls
Beatrice F. Carter
Janet H. Stansbury
May W. Mitchell
Elizabeth A. Thomson
Marilyn P. Dudley
Claire K. Urbaniak
Florence Bertenshaw
John Svitil
Eleanor Atwood
Janet Boyd
Violet Veitch
Norman Varden
Mildred Varden
Irving Evans
Jane Raynor
Ruth Brown
Marion Schaffer
George Doonan
Jay Moore
Harold Graham

John T. Kerlew	Lee H. Paul
Genevieve Wiegand (Pronounced Way gand)	Antoine Leopold Lameraner
Helen Jean Shaw	Ida June Cook Rathbun
Florence Evelyn D'Amico	Joan Mays
Gladys H. Bergman	Ines Crowley
Rudolph Vernon Johnson, Sr.	Russell Connell
Olive Latour	Amy Coleman
John Thomas Wilmot	Peter Odion Abis
Rita Constance Collins	James Phillip Summerville
Winifred Holmes Frederiksen	Elisha Harris Howard, III
Marjorie Eileen Batchelor	Ruth T. Winn
Arthur H. Hallam	Emma Joan Aldred Zinke (pro- Zinc)
Robert Beaton	Nancy C. Payton
Paula Marie Scungio	Miles Warren Preskitt
Lois Joan Thurber	Thomas Webster
Douglas Klein	Alida Allen
Roberta Gablinske	Barbara Walmsley
Nicholas Castiglieno	Norma Baird
William Tattrie	Jeanne Peckham
Harold MacDonald	Pauline Ward
Robert Terra	Grace Van Petten
Arthur Torrey	Madeline Miller
Elizabeth Tattrie	Carol J. Gill
Frank B. Rhodes, III	Michele S. Gizzi
Mary B. Barton	Margaret L. Nixon
Constance Amy Henry Mellor	Stephen Corkery
Nancy Elizabeth Dorman	Frank Rawcliffe
Arthur Drew, Jr.	Louise Devlin
Arnold Norman Helliwell	Elizabeth Handy
Constance N. Acton	Bonnie Harrison
Eldred Clinton Adams	Matthew Hawes
Stanley M. Wick, Jr.	Joyce Johnson
David Hamilton	Charles Trowbridge

Elizabeth Shulver
Virginia Jones
Cynthia Neal
John Lamagna
Joseph Pelletier
Marjorie Sherman
Richard Sherman, Sr.
Valerie Snigorski
Lisa Gustafson
Dorothy Greenwood
Clen Humphrey
Helen McMaugh
Robert Howard Sturtevant Fye
Theodore Conway Schmults
Marguerite Peckham
Roger Nash Sherbourne
Dawn Babcock
Constance W. Armbrust
Gregory S. Frame
William H. Winslow
Jayne C. Clarke
Frederick C.B. Smyth
Roger C. Vaughn
Edward Zimmerman
Charles L. Shaffer
John Scott Biddle
Karl "Coach" Kurth
Barbara McNally
Bea Fox

Christie Gavin
Sister Prudence Croke
Sophie Silvia
Irving Evans
Gladys Wardell
Alice Dillard
Mary Ridgewell
Frank Gasset
Al Bentley
Minnie Young
John Drexel
Chester Ham
Irene Malpa
Norman Cleaver
John Cicogna
Jesse Nalle
Stephen Nightengale
Martha Webster
Raymond P. Young, Jr
James Alieu
Curtis Ponta (pron pona)
Marjore E. Booth
Donald H. Turner, Sr.
Donald E. Watts
The Rev. Michael Lemons
The Rev. Joan McShane
The Rev. William Payton
The Rev. Michael Tuck
The Rev. William Anthony

REPORT OF THE TELLERS

The Reverend Phil Tierney, Chair of the Committee on Elections, presented a slate of nominations for election.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Alan Gates, The Rev. Pamela Mott

Total number of votes cast: 189; Total number of votes needed to win: 95
Rev. Gates: 89; Rev. Mott: 100

The Rev. Pamela Mott was elected.

The candidates on the Lay order: Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach

Ms. Frances Gammell-Roach, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. James Bocchino

The Rev. James Bocchino, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Ms. Cindy Flaxington, Mr. Dennis Stark

Total number of votes cast: 189; Total number of votes needed to win: 95
Ms. Flaxinton: 108; Mr. Stark: 81

Ms. Cindy Flaxington was elected.

Commission on Finance: Choose one (1) from the Clerical order and one (1) from the Lay order, each for a three-year term.

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. J. Gregory Prior

The Rev. J. Gregory Prior, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Mr. James L. Worrell

Mr. James L. Worrell, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Clare Fisher-Davies

The Rev. Care Fisher-Davies, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Ms. Catherine Thenault

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Deputies to Provincial Synod: Choose one (1) from the Clerical order and one (1) from the Lay order, each for a three-year term.

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. R. Craig Burlington
The Rev. R. Craig Burlington, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates for the Lay order: Ms. Caryl S. Frink
Ms. Caryl S. Frink, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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Nov.	4 th	St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Narragansett
	11 th	St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Little Compton
	19 th	All Saints', Providence
Dec.	2 nd	Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket
	9 th	St. Mark's, Warren
Jan.	6 th	St. Elizabeth's, Hope Valley
	13 th	St. David's-on-the-Hill, Cranston
Feb.	3 rd	St. Paul's, Portsmouth
	10 th	St. John's, Ashton
	24 th	Holy Cross, Middletown
March	30 th	St. Mary's, Warwick
April	6 th	St. Martin's, Providence
	27 th	Ascension, Wakefield
May	4 th	St. John's, Barrington
	11 th	Trinity, No. Scituate
	25 th	Emmanuel, Newport
June	8 th	St. Matthew's, Jamestown
	15 th	St. Barnabas, Warwick
	22 nd	St. Thomas, Greenville
July	1 st	St. Peter & St. Andrew, Providence
	8 th	Church of the Epiphany, Rumford
	15 th	St. Barnabas, Warwick
	22 nd	Cathedral of St. John
Sept.	7 th	St. John the Divine, Saunderstown
	28 th	Coventry Missions
Oct.	12 th	Grace Church, Providence
	19 th	St. Luke's, East Greenwich

