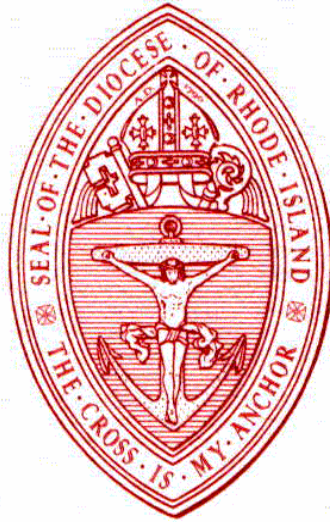


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MEMBERSHIP ON CANONICAL BODIES

12/09

STANDING COMMITTEE: Canon IV

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
The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick	2013	The Hon. Scott Avedisian

DIOCESAN COUNCIL: Canon VI

The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf, President

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

The Rev Greg Lisby	2010	Ms. Jeanne Mason
The Rev. Susan Wrathall	2010	
The Rev Jim Bocchino	2011	Ms. Cindy Flaxington
The Rev Dennis Bucco (1 yr)	2011	
The Rev. Scott Gunn (VP)	2012	Mr. Dennis Stark
*****	2012	Ms. Modesta Pellot

DIOCESAN COUNCIL - APPOINTED BY BISHOP

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

The Rev. Canon Harry Krauss	2010	Mr. Jim Rezendes
The Rev. Dcn Ted Hallenbeck	2011	Mr. Vince Haight
The Rev Susan Carpenter	2012	Ms. Susan Wright

Ex officio

The Bishop
The Chancellor
The Treasurer
Commission on Finance, Mr. Brian Ehlers
President, Standing Committee,

Secretary of Council, Ms. Liz Crawley

Executive Committee of Council

The Bishop, President
The Rev. Scott Gunn, Vice President
The Rev. Harry Krauss
The Rev. Susan Wrathall
Mr. Brian Ehlers
Mr. Dennis Stark
The Treasurer

Staff

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

COMMISSION ON FINANCE Canon VII.1

Elected (1 clerical, 2 lay)

The Rev. Gregory Prior
Mr. James Worrell
Mr. Robert Bergstrand

Appointed (1 clerical, 2 lay)

2010 The Rev. Dcn. Ted Hallenbeck
2011 Mr. Scott Nicholson (C)
2012 Mr. Brian Ehlers

Ex officio

The Bishop,
The Chancellor
The Treasurer

Staff

The Comptroller
The Canon for Program and Administration

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

The Rev Everett Greene 2010 Mr. Rosi Harris
The Rev. Gregory Prior 2011 Ms. Mary Heffner, Esq.
The Rev. Clare Fischer-Davies 2012 *****
The Rev. Jim Bocchino 2013 Mr. Sydney Clifford

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Canon VII.2

Elected

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

The Rev Alan Gates 2010 Ms. Lillian Hargrove
The Rev Clare Fischer-Davies 2011 Ms. Catherine Thenault
The Rev. Christopher Pappas 2012 Ms. Carol Drought

Appointed

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

The Rev. Eletha Buote-Grieg 2010 Ms. Linda Lebreux
The Rev Peter Mayer (C) 2011 Mr. James Burgess
The Rev Casey Shobe 2012 Mr. Dennis Burton

Ex Officio

The Bishop (or designee)

Staff

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 Jan Grinnell	2010	Ms. Karen Runner
The Rev. Richard Shippee	2010	Mr. Leon Sibielski
The Rev. John Alexander	2011	Vacant
Vacant	2011	Ms. Carol Anne Bennett
The Rev David Lucey	2012	Ms. Phoebe Pettingill
The Rev Chris Epperson	2012	Ms. Lavonne Siefert

Staff

The Canon for Congregations and Clergy

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

The Rev Chris Epperson	2010	Mr. Howard Merriman
	2010	Mr. Austin Smith
The Rev. Gregory Prior	2011	Ms. Francis Gammel-Roach
	2011	Mr. Jeffrey Belden
The Rt. Rev David Joslin	2012	Mr. Charles Lee (C)
		Ms. Mary Daly

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. Harrington Gordon	2010
The Rev. Gordon Stenning (C)	2011
Ms. Bernice Belt	2012
Ms. Nancy R. Brown-Cobb	2013
The Rev. Daniel Burke	2014

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)

2010
2011
2012

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

The Chancellor (ex-officio)

2010
2011
2012

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. Scott Gunn[chair]	2010	vacant
Chris Epperson	2011	Carol Ann Bennett
vacant	2012	vacant

The Canon for Program and Administration (ex-officio)

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

2010
2011
2012

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

CONVENTION ROLL OF CLERGY 2009

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. 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.	Timothy	Burger	
The Rev. Dn.	Anne	Burke	*
The Rev.	J. Daniel	Burke	
The Rev. Dr.	R. Craig	Burlington	*
The Rev. Dn.	Christine H.	Burton	*

The Rev.	David C.	Cargill	
The Rev.	Susan	Carpenter	*
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.	Robert C.	Cummings	
The Very Rev.	Maria	DeCarvalho	
The Rev.	Philip	Devens	*
The Rev.	Jo-Ann J.	Drake	*
The Rev.	Christopher	Epperson	*
The Rev.	Henry F.	Fairman	
The Rev.	Clare	Fischer-Davies	*
The Rev.	William F.	Fraatz	
The Rev.	Karen A.	Fraioli	*
The Rev.	Kenneth R.	Franklin	
The Rev.	R. Trent	Fraser	*
The Rev.	James P.	Frink	*
The Rev.	Alan K.	Gates	*
The Very Rev.	David M.	Gillespie	
The Rev.	Harrington M.	Gordon	
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. Dn.	Betsy	Lesieur	*
The Rev.	Gregory	Lisby	*
The Rev.	Kevin M.	Lloyd	*
The Rev.	William	Locke	*
The Rev.	David	Lucey	*
The Rev.	Sean	Manchester	
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. Dn.	Iris E.	Mello	*
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.	John	Pallard	*
The Rev.	Christopher	Pappas	*
The Rev.	Ashley H.	Peckham	*
The Rev.	Jennifer	Pedrick	*
The Rev. Dn.	Ann D.	Pelletier	*
The Rev. Dr.	Joyce	Penfield	*
The Rev.	Cecilia C.	Perry	
The Rev. Dr.	Jennifer	Phillips	*
The Rev. Dn.	Paul G.	Pickens	
The Rev.	John Gregory	Prior	*
The Rev.	Pamela	Rannenberg	
The Rev.	Marshall T.	Rice	*
The Rev.	Jose	Roberts	*
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.	Elizabeth Ann	Sherman	*

The Rev.	Richard C.	Shippee	
The Rev.	Melody	Shobe	*
The Rev.	R. Casey	Shobe	*
The Rev.	Stephanie	Shoemaker	*
The Rev. Dn.	Marlene J.	Simonian	
The Rev.	Richard R.	Simpson	
The Rev. Canon	Peter L.	Spencer	*
The Rev.	Frederick J.	Spulnik	
The Rev.	Daryl W.	Stahl	*
The Rev.	Gordon J.	Stenning	*
The Rev.	Susan	Stiles	*
The Rev.	Linda C.	Strahan	*
The Rev.	Paul	Tarrant	
The Rev.	Philip J.	Tierney	*
The Rev. Dn.	Edward J.	Trafford	
The Rev. Dn.	Michael	Tuck	*
The Rev.	Henry G.	Turnbull	
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.	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:	82

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 Hoozeboom, 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, Doriene 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

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
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219TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The two hundred nineteenth meeting of Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island began with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23rd, 2009 at the Cathedral of Saint John in Providence, Rhode Island. The theme for this year's Convention was *Shared Blessings*. The preacher for the Holy Eucharist was The Very Reverend Harry Krause, dean of the Cathedral of Saint John. This special Holy Eucharist in the celebration of the Cathedral of Saint John's 80th year was followed by a reception in Synod Hall.

Convention reconvened at the Marriott Hotel in Providence on Saturday, October 24th, 2009 and was called to order by The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf at 9:00 a.m. Bishop Wolf called upon The Reverend Kevin Lloyd, Secretary of Diocesan Convention, who reported that at least 1/3 of all clergy of the diocese eligible to vote and not less than 1/3 of all parishes and missions, including the Cathedral Chapter were registered and present, thus constituting a quorum.

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

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 the following individuals:

New Clergy to the Diocese since last Convention:

The Rev. Trent Frasier, St. John the Evangelist, Newport
The Rev. Canon David Lucey, St. Michael's, Bristol
The Rev. Dn. Michael Tuck, Brown/RISD and Curate, St. Stephen's, Providence

Seminarian:

Mr. Patrick Greene, Seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary

Vocational Diaconate Candidate:

Ms. Joyce Thorne

Newly Ordained Vocational Deacon:

The Rev. Dn. Anne Burke

New Diocesan Staff Member:

Ms. Ruth Meteer (new Communications Officer)

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 on in the following order:

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, being unopposed was elected by acclamation.