Confirmations/ Receptions

December 8, 2007 – Cathedral of St. John

April 12, 2009 – [The Rt. Rev. David B. Joslin] St. Columba's, Middletown; Ascension, Cranston

April 26, 2008 – St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich; St. Mark's, Riverside

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Postulants

Patrick Greene
James McKay
Joyce Thorne

Candidates

Anne Burke
M.P. Schneider

Ordinations

The Rev. Dcn. Dennis Bucco – Priesthood
The Rev. Dcn. Meaghan Kelly – Priesthood
The Rev. Dcn. Susan Carpenter – Transitional Diaconate
The Rev. Mark Warter – Permanent Diaconate

Letters Dimissory In

Christopher Pappas	9/16/2008
Timothy Burger	10/08/2008

Letters Dimissory Out

Patricia Sheppard	12/04/2007
Jeffrey Jencks	06/05/2008
Marc Dobson	09/09/2008
Charles Neal Goldsborough	09/16/2008
Meaghan Kelly	09/25/2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE

Good Morning Bishop and fellow delegates:

The Standing Committee serves as the Council of Advice to the Bishop and undertakes certain canonical responsibilities required by the Constitution and Canons of the National Church and Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

In accordance with those duties, since the last Convention the Standing Committee had at least twelve meetings during which it:

1. Conferred with the Bishop and approved a merger policy for the diocese.
2. Consented to the sale of real estate of St. George's, Newport.
3. Consented to a property plan for Saint Mary's, Portsmouth.
4. Approved a proposal to sell the rectory of Christ Church, Westerly.
5. Approved one candidate for the diaconate.
6. Recommended two candidates for ordination to the diaconate.
7. Recommended two candidates for ordination to the priesthood.
8. Consented to the election of six diocesan bishops.
9. Consented to the election and consecration of six diocesan bishops, one bishop suffragan and one bishop coadjutor.

Finally, in the role described under the Canon for Ecclesiastical Discipline, the Standing Committee determined that one priest had abandoned the Communion of the Church; and approved the acceptance of the renunciation and deposition of another priest.

These are just a few of the areas that the Standing Committee gets involved with.

Thank you, and have a great morning.

Submitted by William F. Plumb
President of the Standing Committee

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN DEPUTATION TO GENERAL CONVENTION

In just 10 days we will be voting for the 44th President of the United States; but, before the 1st President of the United States was elected, clerical and lay Deputies from several states assembled in Philadelphia to plan for the future of an independent, American Episcopal Church.

You can imagine what the Revolutionary War did to Anglican congregations in RI and throughout the colonies fast becoming states. What a time that must have been! Exciting, frightening, turning so much that was familiar upside down.

We were elected by you to be part of the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church gathering in Anaheim, CA in July of 2009; we walk in the footsteps of the deputies in 1785, committed to prepare ourselves through study, conversation and prayer and to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. We do not take lightly that we are deputies: we will go forth from Rhode Island, but we are preparing ourselves to act for the whole church.

We ask for your prayers. We have prepared a folder that gives basic information about General Convention and tells you how to contact us. There will be gatherings in the diocese before and after Convention; please put these dates on your calendar.

The theme for the 76th General Convention is a new word for most of us - "ubuntu"; it will take us a while to get comfortable with saying it, but "ubuntu" refers to the interconnectedness of all humanity, I in You and You in Me. Community. Not just in Pawtucket, or RI or New England or between RI and Louisiana but across and through political and geographic and economic and any other kind of boundary you can think of. Ubuntu.

So, who are we, this RI deputation? "What will each of us take to General Convention that won't fit in a suitcase? "

Each deputy and alternate then introduced herself or himself by answering this question.

Submitted by Ms. Caryl Frink,
Deputation Chair

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE

Bishop Wolfe, Bishop Jenkins, Bishop Joslin, clergy, delegates and visitors:

Good morning. My name is Katherine Gibson.
(switch to Zeke) My name is Arthur Olsen.

We are communicants of St. Augustine's Church in Kingston and, pertaining to this gathering, we are representative members of the Environmental Stewardship Task Force or ESTF, a group that was authorized at this convention last year. Would other ESTF members who are in attendance please stand so people will know who you are?

For those who were in attendance you may remember the 4-part Environmental Stewardship Resolution that was discussed and adopted. We were being asked to "add our (their) voices of faith to the growing efforts relating to climate change, renewable energy, sustainable development, and clean air and water..." In essence, renew and energize our efforts toward the respect and care of God's Creation. Another part of that resolution stated that all faith institutions that have not already done so, have a certified energy audit done on all occupied buildings at some point during this year. A more detailed description of what we have been doing can be found in the newest edition of "RISEN".

The Task Force that formed, in late winter and early spring, met monthly, and during early summer realized that a survey of our diocesan institutions was a way to gain a sense of where everyone was in this process. We began in mid to late summer (not a wise choice for surveying churches) and are still continuing to contact all parishes. (please don't think you are being ignored if no one has yet been in touch with you.) For our small group of surveyors this has been a major, but satisfying task. We have not only gained knowledge about each parish, but we've also engaged in dialogue about the concerns of different churches, and in more than a few instances we've come away with information that was new to us, information that can be added to a bank of resources.

To date 37 out of 59 surveys have been completed (63% of the parishes). And of that number 15 or 41% have completed energy audits. Of the remaining 59%, a couple have planned energy audits and several others have made their own changes to CFL bulbs for lighting. A few churches have sustainability or green teams or plan to encourage groups to address environmental stewardship issues specifically. We learned that the majority of parishes are recycling whether it is offered as a town or city service, handled by parishioner volunteers or by private haulers.

And then comes the list of parish ideas, to mention only a few:

- the use of fair trade coffee and regular cups as opposed to Styrofoam,
- purchasing recycled goods for office and church school supplies from a statewide consortium,
- promoting the use of "green energy", a tax deductible investment in renewable energy and development through People's Power&Light,
- submitting short, environmentally focused articles in monthly church newsletters

...the ideas, strung out, might just be overwhelming for this report, but they are also signs of hope and caringand faith.

Make no mistake....climate change is here and it has a human component. The predictions may vary, but the body of peer reviewed scientific data represents the vast majority of scientists weighing in on the

subject. This can no longer be considered a fringe issue. Millennium Development Goal #7 attests to the importance of addressing the challenge.

Environmental stewardship interfaces with social justice issues on many levels, a phenomenon already becoming apparent in some areas - food production, homelessness, jobs, energy scarcity, poverty, and even economic concerns as Wall Street prepares to redirect itself.

We are on the cusp of opportunity to respond to God's Biblical instructions to us to tend to Creation....in new or sometimes very old, and more respectful, healthful ways. From supporting exemplary practices in our churches to the ways in which we pay attention to our individual habits and relationship to the environment, to engaging our youth in efforts to restore, to our involvement as Christians in the political process....we are called to act....And we are given reasons for optimism, Jesus' example of mindful and God-centered response to the challenges, and the charge to use God's gifts to us - of thought and innovation in the process of discovery.

Join us for an ESTF meeting (Thurs., Nov. 20th at 7 at St. Peter's and St. Andrews in Providence), come to the 2nd annual RI Interfaith Power and Light Conference at LaSalle on Jan. 8th with Sally Bingham, Episcopal priest and founder of the national Interfaith Power and Light movement, contact the ESTF through our emerging website, start a green group in your church, be attentive to some of your habits at home. Begin with the small do-able things.

In the process there is purpose, work, humor, and fellowship - all of them suffused with HOPE and the LOVE of God as we attempt to be aware caretakers of God's Creation.

Submitted by Katherine Gibson and Arthur "Zeke" Olsen

REPORT OF THE COMPANION DIOCESE COMMITTEE

Committee: Milton Schumacher, Trinity, No. Scituate ; Carol Rabbit, Christ Church, Lincoln; The Rev. Greg Lisby, Ascension, Cranston; The Rev. Ginny Dinsmore, formerly of St. Mary's Portsmouth; and Mary Ann Kolakowski, Diocesan Staff

“LARI” Louisiana and Rhode Island focus committee: The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies, St. Martin's, Providence; Jim Rezendes, St. Luke's, East Greenwich; Mary Kesson and Ken Gould, Grace Church, Providence; Carol Dutton and Meghan Dutton, Emmanuel, Newport.

Diocese of Ezo, Sudan exploratory committee includes Bishop Wolf, Thomas Bair, The Rev. Scott Gunn, Christ Church, Lonsdale; The Rev. Jennifer Phillips, St. Augustine's, Kingston and Mary Ann Kolakowski, Diocesan Staff.

To date the following steps have begun:

RI has begun a formal companion relationship with the Diocese of Louisiana born and nurtured in the shared ministries and conversations of Bishop Wolf and Bishop Jenkins as well as the shared commitment and passion for the rebuilding of New Orleans already made by a number of RI Clergy and Parishes in and through the mission trips completed and planned for the near future.

May 28, 2008 7pm: Companion Diocese Committee Meeting and Conversation with Bishop Wolf and members of parishes who have already participated in Mission Trips to New Orleans. This meeting resulted in a group of 18 plus who expressed commitment to the people of and the relief and recovery efforts in New Orleans. They agreed to meet again following the sub committee's visit to New Orleans in July (this group is to meet with the Diocese of Louisiana's Partners in Mission Committee and begin nurture this new relationship in person).

Sub-Committee visit to New Orleans: Jim Rezendes, The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies, Mary Ann Kolakowski and Elizabeth Kolakowski

This visit included meeting with the committee at Diocesan House in New Orleans, visiting some of the programs and personnel working in the recovery and rebuilding, visiting some of the neighborhoods and churches affected as well as beginning to get to know some of the parish and diocesan leaders. The group tried to listen to one another's ideas and needs as well brainstorm about the possibilities of shared mission.

The sub-committee continued its discussion, planning and fact finding to present a report to the wider committee on September 11, 2008 at 7pm. Following the Sept. 11th meeting, a handout outlining a starting point for ministry opportunities and shared mission was created and edited. This handout is to be distributed throughout the diocese and at Diocesan Convention.

Many telephone calls were made and emails were exchanged between people in Rhode Island (especially committee members and diocesan staff) and people in Louisiana during their recent bouts with Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The Diocese of Louisiana's Partners in Mission Committee and The Diocese of Rhode Island's Companion Diocese Committee will explore the possibility of a video conference call following Convention.

Initial discussion has begun between Bishop Wolf and Bishop Frank Gray regarding the possibility of a companion relationship with the Sudan. Bishop Wolf, Thomas Bair and The Rev. Scott Gunn had some conversation while at Lambeth, and subsequently via email with Bishop John Zawo, Bishop of the Diocese of Ezo, Sudan. An exploratory group met in September to discuss the steps needed to begin this connection and potential companion relationship in Africa. In light of the extreme poverty in Ezo, and the difficulties in travel and communication, it will be wise for us to proceed slowly. Bishop Wolf and Tom Bair are making an initial visit to Ezo some time in late December. The details are currently in the process of being planned. The exploratory committee will meet with some of the others in the diocese who have expressed interest in an African Companion during the month of November. Parishes are invited to give pictures of their people to Bishop Wolf to take with her to Ezo as a gift to the Bishop and the people of the Diocese of Ezo. More information will follow.