The candidates on the Lay order: The Honorable Scott Avedisian

The Honorable Scott Avedisian being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates in the Clerical order: The Rev. Scott A. Gunn

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn , being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Mr. Dennis Stark

Mr. Dennis Stark, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

The candidates: Mr. Robert E. Bergstram

Mr. Robert E. Bergstram, 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. Dr. Christopher A. Pappas

The Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Pappa, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

The candidates in the Lay order: Ms. Carol S. Drought

Ms. Carol S. Drought, being unopposed, was elected by acclamation.

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

Prior to giving her annual address to Convention, the Bishop offered the following remarks:

The Bishop explained that despite their best efforts over several months, The Right Rev. John Zawo was not able to obtain the necessary visa to travel to the U.S. and so was not able to be present for convention as originally planned.

The Bishop expressed her opposition to the current move to legalize casino gambling in Rhode Island.

The Bishop mentioned the Anglican Covenant. General Convention resolution D020 requested that each diocese discuss the Draft Anglican Communion Covenant, to be published at the end of the year. In consultation with the Vice-President of Diocesan Council, that body will develop a process for our discussion.

The Bishop expressed her deep gratitude for the clergy of the diocese and encouraged the lay delegates to express their gratitude as well.

The Bishop then offered her **annual address to the diocese**.

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

I. COMPANION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIOCESE OF EZO

RESOLVED, That the Diocese of Rhode Island expresses its gratitude to our Bishop Geralyn Wolf and Bishop John Zawo of the Diocese of Ezo in the Sudan for beginning the conversations necessary to form a Companion Relationship between our two dioceses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Diocese of Rhode Island invites the Diocese of Ezo into a Companion Relationship which will nurture our relationship to each other and to the world in Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Diocese of Rhode Island pledges assistance, whether spiritual or material, to the Diocese of Ezo as may be determined by appropriate leadership in each diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Diocese of Rhode Island agrees to ratify this relationship for a period of three years, beginning with this Diocesan Convention, and that the relationship be evaluated and renewed as mutually agreed upon subsequent to that period of time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Companion Diocese Committee oversee and nourish this relationship with the Diocese of Ezo.

Submitted by

Ms. Martha H. Ames – Grace Church, Providence

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

II. COMPANION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA

RESOLVED, That in recognition of the devastation from Hurricane Katrina, and its lasting effects, the Diocese of Rhode Island ratifies our Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Louisiana; and be it further

RESOLVED, That both dioceses pledge assistance and friendship to each other and to those most affected by the devastation for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2009 and renewed as mutually agreed upon subsequent to that period of time; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Companion Diocese Committee oversee and nourish this relationship with The Diocese of Louisiana.

Explanation

Bishop Geralyn Wolf and members of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Rhode Island have been actively involved in offering prayer, monetary support and physical assistance in the rebuilding of New Orleans and to the efforts made by the Diocese of Louisiana's Case Management and Rebuilding projects completed over the past few years. In light of this commitment and the continued need in the area, a recommendation to invite the Diocese of Louisiana into a formal Companion relationship has been made.

Submitted by

Ms. Martha H. Ames – Grace Church, Providence

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

III. MISSION TASK FORCE

RESOLVED, That this 219th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island invites a review of our diocesan mission priorities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a Mission Task Force be created to facilitate this process. This Task Force shall be composed of one priest and one lay person elected by the Standing Committee from its membership; one cleric and one lay person elected by Diocesan Council from its membership; and two people appointed by the Bishop. The Bishop's appointees shall not be employees of the Diocese. This Task Force shall be constituted by November 30, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of the Standing Committee shall set the time and place for the first meeting of the Task Force, to be held before December 31, 2009. At this first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chairperson from its membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall devise a process in which the lay and clerical members of the Diocese may express their hopes and ideas regarding the future mission of the Diocese. The Task Force may request reasonable staff support from diocesan staff (e.g. mailings, electronic communication); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall report to the 220th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island with its findings, including a recommendation for mission priorities to be adopted or reaffirmed by the Diocese. The Task Force is encouraged to be in regular communication with the appropriate people and groups for the budgeting process, in the event that a revised budget is to be presented to the 220th Convention of the Diocese to match modified mission priorities.

Explanation

It has been several years since our current mission priorities (Christian formation, congregational development, Hispanic ministries, Episcopal Conference Center) were set in place. Since that time, much has changed both inside and outside our Diocese. It may be that we need to shift priorities and or redefine our mission.

The Diocese should have priorities which are engaging for congregations, with compelling ways to connect congregational and diocesan ministry. This process would allow wide participation in examining our current priorities, which might be modified, replaced, or reaffirmed. Once the priorities are defined there should be an annual review that is reported to the Convention. The diocesan budget may need to be revised in order to reflect the mission priorities, should they be modified.

The Task Force is to be purposely small, but it may involve others as needed. Though the initial meeting is to be set by the President of the Standing Committee, the President need not serve on the Task Force. Finally, the provision for some modest use of diocesan staff resources would help the Task Force to do its work, especially in publicizing, gathering and sharing findings. The hope is to reclaim a sense of vitality and growth in our diocesan ministries, with mission priorities which are powerfully engaging.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Robert Brooks – St. Andrew's, Little Compton
The Rev'd Scott Gunn – Christ Church, Lincoln
The Rev'd Bill Locke – St. Paul's, Pawtucket
The Rev'd Peter Mayer – Emmanuel Church, Cumberland
The Rev'd Pamela Mott – St. Mary's, Portsmouth
The Rev'd Jennifer Pedrick – Church of the Epiphany, East Providence

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn **moved the adoption of this resolution**. Motion was **seconded**.

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick spoke in favor of the resolution. The Rev. Alan Gates spoke in favor of the resolution with a **friendly amendment**: the third resolve to read, "At this first meeting the Task Force shall elect a chairperson from its membership and shall recruit at least six members, one from each deanery of the diocese, in addition to its original membership." The **amendment was accepted**. Modesta Polette(?) asked that the potential task force take serious consideration of the Hispanic Ministry and their need for a second priest.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

IV. SUPPORT OF FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & COLLEGE STUDENTS

RESOLVED, That this 219th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island claim as among its chief mission priorities for the triennium ahead formation of and ministerial support for children, youth and young adults of college age; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this diocese, including the Standing Committee and Financial Officers, evaluate use of resources of money and personnel, to direct more resources toward this mission priority, including strengthened support for campus ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention endorse the Charter For Lifelong Christian Formation approved at General Convention in July 2009 and disseminate it to every congregation for their study and implementation.

Explanation:

Rhode Island has approximately 358 primary and secondary public schools serving 153,122 students. The state's 8 top colleges serve 65 thousand undergraduates alone! This is a huge mission field of increasingly unchurched young people - in fact, people with little or no spiritual formation, in many cases. From these generations will come future clergy and church members - but only if we invest in offering them the kind of targeted education, formation, recruitment, and support that incarnates Christ to them where they are, and uses media they access regularly and face-to-face contact with ministers, lay and ordained, who will encourage and help them shape their leadership skills.

In ECC this diocese has a wonderful facility, program and staff to serve some young people, but it is not adequate alone to make contact with, offer the Gospel to, and serve the thousands of young seekers on many campuses and in schools -- but often not in churches -- throughout Rhode Island.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Dr Jennifer Phillips – St. Augustine's, Kingston

The Resolutions Committee offered the following recommendations on this resolution:

The Resolutions Committee believes there to be a canonical problem in the second resolve. In our Diocesan canons, it is Diocesan Council which oversees program. For that that reason, we would recommend an amendment to change "Standing Committee" to "Diocesan Council". Similarly, the resolution refers to "Financial Officers." It is our belief that the appropriate body would actually be the "Commission on Finance", and so we urge an amendment to make that change.

If Resolution 3 ("Mission Task Force") is adopted by this Convention, we recommend that this resolution be referred to them in their work discerning diocesan mission priorities. Otherwise, this resolution effectively sets mission priorities, which may require further work.

The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation is available online at www.formationcharter.com. We hope that paper copies will be available for reference at Diocesan Convention.

The Rev. Jennifer Phillips moved to **amend the pending resolution with the following substitute resolution:**

RESOLVED, That this 219th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island affirm its desire for the formation of children, youth and young adults of college age to be considered as among its chief mission priorities for the triennium ahead; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this diocese, including the appropriate leadership committees and Financial Officers, re-evaluate use of resources of money and personnel in the year ahead, so as to direct more resources toward this work, including strengthened support for campus ministries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention endorse the Charter For Lifelong Christian Formation at General Convention in July 2009 and disseminate it to every congregation for their study and implementation.