Submitted by Mary Ann Kolakowski

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Part I

Let's have a show of hands. How many of you belong to churches that are currently growing? How many are at churches that are in decline? Holding steady? OK, how many of you would say that your church has hope?

In the year 2000, we had 64 churches – 11 missions and 53 parishes with average Sunday attendance between 26 and 401. As of 2008, the Diocese has 59 churches – 9 designated Diocesan missions and 50 parishes. They range in size of average Sunday attendance between 25 and 310. In 2000, 23 congregations were below 100 on Sundays. Today, the majority (31) of our churches have an average attendance of under 100. Eleven have under 50 at church on Sunday. This is not good news.

Since 2000, average attendance has declined in 42 of our churches. Sixteen churches have increased average attendance in that time. Based on our statistics we have 1,486 fewer people in attendance in our churches each Sunday than in 2000. That means we have lost an equivalent of almost five of our congregations! This is not good news.

Our average pledge has grown from \$900 to \$1,250 but that still places the Diocese of Rhode Island last in the Episcopal Church in pledging. Mississippi is the poorest state based on average income but their average pledge is more than twice ours. Ten of our congregations are spending down their endowments for operating expenses beyond an annual percentage of 7%, because they are unable to fund their budgets through pledges. This is how it is today, but it doesn't have to be this way tomorrow.

We have 23 part-time congregations, the majority of which are not moving towards making their clergy full-time. Six priests in charge of congregations work less than half time. This is how it is today, but it doesn't have to be this way tomorrow.

Many of our parishes were founded in the early years of our republic; four of our churches date back to colonial days and proudly claim a heritage older than our nation. But older churches have challenges:

- Rising maintenance costs.
- A good number are not fully handicapped accessible.
- Parking: only 11 churches have parking for over 50 cars.
- Many churches have limited space for program expansion
- The neighborhoods around many urban churches have changed demographically.

Part II

This year, the Commission on Congregational Development surveyed our churches to ask them about their mission and ministry and to name their greatest challenges. Eighty percent of our churches responded to the following questions:

1. Why does your church exist? What is its mission?

2. What are you currently doing to fulfill that mission?
3. Of those things you are doing to fulfill your mission, what seems to claim the passion and energy of your church right now?
4. What is the one new thing about which the congregation is excited that you would like to try in the next 12 months?
5. What are the challenges you face?

We are here today to tell you what we have heard about ministry in the Diocese of Rhode Island, to share with you the hope and the challenges that face us.

In spite of the many challenges faced by the churches in our Diocese, it was inspiring to read the answers to the questions about mission and ministry. Just about every church said that worship was part of the reason they existed (Thank God!) --specifically worship intended to nurture the spirits all those who came through their doors.

Most of the churches who responded also said that service to Christ and neighbor, otherwise know as outreach, was an essential part of their identity and mission. Our churches seem to passionately embrace the words of Jesus: “Truly I say to you as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me.”

Beyond “checkbook charity”, many of our churches feed and clothe significant numbers of people in need. Some have or work in meal sites or kitchens. Some help fund and build houses for Habitat for Humanity, or sponsor mission trips for youth and adults. Grace Church, as an example, has a homeless ministry five days a week, and provides Bible Study for the homeless along with parishioners.

Something that claims the passion of at least half our churches right now is programming for children and youth. It seems that our churches are looking to the future and the formation of a new generation of Christians. S. Stephen’s, Providence gave a perhaps tongue-in-cheek, but somehow wonderful, answer to the question about the one new thing the congregation is excited about: “Finding a live baby to star as Jesus in the Christmas Pageant.” What better symbol of new life and hope for our churches than a very alive Christ child starring in our Christmas pageants? S. Stephen’s has inspired me to recruit a baby due in November to star in St. Alban’s Christmas pageant - a small symbolic gesture to say that we can no doubt help to inspire each other to overcome whatever challenges we face.

Part III

As chair of Congregational Development, I am here to tell you that there is hope

There is hope for our diocese if we claim and act on our purpose to bring people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

There is hope for us if we realize that our churches exist for more than Christmas bazaars and burials. Recently, atheists in Britain began advertising on the sides of buses. Atheists advertising. They were advertising a non-belief, a non-mission. As Christians, we have the most important mission in the world; there has to be hope in that.

There is hope for us in our circumstances. We are a small diocese: because of our compact size (1545 sq. miles), our churches are located quite close together – all of them (with the exception of St. Ann’s on Block Island) within 15 miles of their nearest Episcopal neighbor. We have a unique opportunity to

explore ways to pool our resources and become better stewards, but only if we remember what our purpose is: to bring people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

There is hope in the focused following of a clear and concise vision of what the church can and should be. First, we must be clear about why we exist: to bring people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. If we are clear about why we exist, we will grow. Second, we must be willing to get creative in our liturgy and our common life together. We must be able to reimagine our church and what it offers in the present age. Finally, we must realize that we are in this boat together: parish to parish, deanery to deanery, clergy to clergy, the entire diocese, we are the body of Christ.

The Commission on Congregational Development stands ready to assist clergy and lay leaders with the important work of the adaptive change we must undergo. Through workshops, consultation, and lay leadership development, we can make progress towards making this diocese thrive, rather than helping it survive. Make no mistake. This will be hard work. We must reexamine what we do, and more importantly, who we are. We must claim and act on our purpose: to bring people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. There is no greater mission than this. There is no greater hope than this.

Submitted by the Rev. Peter Mayer,
Chair, Commission on Congregational Development

THE EPISCOPAL CHARITIES FUND OF RHODE ISLAND

2008 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 \$486,500 were given to 105 social service agencies and programs throughout Rhode Island.

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

The Susan Hudson Memorial Fund awarded grants in the amount of \$60,000 to St. Mary's Home, Shepherd Program and Rhode Island Community Action Association for heat and food.

In total, the Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island dispersed \$546,500 to assist people in crisis, need and desperate situations for the year 2008.

The volunteers and donors of Episcopal Charities deserve gratitude and recognition for their work, dedication and support. Special thanks are extended to Nancy Kaull of St. Luke's, East Greenwich and Jeff Manickas of St. Paul's Church, Wickford, who chaired the diocesan-wide parish campaign and to The Rev. Dr. Gary C. Lemery for their outstanding 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.

National Philanthropy Day was held in November, 2008. Organizations throughout Rhode Island had an opportunity to honor their valued volunteers as "Partners in Philanthropy". Barbara Dawson of St. Paul's Church, Wickford, and Harry Waterman, St. Luke's, East Greenwich 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.

COMMITTEE ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

(Diocese of Rhode Island – Canon 7.1)

Due to the generosity of Episcopalians of previous generations, the Diocese has a fund which can assist retired clergy and their surviving spouses in maintaining health insurance. The fund does not request or receive funding from the Diocesan Budget.

While the fund does not produce enough income to guarantee any benefit to clergy as an “earned right,” it can, however, help some of our clergy whose income is such that it cannot provide adequate health insurance.

Current policies regarding the fund are as follows:

- ❖ To receive assistance an applicant must be a cleric who is canonically resident in the Diocese of Rhode Island for five (5) years or more, be under no ecclesiastical discipline, and have retired from a paid full-time church position which put him/her on the Diocese of Rhode Island’s health plan before retirement.
- ❖ There is no eligibility for assistance for early retirement (before age 65) unless retirement is caused by disability.
- ❖ The only assistance currently available is health insurance. Health insurance means participation in the coverage offered by the Church Medical Trust of the Church Pension Fund. Upon the applicant’s being found eligible, the Commission will defray the cost for him/her and spouse in the Church Medical Trust Premium Plan which is a supplement to Medicare coverage. The retirees will be expected to pay Part B, Medicare Coverage, which is deducted from social security payments.
- ❖ Exceptions to these policies will be considered by the Commission overseeing this Fund in cases of extreme hardship upon receipt of application for assistance.
- ❖ Upon retirement and in any (or every) year thereafter, a statement of need may be required by the Commission.

During the year the above policies were reviewed with no changes made.

There were 18 persons receiving benefits as of December 31, 2008 with grants totaling approximately \$35, 134.

The commission has had outstanding support and actions from Mr. Ronald Turnbull and Ms. Joan DeCelles of the Diocesan staff.

The Rev. Everett H. Greene, Pastor to the Retired Community, has attended all meetings giving the Commission knowledge of new retirees and any change in the status of members of the retirement community.

The Commission members are the Revs. Harrington Gordon, J. Daniel Burke, Gordon Stenning, Ms. Nancy Brown, and Mrs. Bernice Belt.

Gordon J. Stenning

THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

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. We have 16 discerners.

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. The five 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, 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.

Thirteen people from throughout the Diocese participated in this program and six applied for Postulancy interviews. The following people were interviewed on September 4 and 5: Becky Binns Gettel, John Higgenbotham, Al Anderson, Scott Ciosk, Mark Ferreira. Robin Bugbie met with the Bishop on September 23.

The Bishop determined that John Higgenbotham, Al Anderson and Scott Ciosk should not go forward and interview with the Commission at this time. Becky Binns Gettel, Mark Ferreira and Robin Bugby interviewed with us on October 9.

The Commission met in June to evaluate the past year and prepare for the upcoming year. The Discernment Program for 2008-2009 was formulated with attention being given to the feedback received from the participants in last year's program.

Listening Hearts Discernment Groups

The Listening Hearts Discernment Groups are now constructed a very different way from past years. Instead of the Discernment groups being gathered by the COM, each discerner now must select 3-4 people who he/she feels will serve in this role properly to aid in the "Framing of the Question" toward clarification of their "call." These groups are trained in a two day training, this year's being done at Trinity Church, North Scituate.

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. Four students were enrolled this year: Joan Dorney Collins, Mark Warter, Anne Burke, and Joyce Thorne. The program is conducted at the Diocesan House.

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, ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 14, 2008; will be ordained to the Priesthood in January 17, 2009.

Dennis Bucco, St. Barnabas' Church, Warwick, Ordination to the Priesthood on February 2, 2008

Meaghan Kelly, Grace Church, Providence, Grace Church, Providence, Transitional Diaconate Interview on March 8, 2007 and ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, June 9, 2007. Jan 5, 2008, she was ordained to the Priesthood.

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 1st year at Virginia Theological School in Fall, 2007 and accepted as Postulant, June 2007.

Diaconate

Joan Dorney Collins, St. James, North Providence, Deacon Formation Program. Has withdrawn from the program and will not be ordained on June 14, 2008.

Mark Warter, St. Paul's, Wickford, Ordination to the Diaconate June 14, 2008

Anne Burke, Christ Church, Westerly, 3rd year, Deacon Formation Program. Approved for Candidacy April, 2008

Joyce Thorne, Cathedral of Saint John, Providence, Postulant. 2nd year deacon Formation Program.