The amendment was seconded and unanimously approved.

The resolution was unanimously approved.

IV. SUPPORT FOR THE ACI PRISON CHAPLAINCY

RESOLVED, That this 219th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island restore to the diocesan budget for the year 2010 the funding for the Adult Correctional Institutions prison ministry at the same rate as the 2009 budget, to insure that this ministry maintains its momentum and the legacy of trust, support, and volunteer access within the prison system that has been developed over many years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize the ACI Episcopal prison ministry and the population it serves as a mission congregation that undertakes conversion and Baptism, Christian Formation, Reconciliation, Regular Sacramental Worship, and life-stage pastoral ministry in the context of ongoing community formation, as do other congregations of our diocese, and that funding sources be available to it on the same basis as for other mission congregations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we acknowledge gratefully that the ACI Prison Ministry fulfills a piece of our stated four-part diocesan mission vision that includes “outreach, advocacy and service.”

Explanation

The Gospels are clear and unequivocal about the core ministry to which Christians are called and by which, Jesus tells us, we will be recognized and judged before the throne of God which includes prison ministry: “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mtt 25:35-6) and “as you did it for the least of these my brothers and sisters, so you did it for me.”

In a setting in which - as one former inmate describes - all the voices of those with power tell incarcerated people loudly and repeatedly that they are worthless, undeserving of care or respect, and destined to remain in or return to prison and fail at rehabilitation, the Chaplain and church volunteers are among the few voices that announce the good news of Divine love and the human worth of and respect due every person as a child of God. The Chaplain, further, has established trust to have security clearance to enter parts of the prison inaccessible to almost everyone else,

even solitary confinement; the chaplain is the person asked to deliver bad news of an inmate's child or other relative's death and to offer care and prayer and support in the aftermath. Many inmates have no one else to visit them and no one waiting for them when they are released.

The ACI Prison Ministry and The Blessing Way provides a bridge for women and men leaving incarceration to rebuild their lives in the context of loving community and many former inmates have become members of Sts. Peter and Andrew Parish because of the Christian formation and care they have received in and on release from prison.

The ACI is a tightly controlled system into which volunteers only may gain access after 6-18 months of training and waiting for approval, and with supervision by a trusted staff person; the Chaplain has the authority and trust to get church volunteers into prison ministry speedily and to supervise them effectively to help run programs that would otherwise not be possible, and can also speak to inmates freely to recruit their participation.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Craig Burlington – St. Luke's, East Greenwich
The Rev'd Dr Jennifer Phillips – St. Augustine's, Kingston

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution with the following further recommendations:

The Resolutions Committee believes there to be canonical problems with the second resolve, which attempts to create the ACI chaplaincy as a mission congregation. There is a defined canonical process for admitting new missions, and this would not meet the requirements of that process. At the same time, we believe that the resolution's submitters also intend that certain mission funding from the Diocese be made available to this ministry. That goal can be achieved, and the canonical problems remedied, with an amendment:

In the second resolve, in the second line, delete "mission congregation" and insert "vital ministry"; and in the second resolve, in the fourth line, remove the word "other".

If Resolution 3 ("Mission Task Force") is adopted by this Convention, we would urge that new group to consider this resolution and its intent in their discernment work. While conversation is under way about mission priorities, it makes sense to preserve funding for the ACI chaplaincy position, pending potential changes in mission priorities to be recommended to the 220th Diocesan Convention.

The Rev. Craig Burlington **moved to amend the pending resolution with the following substitute resolution:**

RESOLVED, That this 219th Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island recognizes the ACI Episcopal prison and the population it serves as a program of the Diocese that undertakes conversion and Baptism, Christian formation, Reconciliation, Regular Sacramental Worship, and life-stage pastoral ministry in the context of ongoing community formation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this convention gratefully acknowledges that the ACI Prison Ministry fulfills a piece of our stated four-part diocesan mission vision that includes "outreach, advocacy, and service"

and has a legacy of trust, support and volunteer access within the prison system that has been developed over many years.

The motion to amend was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Rev. Jennifer Phillips spoke in favor of the resolution. The Rev. Dn. Ricky Brightman spoke in favor of the resolution and reminded the Convention that this substitute resolution does not speak to budget ramifications. The Rev. Lawrence Bradner spoke in favor of the resolution, asserting that we need to have the professional person in place for the program to work effectively. The Rev. Joyce Penfield spoke in favor of the resolution and expressed gratitude to all those who have volunteered to help with the ACI Prison Ministry.

The resolution passed unanimously.

VI. ENDORSE THE EARTH CHARTER AND CONSERVE RESOURCES

RESOLVED, That this 219th Convention of the Episcopal Church, as urged by approved resolutions C065 and A045 of the 2009 General Convention, endorse *The Earth Charter* and encourage its study and implementation by congregations, offices, and groups of this diocese; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Convention urges congregations, offices, groups, and all Episcopalians individually to do all they can to reduce, where possible and appropriate, the use of commercially bottled water and of non-recyclable paper and plastic goods, as a way of practicing good stewardship of creation and conservation of the earth's scarce resources.

Explanation

This resolution fulfills the mandate of General Convention to carry the resolutions for the care and just use of creation back to dioceses for their endorsement and implementation.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Dr Jennifer Phillips – St. Augustine's, Kingston
Mr. Arthur Olsen – St. Augustine's, Kingston

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution with the following remark:

The Earth Charter is available online at www.earthcharter.org. We hope that paper copies will be available for reference at Diocesan Convention.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn **moved this resolution**. His motion was **seconded**.

Mr. Arthur Olsen spoke in favor of the resolution. The Rev. Joyce Penfield suggested that the Earth Charter be put on website.

The resolution passed with one “nay” vote.

VII. AFFIRMATION OF GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS D025 & C056

RESOLVED, That this 219th Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island encourages every congregation to welcome all people into the Church, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm Resolution C056 (“Liturgies for Blessings”) and D025 (“Commitment and Witness to the Anglican Communion”), concurred in July 2009 by the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we join the General Convention, which in resolution D025 recognized “that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships ‘characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God’ (2000-D039)”, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we join the General Convention in affirming “that God has called and may call such individuals, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church”, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage, in the spirit of Resolution C056, in this Diocese, a “generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church” especially those who seek the Church’s blessing of same-sex relationships, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we join General Convention in honoring “the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality”.

Explanation

These two resolutions, passed by significant majorities in both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops at General Convention this summer, affirm what many of us in the Diocese of Rhode Island know to be true. Our various congregations are blessed by the presence and ministry of gay and lesbian persons in all orders of ministry, who are raising families, serving on vestries, proclaiming the Gospel, serving the poor and enriching our corporate life with their time, talent and treasure. Passing this resolution adds our Diocesan voice to the voice of General Convention, and recognizes the vital contribution that gay and lesbian persons make to the life of this Diocese. The two resolutions (2009-D025 and 2009-C056) are quoted here:

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION 2009-D025

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm the continued participation of The Episcopal Church as a constituent member of the Anglican Communion; give thanks for the work of the bishops at the Lambeth Conference of 2008; reaffirm the abiding commitment of The Episcopal Church to the fellowship of churches that constitute the Anglican Communion and seek to live into the highest degree of communion possible; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention encourage dioceses, congregations, and members of The Episcopal Church to participate to the fullest extent possible in the many instruments, networks and relationships of the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention reaffirm its financial commitment to the Anglican Communion and pledge to participate fully in the Inter-Anglican Budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm the value of “listening to the experience of homosexual persons,” as called for by the Lambeth Conferences of 1978, 1988, and 1998, and acknowledge that through our own listening the General Convention has come to recognize that the baptized membership of The Episcopal Church includes same-sex couples living in lifelong committed relationships “characterized by fidelity, monogamy, mutual affection and respect, careful, honest communication, and the holy love which enables those in such relationships to see in each other the image of God” (2000-D039); and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention recognize that gay and lesbian persons who are part of such relationships have responded to God’s call and have exercised various ministries in and on behalf of God’s One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and are currently doing so in our midst; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention affirm that God has called and may call such individuals, to any ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church, and that God’s call to the ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church is a mystery which the Church attempts to discern for all people through our discernment processes acting in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge that members of The Episcopal Church as of the Anglican Communion, based on careful study of the Holy Scriptures, and in light of tradition and reason, are not of one mind, and Christians of good conscience disagree about some of these matters.

GENERAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION 2009-C056

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, That the 76th General Convention acknowledge the changing circumstances in the United States and in other nations, as legislation authorizing or forbidding marriage, civil unions or domestic partnerships for gay and lesbian persons is passed in various civil jurisdictions that call forth a renewed pastoral response from this Church, and for an open process for the consideration of theological and liturgical resources for the blessing of same gender relationships; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, collect and develop theological and liturgical resources, and report to the 77th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, in consultation with the House of Bishops, devise an open process for the conduct of its work inviting participation from provinces, dioceses, congregations, and individuals who are engaged in such theological work, and inviting theological reflection from throughout the Anglican Communion; and be it further

Resolved, That bishops, particularly those in dioceses within civil jurisdictions where same-gender marriage, civil unions, or domestic partnerships are legal, may provide generous pastoral response to meet the needs of members of this Church; and be it

further

Resolved, That this Convention honor the theological diversity of this Church in regard to matters of human sexuality; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of this Church be encouraged to engage in this effort.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Clare Fischer-Davies – St. Martin's, Providence

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn **moved this resolution**. His motion **was seconded**.

The Rev. Claire Fischer-Davies spoke in favor of the resolution expressing affirmation of Gay and Lesbian persons and their presence and ministry among us.

The Chancellor, Ed Bennett, spoke to the resolution, suggesting that the passing of this resolution may raise some issues. All resolutions apply to every diocese of The Episcopal Church, whether they be affirmed by the diocese or not. [*get copy of the remainder of his remarks*].

The Rev. Phil Tierney spoke in favor General Convention resolution D025. We need to speak to it – incumbent on each diocese to offer a response.

The Rev. Bob Brooks spoke in favor of the resolution and invited folks who are interested to be involved with *Marriage Equality Rhode Island*.

The Rev. Richard Morgan **moved to amend the pending resolution with the following substitute resolution**, titled Affirmation of Humanity

RESOLVED, That this Convention welcome all people regardless of their background.

The amendment was seconded.

The Rev. Alan Gates spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was unanimously rejected.

The resolution passed with some “nays” and one “abstention”.

VIII. COMMUNITY GARDENS

RESOLVED, That each congregation is urged to take a fresh look at its property to discover if there is space that could be used for community gardens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That congregations are urged to expand their outreach by supporting those in their midst who are willing to undertake this ministry of providing fresh produce for those in need.

Explanation

Community gardens can take many forms. A single garden can produce fresh food for meal sites and food pantries. In neighborhoods where individuals do not have space for a garden, small plots can be offered. We would not be pioneers in providing community gardens; resources are available to those who wish to begin this ministry, through the Southside Community Land Trust, the URI Master Gardeners, and others. “I was hungry and you fed me.”

Submitted by

Ms. Caryl S. Frink – Good Shepherd, Pawtucket

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn **moved this resolution**. His motion was **seconded**.

The resolution passed unanimously.

IX. PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED

RESOLVED, That prayers for Christians throughout the world who are being persecuted for their faith be added to the Diocesan prayer list, so prayers will be said for them each week in each parish.

Explanation

Let us pray that God will give to all who are suffering because of their belief in Jesus Christ faith, courage, and protection.

It will also be good to remind all Christians, especially Rhode Island Episcopalians, on a weekly basis that there are still martyrs to the faith in this generation – people who live where their loyalty to Christ imperils their property and lives.

Submitted by

The Rev’d Gordon Stenning – retired

The Resolutions Committee made the following recommendation:

The Resolutions Committee notes that not every congregation makes use of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. On a technical note, our diocese includes both missions and parishes. To remedy these issues, we recommend a substitution for this resolve:

“RESOLVED, That each congregation is urged to pray regularly for persecuted Christians.”

We recommend adoption of this substitute resolution.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn **moved this resolution**. His motion was **seconded**.

The Rev. Gardiner Shattuck **moved to amend the pending resolution with the following substitute resolution:**

RESOLVED, That each congregation in this diocese is urged to pray regularly for people throughout the world who are persecuted on account of their religious beliefs, with special concern for the suffering of Christians.

The **amendment was seconded and unanimously approved.**

The Rev. John Alexander proposed a **friendly amendment**: “That this diocese affirms liberty of conscious and religious freedom as basic human rights of all people; and...” The **amendment was accepted**, resulting in the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this diocese affirms the liberty of conscious and religious freedom as basic human rights of all people; and that each congregation in this diocese is urged to pray regularly for people throughout the world who are persecuted on account of their religious beliefs, with special concern for the suffering of Christians.

The resolution passed unanimously.

X. DIOCESAN CONVENTION JOURNALS

RESOLVED, That the Journals, Audits, Minutes, and Appendices related to Diocesan Conventions since the year 2000 be completed and be made available on the diocesan website and at Diocesan House by December 31, 2009.

Explanation

A number of Journals and related materials from recent Diocesan Conventions are not available. This should be corrected in order to operate our diocese with the same transparency that we wish to see in congregations. Currently, only the Journals from 2002, 2004, and 2005 are available to interested members of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

This resolution asks that the omission of materials from 2003 and the recent omissions of 2006, 2007, and 2008 be corrected soon. For those who may not have Internet access, it is expected that these materials would be available for inspection at Diocesan House.

In addition to the need for transparency in local affairs, the Canon I.6.5(a) of the Episcopal Church requires the submission of Journals to the Secretary of the House of Deputies and to the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Submitted by

The Rev'd Robert Brooks – St. Andrew's, Little Compton
The Rev'd Clare Fischer-Davies – St. Martin's, Providence

The Resolutions Committee recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Rev. Bob Brooks spoke in favor of the resolution.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

The Bishop then recognized Mr. Robert L.G. Batchelor, Diocesan Treasurer to give the **Treasurer's Report** (see appendix B).

Mr. Batchelor expressed gratitude to parishes for their support through apportionment. Expressed gratitude to financial staff of diocese. The DIT lost value between Nov. 2007 and Nov. 2008 (about \$10 million – 33% decline).

Mr. Batchelor proposed the following motion: RESOLVED, That the 2008 Audited Financial Statements of the Diocese of Rhode Island be accepted as presented.

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The Rev. Bob Brooks posed questions to Mr. Batchelor: 1) What is the total return on the DIT for the calendar year? This would be helpful. Mr. Batchelor indicated that he did not know this figure off the top of his head. 2) What if any action is being taken with regards to those who are behind in apportionment payments and their capacity to be seated as delegates at convention. Mr. Batchelor indicated that no one was behind that far. 3) What is the value of the endowments that are used to fund Congregational Development Commission? Mr. Batchelor couldn't answer off the top of his head. 4) What are the market values of the Edwards Homes and the May House/May Cottage properties and what if any plans are being discussed for the redeployment those properties? Mr. Batchelor said that he couldn't speak to plans, which would have to come through the Finance Commission and Diocesan Council and that the diocese has approximate appraisals for those properties, but that he doesn't know the figures off the top of his head. The Rev. Brooks said that he felt it was important for convention to know those figures. The Chancellor, Mr. Ed Bennett, offered a reminder that all those properties are subject to donor restrictions.

The Rev. Joyce Penfield posed a question to Mr. Batchelor with regards to revenue that came from closings/mergers. How much revenue was there for 2008? Mr. Batchelor indicated that Diocesan Council has adopted a structure and set of policies to deal with mergers/closings of parishes. As assets from closings take place, the value of those comes to the diocese. If those properties are sold, the proceeds go into an account which is specified under the policy statement adopted by council and those monies would be sitting in the DIT or sometimes in some short-term investments, which you would see on the balance sheet as part of the total cash. The Bishop commented that a large percentage of those proceeds goes to the merged entity, not into the general purposes of the diocese.

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. J. Gregory Prior to give the **Report of the Committee on Program and Budget** (see appendix).

The Rev. Prior introduced the members of the Committee on Program & Budget and the staff who have supported the Committee. He expressed gratitude to all those who worked so hard on this triennial budget, especially in light of current economic conditions.

The Rev. Prior on behalf of the Committee on Program and Budget presented what he called a "significantly trimmed-down budget", one that would allow for a decrease in parish apportionment. The budget reflects a reduction of ½% to 17% for 2010. Much cost-cutting took place during the present triennium, especially with regards to the diocesan staff, which was restructured to reduce

personnel costs. The proposed budget would include no staff salary increases over the course of the triennium. The proposed budget also recommends phasing out the funding of the ACI prison chaplaincy. A very significant aspect of cost-cutting has been through a restructuring of the Episcopal Conference Center, resulting in very significant savings. The only new initiative included in the proposed budget is to strengthen the Hispanic Ministry through the funding of a new assistant clergy person for the Hispanic Ministry beginning in 2010.