Steele Martin Education Fund

On February 14, 2008, it was reported that a donation was made to the fund in the amount of \$1,000 from Trinity Church, Cranston. A. Cox reported that there is \$23,832.29 in the fund. 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
Mr. Len Sibielski
Ms. Gretchen Gammons
Ms. Beverly Hall
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

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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. Edward Mulligan, IV*

ST. MARY'S HOME FOR CHILDREN / THE SHEPHERD PROGRAM 353-3900
420 Fruit Hill Ave., North Providence RI 02911(Fax) 354-7986
Executive Director: Ms. Carlene McCann (7/08)

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE..... 847-4260
18 Market Sq., Newport RI 02840(Fax) 847-4284
Superintendent: Mr. Jack Grant; *jgrantupt@yahoo.com*

NON-PAROCHIAL CLERGY REPORT
December 31, 2008

Austin A. Almon, Jr.	no report submitted
David Ames	Retired; Interim Ministry, St. Mark's, Riverside
Henry F. Anthony	Occasional Supply
Robert W. Anthony	Interim in Osterville, MA; no report submitted
Patricia Bailey	Retired; no report submitted
Jean Barry	Executive Director, homeless shelter; work at a soup kitchen and do emergency assistance.
Hébert W. Bolles	Some supply, helping at Nursing and Retirement Homes providing Holy Eucharist.
Lawrence H. Bradner	Retired; occasional supply; writer and researcher
Janet Broadhead	Retired; no report submitted
Douglas C. Burger	Retired; no report submitted
J. Daniel Burke	no report submitted
David C. Cargill	Retired
Loring W. Chadwick	Assisted at Church of Advent, FL and as organist too.
George M. Chaplin	Limited Supply, Holy Cross in Middletown, RI
John A. Chrisman	assisting priest at St. Boniface, Sarasota, FL
Michael Coburn	Outreach on the homeless team, Providence Center and clergy supply.
A. Royston Cochran	retired
Ronald P. Conner	assisting in DC area
Sue Crowninshield	no report submitted
Robert C. Cummings	assisting at St. Elizabeth's, Hope Valley
Maria DeCarvalho	Communication training, connecting, coaching

Mark DeWolf	Hospice chaplain
William Fraatz	Research and writing
Henry F. Fairman	Assist or celebrate Christ Church, Swansea, MA and on Supply list in Rhode Island.
Kenneth R. Franklin	Retired
James P. Frink	Priest-in-Charge St. Thomas, Greenville.
David M. Gillespie	Assist in work in AZ, VT
Harrington Gordon	Retired; serve on several committees within the Diocese
Everett H. Greene	Retired; supply coverage as needed. Chaplain, to the Retired Clergy and Surviving Spouses.
Edwin F. Hallenbeck	Retired; Serve on several committees and boards.
Marsue Harris	supply
Donald Hastings	Retired
Augustus Hemenway	Retired
Granville Henthorne	Dean and President of Logos House of Theological Studies
Jean Webster Hickox	Retired Deacon; No report submitted
George N. Hunt	Retired Bishop of RI; supply in California
Frederick K. Jellison	Retired
Ida Johnson	Retired Deacon; No report Submitted
Michaela Johnson	Interim Associate. Nave Chaplain, Washington Cathedral; supply
Paul S. Koumrian	Part-time Assistant, Trinity in Newport
August Kuehl	Retired; occasionally assisting at worship; visiting elderly
Richard Laremore	Retired
Donald Lavalley	Retired
John Lawrence	Interim Rector St Patrick's, Washington DC

Sean Manchester	Chaplain, Eleanor Slater Hospital and some supply
M. Teresa Matthews	Onterim work; currently PIC at St. Williams, St. Pittsburgh, TX
Michele Matott	hospice; teaching; working with the homeless and needy
James Patrick Mauney	Retired
Peter Michaelson	Interim; no report submitted
Nancy F. Miller	no report submitted
Lorraine M. Mills-Curran	no report submitted
Hedwig B. Neale	no report submitted
Eloise Neilsen	no report submitted
Elizabeth Nestor, M.D.	Emergency dept, RIH
Janet Worth Nunley	Exec. Dir. Episcopal Life Media, NYC
Nancy Olmsted	Retired
Ceilia C. Perry	Nursing Home ministry for St. Michael's, Bristol; Chaplain, Hallworth House, Providence; supply
Paul Pickens	Retired
Pamela Rannenberg	Chaplain, Butler Hospital
Marshall T. Rice	Retired; Interim & Consultant work; Co-Facilitator of Fresh Start Program
David A. Ryan	Retired, limited activities in visiting the sick
Richard Schweinsburg	Military Chaplain
Keith E. Scott	Retired; Clergy Supply
Marcia A. Sessions	Supply
Gardiner Shattuck	priest associate s. Stephen's, Providence; supply at All Saints, Warwick; historian
Robert L. Shearer	Interim Rector St. Peter's, Morristown, NJ
Marlene J. Simonian	Retired
Richard R. Simpson	no report submitted

Peter L. Spencer	Sacramental chaplain, St. Elizabeth's Home; weekday masses at St. John the Evangelist, Newport
Frederick J. Spulnik	Retired
Daryl W. Stahl	Jan-Mar helped at Grace Church; Interim Assoc. Rector St. Mary's, Portsmouth.
Gordon J. Stenning	Eucharist to nursing homes; supply
Linda Strahan	Pastoral Counseling and supply work
Edward Trafford	Retired; no report submitted
Henry G. Turnbull	Retired
Paul Twelves	Retired; Supply; part-time interim priest at St. Michael's, Bristol
Paula Ulanowski	Retired; no report submitted
Robert Vanderau	retires; supply and help with administration
James L. Verber	Long term Supply, St. Mark's, Warren no report submitted
George Warren	retired; supply
Jennifer K. West	Parish ministry Jan-June; supply
Peter H.G. Westthorp	Associate Regulatory Affairs Specialist for BioMerieux, Inc – infectious disease in vitro diagnostic company.
Gail Wheelock	Retired; no report submitted
Nancy Willis	Rector, St. David's Jan-June; Retired; supply at All Saints', Providence
Edward S. Winsor	Assisting, Fort Myers, Florida; supply at St. John's, Newport
Geralyn Wolf	Bishop
Betty Wright	Retired; no report submitted

CANONICALLY RESIDENT CLERGY

<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, Henry F. II	7/1/1994 East Tennessee
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
CARPENTER, Susan Elizabeth	6/14/2008 RI
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
COLLINS, Judith T.	6/20/1992 RI