The Rev. Prior made the following motion, which was seconded:

RESOLVED, That the Budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island with an apportionment percentage of 17% for calendar years 2010 through 2012 is hereby approved and adopted as presented; and that for the purposes of Apportionment for the fiscal years 2010-2012, income of each parish, organized mission and congregation of the Cathedral Corporation shall be an amount equal to “Total Normal Operating Income”, as set forth in the report known as the Parochial Report for The Episcopal Church, less deductions approved by Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Rhode Island (“Income”) for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the applicable budget year.

The Rev. Bob Brooks **moved to amend the resolution** in the following way: “That the Budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island for calendar year 2010...” This would be to approve the budget for only one year. The Rev. Brooks spoke in support of the amendment, saying that with the passing of resolution #3 it would be advisable for us to only pass a budget for one year, to allow us time to deal with some big strategic questions that we’re facing.

The Rev. Alan Gates spoke in favor of the amendment, saying that this amendment would not prohibit the proposed triennial budget from being used as a plan even though it would not be an approved triennial budget.

The Rev. Michael Coburn **moved to amend the amendment** with the following addition: “notwithstanding the forgoing, this convention reaffirms its commitment to fund the hiring of a second Hispanic Missioner for the next three years to enable us to meet our goal of two new church plants in the coming triennium.” His motion was seconded.

The Rev. Peter Mayer spoke to the proposed amendment to the amendment, saying that the task force should not be bound in this way and that he trusted the task force to provide adequately for the needs of the Hispanic Ministry.

The amendment to the amendment was rejected.

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn spoke in favor of the original amendment. A one-year budget makes sense. We can pass a one-year budget and continue to think strategically.

Mr. Bob Batchelor spoke to the amendment. A budget is an indication of a plan over a period of time. These three-year budgets have never been viewed as a static document and have always been subject to change over time (i.e. not cast in stone).

The amendment was approved with a few “nay” votes.

The Rev. Scott Gunn asked if the individual details of staff salaries could be posted for purposes of transparency.

Mr. Ty Creason indicated that the detailed budget is already on the website.

The Rev. Craig Burlington **moved to amend the pending resolution** with the following addition: “That the proposed budget is amended for 2010 an expenditure of apportionment funds or other funds for ACI Prison ministry at the same rate as the 2009 budget.” His motion was seconded.

Mr. Bob Batchelor then offered a chart from the budget indicating the numbers for the funding of ACI Chaplaincy.

The Rev. Dn. Ricky Brightman spoke in support of the amendment.

The Rev. Jennifer Phillips spoke in favor of the ammendment, asserting that we should view the prison ministry as a mission congregation. She said that it is a vibrant congregation of both long-term and transient members, and that it is making new Christians at a phenomenal rate.

The Rev. Alan Gates would like to clarify: Is it a correct assumption that should this amendment pass any remaining amount that needs to be paid would come from an increase in apportionment? Are there alternative funds to pay for this ministry for one year?

The Rev. John Prior said there are no reserve funds and apportionment would have to be changed back to 17.5%.

Ms. Tiffany Cogden spoke in support of the amendment and suggested a pay freeze on all diocesan staff salaries. The Bishop clarified that there is already a freeze in all three years of the proposed budget. The additional monies (\$11,500) shown are for the occasional hiring of “Kelly help”.

The Rev. Joyce Penfield said she wanted to add few things for clarity: not all monies go for salary and benefits; some of the monies (\$5,450) go to provision of bibles for worship books and other materials. She said that none of the money designated in the budget for the Rhode Island Council of Churches goes to prison ministry. She invited everyone to visit and/or volunteer with ACI.

Ms. Tiffany Cogden questioned the expense increase in the Office of the Budget and proposed that there be a freeze on these expenses.

Mr. Ron Turnbull, Diocesan Comptroller, said that the Convention floor is not the place to go into detailed discussions about the proposed budget.

The Rev. Jim Bocchino asked for clarification: with the resolution as it stands, would it be impossible to fund this fully for the year without changing apportionment back to 17.5% without pulling from other ministries? Mr. Batchelor said “Yes, that’s correct.”

Mr. Sal Lombardy spoke in favor of the resolution.

The amendment to the resolution was passed with a few “nays”.

The Rev. John Prior **moved to amend the pending resolution** so that it would read “That the budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island with an apportionment percentage of 17.5%...” The motion was seconded.

The Rev. Bob Brooks spoke in opposition of the amendment, saying that it represents a false choice.

The amendment was rejected, resulting in the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Budget of the Diocese of Rhode Island with an apportionment percentage of 17% for calendar year 2010 and an amended expenditure of apportionment funds or other funds for ACI Prison ministry at the same rate as the 2009 budget is hereby approved and adopted as presented; and that for the purposes of Apportionment for the fiscal year 2010, income of each parish, organized mission and congregation of the Cathedral Corporation shall be an amount equal to “Total Normal Operating Income”, as set forth in the report known as the Parochial Report for The Episcopal Church, less deductions approved by Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Rhode Island (“Income”) for the second fiscal year immediately preceding the applicable budget year.

The resolution passed with a few “nays”.

The Bishop then recognized The Very Rev. Harry Krauss to give the **Report for the Cathedral Close**.

The Very Rev. Krauss said that he and the Bishop have been discussing how to best do ministry on the Cathedral Close. A committee was put together, including representatives from the Cathedral, Diocesan House, Hallworth House, the Edwards Homes, the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council. They met together with a number of things in mind. It was an invitation by the bishop to be visionary with regards to the city block that is the Cathedral Close.

The Very Rev. Krauss introduced John Grovener of Newport Collaborative Architects, who introduced his partner Michael Abbot and Don Laden of Gates, Laden Landscape Architects. Mr. Grovener offered a powerpoint presentation on a design concept for the property.

Bishop Wolf announced that she and the Dean will take this process to the next step by consulting with the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council.

The Bishop then recognized The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick, Ms. Caryl Frink and Mr. Dee Tavolaro to give the **Report of Deputies to General Convention**.

A video about General Convention was shown.

Mr. Dee Tavolaro shared her reflections on General Convention.

The Bishop called on The Rev. Gary Lemery to offer a report on the **Disaster Preparedness Plan Task Force**.

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

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

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

Resolved, that The Rt. Rev. David Joslin, Mr. Charles Lee, and Ms. Mary Daly are hereby elected to the Commission on Investments each for a term of three years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that The Rev. James Bocchino and Mr. Sydney Clifford are hereby elected to the Ecclesiastical Trial Court each for a term of four years, and The Rev. Everett Greene for a term of one year and until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that The Rev. David Lucey, The Rev. Christopher Epperson, Ms. Lavonne Seifert, and Ms. Phoebe Pettingill, each for a term of three years, Ms. Carol Anne Bennett for a term of two years, and The Rev. Dn. Janice Grinnell and Ms. Karen Runner, each for a term of one year, are hereby confirmed as members of the Commission on Ministry and until their successors are chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

Resolved, that The Rev. Casey Shobe is hereby confirmed as a member of the Commission on Congregational Development for a term of three years and until his successor is chosen and qualified, death, resignation, or removal, whichever shall first occur.

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

All resolutions passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Resolved, that the 219th Diocesan Convention expresses its appreciation to our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf and her husband Thomas Bair, and assures them of our affection, prayers and support for their ministry among us, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to The Rt. Rev. David Joslin, Assisting Bishop of Rhode Island, for his continued ministry within our diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings and warm affection to The Rt. Rev. John Zawo and the Diocese of Ezo, our ne companion diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings and warm affection to The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins and the Diocese of Louisiana, our companion diocese, as it continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and be it further

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

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

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich, Christ Church in Lincoln and Christ Church in Westerly on their 175th anniversaries, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates The Rev. Frederick Jellison on the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; The Rev. Paul Twelves on the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; and The Revs. James Frink, Marshall Rice, and Edward Winsor on the 50th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its heartfelt thanks for the ministry of the recently closed mission of the Church of the Epiphany in Providence and soon to be closed Calvary Church in Pascoag, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention heartily supports the recent mergers of St. Mary's Church in Warwick with St. Barnabas' Church in Warwick; and Christ Church in Coventry with St. Matthias' Church in Coventry, now know as St. Francis' Church, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the members of Diocesan staff; we also welcome Ruth Meter as our new Communications Officer and wish Sue Hurn a wonderful retirement; and we are grateful to Peggy Amatore and Joan DeCelles who continue to serve our diocese in countless ways after more than 27 years, 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 especially to Catherine Thenault, who has provided the PowerPoint presentations for several years.

All Courtesy Resolutions passed unanimously.

The Bishop offered a closing blessing and dismissed Convention.

219TH CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND
24 OCTOBER 2009
ADDRESS TO CONVENTION
THE RIGHT REVEREND GERALYN WOLF

“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.” 1Corinthians 16:13

First and foremost, thank you, thank you to each of you who give so generously of your time and talents to the ministry of the Church, both in your congregation, and for the benefit of the diocese as a whole. We come together to give thanks for the blessings of this life so generously given to us by our beloved Jesus; for the renewal of friendships and the meeting of new people; and to face together the important realities that challenge our church and call forth our creative and faithful response.

We gather at a time when unemployment in our state is 13% and parishes and people are anxious about economic security. Budgets are very tight, and some churches have had to reduce staff and programs. Church leaders are concerned about membership, stewardship, decreasing income from endowments, and the viability of our congregations over time.

We know that the familiar church is passing away. I do not mean that The Church — the Body of Christ — is dying, but that our human structure of the earthly church is troubled and we are being called to discover a re-formed character. And, while there are many visions of this “new” church, and many books and speakers have sparked our imagination, we have yet to grasp adequately an expression of the faith that is both rooted in our historic beliefs and traditions and coherent for these changing times and the culture of New England.

I believe that we are living in the throws of a corporate Holy Saturday. Jesus’ body has been removed from the cross, and the promised rebuilding of the temple has yet to occur. Holy Saturday is the day when nothing seems to be happening, only mourning and sadness, and grasping at what will come next. Every main line denomination, including the Roman Catholic Church and Jewish communities has lost a significant number of members, and 15% of the population claims no religious identity at all. We are not alone in this season of anxiety. Christendom in the Western world is mourning for what was lost and not quite sure of what is to come; grieving as Cathedrals become tourist attractions and pews are empty on Sunday morning.

Holy Saturday, is a time of anxious waiting: faithful to Jesus and his promises, uncertain as to how and when they will occur, but endlessly bound to his Risen Life.

In times like this it is important to remain faithful and vigilant because the Evil One “prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour,” knowing that in our anxiety we are vulnerable to unproductive behaviors.

One of these is to become insular, focused on our particular congregation, concerned more with survival than with proclamation. We all know that in turning inward, we are neither salt nor light for others. As a church, we need to be keenly aware of the world around us and the conditions which characterize our age. We need to go apart with God in stillness, and into the world with vigorous faith.

Another behavior to which we are vulnerable is to blame others for our situation. Casting fault provides temporary emotional relief, but it does not address the underlying problems, and is a way of escaping the truth and responsibilities of a given situation.

When Jesus was crucified he did not focus on himself but on Mary, his mother, John his disciple, and the two thieves crucified with him. We do not hear him uttering words of blame, only forgiveness, blessing and hope.

Inspired by Jesus' response, I have the gall to think that this is one of the most challenging and engaging times to be a Christian, an Episcopalian, and part of the Anglican Communion. I believe that God is doing something new across Christendom, and if this is a time of grave uncertainty perhaps it is because the trumpet is sounding and a wake-up call is arousing us from our complacency.

I am encouraged by signs of new life in our diocese, exemplified by ten characteristics of congregations that are experiencing significant transformation.

1. They changed their attitude. They got honest with themselves, owning their responsibilities. Instead of acting as victims they re-set their vision;
2. They are people of abundance instead of scarcity. They speak of God's blessings in their life, of gratitude and thankfulness. They experience the joy of giving instead of complaining that they don't have enough;
3. They place a high priority on Christian formation for all ages, acknowledging that informed believers make faithful disciples;
4. They see new comers not as sources of money, but as people who are seeking a Christ-centered community;
5. They create an environment of mutual responsibility member to member, organization to organization;
6. They develop achievable goals, and rely upon shared ministry to accomplish them;
7. They move from triangulation and gossip to effective ways of communication;
8. They unashamedly give voice to the core of the Christian faith: to the sinful failings of the human condition, redeemed through the transforming love of the Word made Flesh.
9. They use new technologies in the service of evangelism and proclamation, and
10. They expect people to worship every Sunday; hearing the Word of God, and receiving the Bread of Life.

No church has all of these characteristics, but each church has some. I invite every Vestry and Bishop's Mission Committee to reflect seriously on these ten signs of congregational vitality.

Stewardship and Evangelism are two key words for our Diocese today.

Imagine the witness of our ancestors, who gave money towards the building of our churches, schools, orphanage, and nursing homes; who gave memorials of bibles and prayer books, statues, and pews. Some donors were people of great means, but most were working people, immigrants, who thanked God every day for their blessings. They were people of vision and sacrifice, creating a church for their own time and for generations to come.

What would it look like for us to follow their example and contribute significantly, joyfully, so that the mission of the church will flourish today, and in future generations? This is a critical question for our diocese, for it challenges our spiritual attitude towards money. Scripture tell us that if the gifts are freely given, the ministry will prosper, if not the tree will be pruned.

Another challenge for us is membership? I've never visited a church that didn't want new members, and by extension more money. But, Jesus didn't send out the seventy-two to balance the budget, but to

baptize, to invite people to let go of their old lives and to experience new life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

It is shown that the most effective evangelism is relational, people inviting people to church. However, there are new forms of invitation, using internet techniques, to bring people together around various interests and events.

Some congregations support mission trips, soup kitchens, suppers and fairs as events to encourage participation. Regardless of the method, the goal of our evangelism must be rooted in faith filled invitation and incorporation, for we live in a highly spiritual age and it is the spiritual life for which people hunger.

If you search the internet for either Stewardship or Evangelism you will find an amazing array of ideas and opportunities.

As a diocese, we have had committees, special speakers, and programs, on both these topics and have supported attendance at Province I and national events. Our next opportunity to gain the tools for effective ministry is at Diocesan Convocation, this coming February. However, it is in the local church that ideas are transformed into action.

Soon, we will be presented with a new three year budget, developed over the past year, in which everyone was invited to participate during three hearings held last Spring. It is tight, it is manageable, and it speaks to our commitment to do those ministries which are best done as a diocese through our common giving. However, we can't do everything; we cannot fulfill the whole of the gospel mandate. No diocese or congregation has the resources to do it all, but as members of Christ's Body the whole church attempts to do the whole ministry, in which we play our part.

Our goal is to focus on the priorities we have set, with a commitment to growing our churches and increasing our stewardship, and from time to time to evaluate and clarify our direction, knowing that it is better to do a few things well, than attempt more than is possible.

Our apportionment dollars form our common purse for mission. One of the ministries we fund together is Hispanic ministry. We now have two congregations, and what may be news to you is that they have a combined average Sunday attendance of 260 people, with one priest between the two churches. Our proposed diocesan budget for the next three years includes funding for one additional bi-lingual full time priest, the planting of two new Hispanic congregations, and the strengthening of our call to urban ministry.

On the administrative side of the budget, we have the smallest staff in over 40 years, and I cannot say enough about their faithfulness, professionalism, incredibly hard work and dedication. They are true Christian servants, whose goal is to help and assist our churches in carrying out God's mission. Some have suggested that we need to increase our number, and I agree, but not now. Staff compensation, set in the 2010 budget, will remain largely unchanged for three years unless there is a change in our financial situation.

Every church in our diocese has people who are creative thinkers, good cooks, technologically savvy, visionary, hospitable, welcoming, Christ-focused: all the gifts necessary for effective ministry in a new age, and these gifts need to be placed on the lamp stand so that they are used for the challenges at hand.

I believe that we are on the threshold of a new resurrection in the Church, but it is up to all of us to leave the tombs of our hesitation, roll back the rock of nostalgia, and discover what the Risen Lord wants for the extension of his reign in the world of today. It will not be the church of our memories, but a different, authentic expression of God's kingdom in our midst.

Year after year, I offer a Convention Address only to watch it evaporate into thin air. This year, I invite you to share this with the leaders of your church, paying particular attention to four parts: what it means to live in Holy Saturday, the ten characteristics of transforming churches, new models for evangelism, and what you're going to do about your attitude toward money.

It is important that we listen to each other's thoughts on these topics, and engage in conversation for the purpose of sharing ideas, and strengthening mutual ministry. To this end, I extend an invitation to everyone who has discussed these four points in their church, to join me for breakfast and conversation on Saturday, January 16, at 8:30AM, at the Cathedral.

Listen to a section of the Collect for Holy Saturday. ... Grant [O, Lord that] as the crucified body of your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life.... (BCP, 221)

The Christian message is a message of newness of life and eternal hope. "We need believers who are informed, engaged, missional, and faithful."

[The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence] We need generous spirits, thankful hearts, and works of mercy, so that our Holy Saturday will lead to the Feast of Resurrection.

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.

Frank Hemeon	Dorothy Young
Anne Marie Scallin	Mrs. Brooks Wall
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Richard James Munro	Janice Clark
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REPORT OF THE TELLERS

The Rev. Philip Tierney, Chair of the Elections Committee then presented a slate of nominations for election:

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

The candidates:

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick*

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

The Hon. Scott Avedisian*

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

The Rev. Scott A. Gunn*

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

Ms. Modesta Pellot*

Mr. Dennis Stark*

Commission on Finance. Choose 1 from the Lay order. 3-year term.