<i>Name</i>	<i>DATE IN FROM</i>
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
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
GORDON, Harrington M.	6/24/1955 RI
GREEN, Roy	8/19/1994 Olympia
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
JOHNSON, Ida R.	7/13/1985 RI
JOHNSON, Michaela M.	12/1/1992 W.Mass
KOUMRIAN, Paul S.	1/2/1992 MA

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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
LESIEUR, Betsy	7/13/1985 RI
LISBY, Gregory	10/5/2007 Indianapolis
LLOYD, Kevin M.	3/7/2006 Western North Carolina
LOCKE, William R.	12/27/1993 RI
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
MELLO, Iris E.	7/13/1985 RI
MICHAELSON, Peter R.	3/26/1993 ID
MILLER, Nancy F.	6/24/1995 RI
MILLETTE, Carol L.	4/5/1986 RI
MILLS-CURRAN, Lorraine M.	9/1/1991 Rio Grande
MITCHELL, Judith N.	6/26/1993 RI
MORGAN, Richard	1/5/1994 VA
MOTT, Pamela J.	12/1/2004 OR
NEALE, Hedwig B.	6/23/1990 RI
NEILSEN, Eloise S.	2/4/1989 RI
NESTOR, Elizabeth M.	6/29/1979 RI
NORTH, Susan G.	3/16/1991 RI
NUNLEY, Janet W.	12/10/1994 RI
OLMSTED, Nancy K.Y.	12/19/1994 NH
PECKHAM, Ashley H.	6/27/1970 RI
PEDRICK, Jennifer L.	6/13/1998 RI
PELLETIER, Ann D.	6/23/1990 RI
PENFIELD, Joyce	6/27/2002 NJ
PERRY, Cecilia C.	1/27/1996 RI
PHILLIPS, Jennifer M.	6/20/2000 MO
PICKENS, Paul G.	6/18/1977 RI
PRIOR, John Gregory	4/10/2002 SC

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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
SHERMAN, Elizabeth	6/30/1999 NY
SHIPPEE, Richard C.	6/14/1975 RI
SHOEMAKER, H. Stephanie C.	3/16/1991 RI
SIMONIAN, Martene	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
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 Western MA
WARTER, Mark Wilkinson	6/14/2008 RI
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

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WINSOR, Edward S.

6/7/1958 RI

WOLF, GERALYN

2/17/1996 Kentucky

WRATHALL, Susan Lynn

5/25/2006 RI

WRIGHT, Elizabeth L.

2/4/1989 RI

COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that the 218th Diocesan Convention expresses its appreciation to our bishop, the Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf, and assures her of our affection, prayers and support for her ministry among us, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the Right Reverend David Joslin, Assisting Bishop of Rhode Island, for his continued ministry within our diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the Right Reverend Charles Jenkins for being with us this day and sends its warm greetings to the Diocese of Louisiana, our new companion diocese, and be it further

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

Resolved, that this Convention extends greetings of affection and prayers to the Right Reverend George Hunt, retired bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and his Barbara, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings to the Reverend Doctor Donald Anderson, Executive Minister of the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, and to other communities of faith in our State, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to the Saint John's Church in Ashton on their 150th anniversary, and to Saint Mark's Church in Riverside on their 125th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates the Reverend August Kuehl on the 60th anniversary of this ordination to the priesthood; to the Reverend Augustus Hemenway on the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; and to the Reverends Norman Catir, Loring Chadwick, and Keith Scott on the 50th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its great appreciation to Ronald Turnbull for his 40 years of service shepherding the finances of the Diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its thanks to all those who have offered their ministry of hospitality and support at this Convention, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the members of the Bishop's staff, and especially to her new Executive Assistant, Elizabeth Crawley, for their faithful ministry to all of us and for our Diocese.

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2007

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

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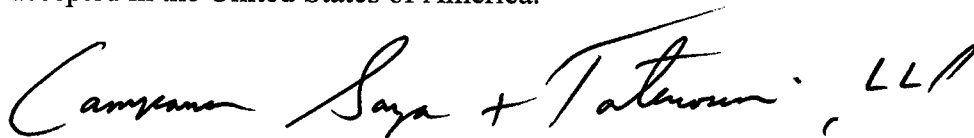
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Diocese of Rhode Island (a not-for-profit organization) as of December 31, 2007, 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, 2007, 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.



May 8, 2008

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
Providence, Rhode Island

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2007

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Notes 2 and 12)		\$ 2,509,407
RECEIVABLES:		
Apportionment – net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$102,400	\$ 54,393	
Pledges - net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$11,308 (Note 3)	21,000	
Loans (Note 4)	402,729	
Other	<u>18,333</u>	
Total receivables		496,455
INVESTMENTS (Note 5)		20,258,873
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net (Note 6)		<u>1,709,707</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$24,974,442</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		\$ 91,660
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$4,389,779	
Designated for specific purposes	<u>7,400,958</u>	
Total unrestricted		\$11,790,737
Temporarily restricted (Note 7)		7,382,825
Permanently restricted (Note 8)		<u>5,709,220</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS (EXHIBIT B)		<u>24,882,782</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$24,974,442</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Apportionment	\$ 1,907,489	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 1,907,489
Contributions	-0	602,668	-0	602,668
Program services revenue	252,239	-0	-0	252,239
Investment income	378,326	580,041	-0	958,367
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	143,437	139,710	136,723	419,870
Gain on sales of property	1,250	-0	-0	1,250
Other income	213,268	-0	-0	213,268
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 9)	<u>1,079,918</u>	<u>(1,079,918)</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>\$ 3,975,927</u>	<u>\$ 242,501</u>	<u>\$ 136,723</u>	<u>\$ 4,355,151</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Program expenses (Schedule I)	\$ 2,212,669	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 2,212,669
Support services	702,085	-0	-0	702,085
Episcopal Charities granted to Non- Diocesan programs	368,680	-0	-0	368,680
Fundraising	<u>213,147</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>213,147</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 3,496,581</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ 3,496,581</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE OTHER CHANGES	\$ 479,346	\$ 242,501	\$ 136,723	\$ 858,570
OTHER CHANGES				
Transfer of church property (Note 11)	<u>24,703</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>24,703</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$ 504,049	\$ 242,501	\$ 136,723	\$ 883,273
NET ASSETS, January 1, 2007	<u>11,286,688</u>	<u>7,140,324</u>	<u>5,572,497</u>	<u>\$23,999,509</u>
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2007	<u>\$11,790,737</u>	<u>\$7,382,825</u>	<u>\$5,709,220</u>	<u>\$24,882,782</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended December 31, 2007