Mr. Robert E. Bergstrand*

Commission on Congregational Development: Choose 1 from the Clerical order. 3-year term.

The Rev. Christopher Pappas*

Commission on Congregational Development: Choose 1 from the Lay order.

3-year term.

Ms. Carol S. Drought*

*Since the number of nominees for all open positions equals the number of vacancies to be filled, Convention voted by acclamation to accept all as nominated.

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Sr. Warden: Martha Parks

Administrator: Deb Mahoney

North Providence St. Alban's (See CENTREDALE)

North Providence St. James

474 Fruit Hill Avenue, 02911-2636 353-2079
Clergy: Alcide Barnaby; Susan North Sr. Warden: Virginia Bernstein
Treasurer: Joan Collins

North Scituate Trinity ■

251 Danielson Pike, 02857-1906 647-2322
www.trinityepiscopalonline.org • nstrinity@aol.com (Fax) 647-5158
Clergy: Pamela S. Gregory Sr. Warden: Elizabeth Maggio
Treasurer: Joseph Carnevale Administrator: Nancy Fullerton

Pawtucket Church of the Good Shepherd ■

490 Broadway, 02860-1340 723-0408
www.cgsri.com • rector.goodshepherdchurch1@verizon.net
Clergy: Gardiner Shattuck Sr. Warden: Roberta Cook
Treasurer: Carol Keiser Administrator: Carol Jones

Pawtucket St. Luke's

670 Weeden Street, 02860-1649 723-9216
www.stlukespawtucket.org • admin@stlukespawt.org
Clergy: Dennis Bucco Sr. Warden: Robert Lundgren
Treasurer: Barbara Stevenson Administrator: Elaine Oliveira

Pawtucket St. Paul's □

50 Park Place, 02860-4010 728-4300
www.stpaulspawtucket.org • office@stpaulspawtucket.org (Fax) 728-4318
Clergy: William Locke, Betsy Lesieur Sr. Warden: Mark Force
Treasurer: M. Carrie Ruo Administrator: Debbie Smith

Portsmouth St. Mary's ■

324 East Main Road, 02871-2113 846-9700
www.smcportsmouth.org • smc@smportsmouth.org
Clergy: Pamela Mott; Daryl Stahl Sr. Warden: Beverly Hall
Treasurer: J. Peter Marnane Administrator: Martha Hultgren

Portsmouth St. Paul's □

2679 East Main Road, 02871-2613 683-1164
www.stpaulsportsmouthri.org • lindaremdean@earthlink.net
Clergy: Sr. Warden: Linda Remington
Treasurer: Robert Gessler Administrator:

Providence All Saints' Memorial ■

674 Westminster Street, 02903-4066 751-1747
www.allsaintsmemorial.com • asmcri@verizon.net (Fax) 273-4205
Clergy: Michael Coburn Sr. Warden: Daniel Mechnig
Treasurer: Robert Wells Secretary: Grace E. Malaby

Providence Cathedral of St. John □

271 North Main Street, 02903-1237 331-4622
• info@cathedralofstjohn.org (Fax) 831-8425
Clergy: Harry Krauss, Barbara Mays-Stock, Mark Warter Sr. Warden: Leah Nastasi
Treasurer: Samuel Dorbor Administrator: Virginia Williams-LaBoy

Providence Grace □

175 Mathewson Street, 02903-3499 331-3225
www.gracechurchprovidence.org • (Fax) 331-3247
Clergy: J. Gregory Prior; Richard Bardusch Sr. Warden: David Seifert
Treasurer: Mary Kesson Administrators: Carolina Boyle

Providence Church of the Redeemer ■

655 Hope Street, 02906-2652 331-0678
www.churchofredeemer.net • redeemer-prov@cox.net (Fax) 331-0678
Clergy: Jo-Ann J. Drake, Judith Collins Sr. Warden: W. Grant Willis
Treasurer: Joseph DiPalma

Providence Misión Iglesia El Mesías □

271 North Main Street, 02903-1237 440-6046
• revjroberts@yahoo.com
Clergy: José Roberts Sr. Warden: Doris De LosSantos
Treasurer: José Rosario

Providence St. Martin's ■

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

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

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

Providence S. Stephen's

114 George Street, 02906-1189 421-6702
www.sstephens.org • office@sstephens.necoxmail.com (Fax) 421-6703
Clergy: John D. Alexander, Michael G. Tuck Sr. Warden: Richard Noble
Treasurer: Brian Ehlers Administrator: Cory MacLean

Riverside St. Mark's ■

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

Saunderstown Chapel of St. John the Divine

Church Way at Willett Road 295-0193
Mail to: P.O. Box 541, 02874-0541 (Fax) 667-0098
www.stjohnschurchway.org • lori@stjohnschurchway.org
Clergy: Sr. Warden: M. Locke Webster
Treasurer: Patricia Williams Administrator: Lori Jackson

Tiverton Holy Trinity ■

1956 Main Road, 02878-4698 624-4759
www.holytrinitychurch.org • htcoffice@cox.net
Clergy: Alan Gates Sr. Warden: Felicia Desmarais-Toupin
Treasurer: David Brower Administrator: Cindy Cwalina

Wakefield Church of the Ascension ■

370 Main Street, 02879 783-2911
..... (Fax) 789-0792
www.AscensionWakefield.org • AscensionW@verizon.net
Clergy: Susan Stiles; Nancy Willis Sr. Warden: Peg Collins
Treasurer: William Kelly Administrator: Marjorie Perkins

Warren St. Mark's

21 Lyndon Street
Mail to: 16 School Street, 02885-3322 245-3161
www.stmarkswarren.org • stmarksri@yahoo.com
Clergy: James Verber Sr. Warden: John Donahue
Treasurer: Katherine Tappero Administrator: Diane Donahue

Warwick All Saints' □

111 Greenwich Avenue, 02886-1279 739-1238
• revdev@bryant.edu
Clergy: Philip Devens, Iris Mello Sr. Warden: Alfred Liddle, III
Treasurer: Floyd Smith Secretary: Susan Rouvelas

Warwick St. Barnabas □

3257 Post Road, 02886-7196 737-4141
www.StBarnabasWarwick.org • parishadmin@stbarnabaswarwick.org
..... (Fax) 739-1795
Clergy: John Pallard Sr. Warden: Heidi Seddon
Treasurer: Stanley Schofield Administrator: Cheryl Andrews

Warwick St. Mark's ■

111 West Shore Road, 02889-1102 737-3127
www.stmarksri.org • stmarksri@yahoo.com
Clergy: Susan Wrathall Sr. Warden: Roy Lautieri
Treasurer: Shirley Kolarik Secretary: Florence Scott

Westerly Christ Church □

7 Elm Street, 02891-2198 596-0197
www.christchurchwesterly.org • christ-church@verizon.net ... (Fax) 596-6529
Clergy: Christopher Pappas; M.P. Schneider Sr. Warden: Shirley Andrews
Treasurer: Frederick Eaton Administrator: Jeanne MacLaughlin
Secretary: Linda Nolf

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

Woonsocket St. James'

24 Hamlet Avenue, 02895-4427 762-2222
www.stjameswoonsocket.org • stjamesw@cox.net (Fax) 762-2230
Clergy: Eletha Buote-Greig Sr. Warden: Robert Larder
Treasurer: Joyce Meleley Administrator: Diane Cardin

OFFICIAL ACTS: NOVEMBER 2, 2008 – OCTOBER 18, 2009

Visitations

Nov.	2 nd	All Saints', Warwick
	9 th	Church of the Redeemer, Providence
	16 th	Calvary, Pascoag
	23 rd	St. Matthew's, Barrington
Dec.	7 th	St. Columba's, Middletown
	14 th	St. Paul's, North Kingstown
Jan.	18 th	Trinity, Cranston
Feb.	8 th	St. Mary's, East Providence
	15 th	St. Paul's, Pawtucket
March	8 th	St. George's, Central Falls
	22 nd	Church of the Holy Spirit, Charlestown
	29 th	St. Mary's & St. Barnabas, Warwick
April	5 th	St. Mary's, Portsmouth
	19 th	St. Alban's, Centredale
	26 th	St. James, North Providence
May	3 rd	St. Peter & St. Andrew, Providence
	10 th	Christ Church, Lincoln
	17 th	S. Stephen's, Providence
June	14 th	St. Ann's-by-the-Sea, Block Island
	21 st	St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea, Little Compton
Sept.	13 th	St. Thomas, Alton
	20 th	Church of the Good Shepherd, Pawtucket Mision El Mesias, Providence
Oct.	11 th	Church of the Transfiguration, Cranston
	18 th	Emmanuel, Cumberland