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Changes in net assets	\$883,273
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	73,599
Transfer of church property	55,297
Realized and unrealized gains on investments and property	(421,120)
Decrease in receivables	73,772
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>22,484</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 687,305
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of property and equipment	(\$343,475)
Proceeds from sale of investments and property	4,250
Purchase of investments	<u>(312,117)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(651,342)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 35,963
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, January 1, 2007	<u>2,473,444</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31, 2007	<u>\$2,509,407</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2007

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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December 31, 2007

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 amounts 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	\$32,308
Less allowance	<u>11,308</u>
Net pledges	<u>\$21,000</u>

Pledges receivable at December 31, 2007 have the following restrictions:

Episcopal Charities	<u>\$21,000</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, 2007, fourteen (14) loans were outstanding totaling \$402,729. Interest is charged on the loan balances at an annual rate ranging from 2.75% to 7.25%. The loans mature at various dates until the year 2016.

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, 2007:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Corporate Bonds	\$ 9,996	\$ 19,025
Common Stock	17,869	39,652
Pooled Investments	<u>9,886,900</u>	<u>20,200,196</u>
	<u>\$9,914,765</u>	<u>\$20,258,873</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	\$3,964,047	\$1,060,822	\$ -0	\$5,024,869
Equipment	113,726	-0	-0	113,726
Motor vehicles	<u>98,491</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>98,491</u>
	\$4,176,264	\$1,060,822	\$ -0	\$5,237,086
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,678,721</u>	<u>848,658</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>3,527,379</u>
	<u>\$1,497,543</u>	<u>\$ 212,164</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$1,709,707</u>

Depreciation expense for 2007 was \$73,599.

Note 7. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2007:

Parish Endowment Fund	\$ 378,527
Old Narragansett Church	21,953
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	1,552,338
Episcopate	2,153,281
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	169,265
A.A. Gammell	85,886
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	1,907,866
Episcopal Charities	877,330
Airport Chapel	1,836
Missions	205,737
Commission on Ministry	23,252
City Camp	<u>5,554</u>
	<u>\$7,382,825</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, 2007:

Missions	\$ 601,675
Episcopal Conference Center	241,437
Old Narragansett Church	78,184
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	573,853
Episcopate	1,161,855
Edwards Homes	90,039
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	180,277
Episcopal Charities	2,568,555
Parish Endowment Fund	14,486
Congregational Development	<u>198,859</u>
	<u>\$5,709,220</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	\$ 539,676
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	50,537
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	51,499
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	71,602
Episcopate	146,848
Episcopal Conference Center	126,043
Old Narragansett Church	3,796
Ministry and Chaplaincy	6,827
Parish Endowment Fund	16,678
Dunning Trust	5,852
City Camp	26,127
Congregational Development	15,161
A.A. Gammell	<u>19,272</u>
	<u>\$1,079,918</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 2007. 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 employee's salary to a maximum of nine percent. The Diocese contributed \$51,153 to this plan in 2007.

The Diocese also contributed \$63,879 to a plan sponsored by the National Church covering clergy employed by the Diocese.

Note 11. CHURCH PROPERTIES

In 2007 the Diocese received \$80,000 from two merging parishes upon the sale of certain parish real estate. In 2007 the Diocese also transferred ownership of real estate having a book value of \$55,297 when one of its mission churches received parish status.

At December 31, 2007, mergers and closings of other parishes and missions were under consideration. The financial effect to the Diocese from future mergers and closings cannot be estimated at this time, and therefore are not reflected in the financial statements.

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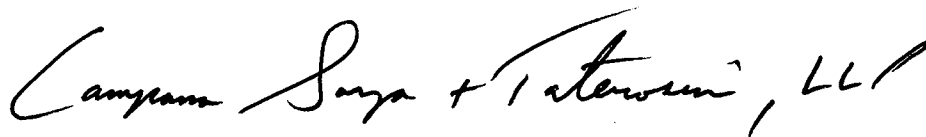
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of The Diocese of Rhode Island as of December 31, 2007 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.



May 8, 2008

THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
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SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Apportionment Funded</u>	<u>Non- Apportionment Funded</u>	<u>Total Program Expenses</u>
Leadership & Pastoral Support			
Office of the Bishop	\$ 270,802	\$173,260	\$ 444,062
Support of the Bishop	153,203	-0	153,203
Clergy Development/Deployment	80,700	6,022	86,722
Other Leadership & Support	<u>69,531</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>69,531</u>
Total leadership & pastoral support	<u>\$ 574,236</u>	<u>\$179,282</u>	<u>\$ 753,518</u>
Outreach, Advocacy & Service			
Episcopal Conference Center & City Camp	\$ 500,550	\$ 7,605	\$ 508,155
National Church Assessment	436,335	-0	436,335
Ministry to Higher Education	38,850	-0	38,850
Chaplaincies	74,949	9,527	84,476
Other Outreach	<u>37,055</u>	<u>68,190</u>	<u>105,245</u>
Total outreach, advocacy & service	<u>\$1,087,739</u>	<u>\$ 85,322</u>	<u>\$1,173,061</u>
Congregational Development	<u>\$ 212,559</u>	<u>\$ 73,531</u>	<u>\$ 286,090</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$1,874,534</u>	<u>\$338,135</u>	<u>\$2,212,669</u>