Confirmations/ Receptions

December 6, 2008 – Cathedral of St. John

May 2, 2009 – Cathedral of St. John

April 9, 2009 – Cathedral of St. John

Confirmations 107

Receptions 23

Reaffirmations 0

Postulants

Patrick Greene

Joyce Thorne

Rebecca Binns Gettel

Candidates

M.P. Schneider

Ordinations

The Rev. Susan Carpenter - Priesthood

The Rev. Dcn. Anne Burke – Permanent Diaconate

Letters Dimissory In

Robert Casey Shobe 11/24/2008

David J. Lucey 2/11/2009

John J. Pallard 4/9/2009

R. Trent Fraser 6/2/2009

Letters Dimissory Out

Russell G. Ruffino 11/25/2008

Mary Ellen Dolan 1/15/2009

Mary A. Canavan 1/22/2009

Roy D. Green 2/20/2009

Elaine A. Cole 4/28/2009

Loring W. Chadwick 5/19/2009

Jennifer K. West 10/8/2009

Report of the Standing Committee to Diocesan Convention
October 24, 2009

Standing Committee Members: 2008-2009

Clerical

The Rev'd Jennifer K. West (resigned 1/09)
The Rev'd William Locke
The Rev'd Pamela Mott
The Rev'd Stephanie Shoemaker

Lay

Frank Cook
Caryl Frink
Fran Gammell-Roach
Lora MacFall

The Rev'd Jennifer West was elected President and the Rev'd William Locke was elected Secretary at the November 2008 meeting. Upon being called to a parish in Ohio, the Rev'd Jennifer West resigned as President, and the Rev'd William Locke was elected President at the January 2009 meeting. Ms. Caryl Frink was then elected Secretary.

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

Consented to the:

- election and consecration of the Rev'd Herman Hollerith IV as Diocesan Bishop of Southern Virginia
- election and consecration of the Rev'd James Scott Mayer as Diocesan Bishop of Northwest Texas
- election of two Bishops Suffragan of Los Angeles
- election of a Bishop Coadjutor of Springfield

Withheld consent to the election and consecration of the Rev'd Kevin G. Thew-Forrester as Diocesan Bishop of Northern Michigan.

The Standing Committee confirmed the dates of October 23 and 24, 2009 for Diocesan Convention.

The Standing Committee attested to:

- the renunciation of ministry of the Rev'd Livingston Merchant
- the renunciation of ministry of the Rev'd Dcn. Robert Field
- the renunciation of ministry of the Rev'd Jonathan Ostman
- the renunciation of ministry of the Rev'd Dcn. Sue Crowninshield

The Standing Committee approved:

- Patrick Greene for Candidacy for ordination to the priesthood
- Joyce Thorne for Candidacy for ordination to the vocational diaconate
- Anne Burke for ordination to the vocational diaconate

The Standing Committee consented to the action of the Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF changing the status of St. Mark's Church, Warren from parish to organized mission as provide for in Canon 10.7 (RI).

The Standing Committee approved:

- entering into a lease for the installation of a cell phone antenna in the tower of St. Thomas, Greenville
- St. Barnabas, Warwick becoming the sole member of St. Mary's, Warwick as part of their merger process

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev'd William Locke, President

COMMISSION ON CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2009, the Commission on Congregational Development focused on three tasks: granting monies to congregations for transformational program and ministry; strategic planning and building resources for congregational use.

Monetary grants were given out to Ascension, Cranston, St. George's, Central Falls and Mision El Mesias in Providence. Ascension asked for a grant to begin the Royal Academy of Sacred Music program. St. George's asked for a grant to hire two additional musicians and purchase equipment for their music program. El Mesias asked for a grant to fund a youth/music program, including money for staffing and equipment. We continued to work with churches who have received grant money in the past, including Christ Church, Lincoln and Holy Trinity, Tiverton.

Much time was spent discussing the resources that would best serve our congregations and help them to grow. Through the year, it became evident that stewardship is one of our biggest failures. Steps will be taken to better provide resources in this area in the upcoming year. Representatives from the commission met with congregational leadership at churches such as St. Thomas, Greenville to discuss growth and change. We feel that direct relationship with vestries and clergy leaders in the parish will help the commission's goal of growing churches.

The commission also sponsored a clergy day in September of 2009 to discuss the direction of our diocese. The goal was to attain consensus around a vision of what clergy hope for our diocese. While consensus was not reached, the discussion did result in a resolution that was passed at the 2009 Diocesan Convention that would create a task force to examine and reassess our diocesan priorities.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Peter W. Mayer
Chair, Commission on Congregational Development

Campus Ministry at URI, Kingston from St. Augustine's Church/EpiCenter 2009

Current university student enrollment: Has been rising by about 400 per year and in 2008 was 15,904. In 2009 -16,087 students. They come from 55 U.S. states and territories, and 65 countries. **Faculty and staff:** about 4000 persons

Ongoing participation:

Monthly meeting of the multi faith URI Chaplains' Association Meetings

Mentor to 'Students of AMF' peer bereavement support group

URI Supports Veterans monthly strategic planning group

Taught class on Protestant Christianity for World Religions Course

Chaired URI Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects' Research

Family and peer support for students deaths

Vocational discernment and support for 6 students;

Pastoral care on drop-in basis for about 20 students per semester (around pregnancy, relationships, spirituality, faith crisis, abuse recovery, estrangement from church, addiction issues, academic pressure, grief & loss, family issues, cultural dislocation, loneliness, sexuality)

Spring semester- rector co-led biweekly meditation group

St. Augustine's EpiCenter:

Sent a student representative to Episcopal Church Youth Leadership Team and a Student representative to Province I Campus Ministry Planning Team in 2009.

Chaplaincy Association & EpiCenter Programs Offered:

January

Martin Luther King Jr. week events & Unity Lunch & peacemaker award

Multi faith MLK service of prayer & celebration

February

Interfaith Panel Program- on being religiously observant (70 students)

March

Helped conduct Interfaith Peace Service

"Traces of the Trade" film showing & discussion (50 students)

"Chat with the Chaplains" program

April

8 Welcome & Transfer Days for new students

"Spiritual Roundtable" in Memorial Union - chaplains available to chat

Participate in faculty funeral

Campus Ministry strategy meeting with RISCC

Attend University President farewell event

May

email support for exam period

June

Chaplains Label & Mail 4000 religious preference cards to incoming class

Staff religious life table at 6 orientation days
Attend Incoming President reception
4 Orientation Days for prospective students

August

Rector Attended Human Subjects Research Ethics Education conference

September

Welcome Back BBQ

Student Activities Fair

“Traces of the Trade” program for Diversity Week (~60 students)

October

Offered a service of prayer for animal workers

November

Food For Thanks drive for Jonnycake Center Pantry (91 dinner baskets)

Student and young adult supper at the rectory & instructed house Mass

Began Baptismal preparation for 3 Chinese students

email support for exam period

As a small church also working on congregational development we have scant resources for the big task of providing pastoral care and programming and evangelism to the huge campus, and we have been trying to make our grant funds go as far as possible. We are pleased to have been able to offer what is described above and welcome participation from other parishes.

Campus Ministry Grant money from 2008 expended in 2009 to date

Advertising:	265.19
Event speaker:	150.00
Chaplains' Assoc. Dues	125.00
Campus Facilities use	100.00
Event food	95.00
Posters, postage, printing	164.49
Telephone	<u>12.41</u>
	912.09

Remaining grant balance \$2,399 9/30/09

Projected for remainder of 2009:

Chaplains' semester dues	125.00
Food	100.00
Posters/postage/printing	<u>100.00</u>
Projected year total:	1237.09
Projected year end balance:	1162.00

Planned for 2010:

Advertising	400.00
Events/speakers	250.00
Food	200.00
Chaplains' assoc. dues	250.00
Office supplies/mailings	<u>162.00</u>
Projected balance	0

THE EPISCOPAL CHARITIES FUND OF RHODE ISLAND

2009 Annual Report to Diocesan Convention

The Board of Trustees, all committees and parish charities volunteers completed their work both in fundraising and outreach efforts. Grant distributions in the amount of \$451,355 were given to 111 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 \$511,355 to assist people in crisis, need and desperate situations for the year 2009.

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 and Ed Bailey 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, 2009. Organizations throughout Rhode Island had an opportunity to honor their valued volunteers as "Partners in Philanthropy". The Rev. Deacon Dorothy (Ricky) Brightman and The Rev. Deacon Edwin (Ted) Hallenbeck both of 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.

Diocesan Institutions

EDWARDS HOMES (Benefit St., Providence).....274-4505
Mail to: 66 Benefit St., Providence RI 02904
Contact: Kathleen M. Lavallee

EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE CENTER.....568-4055
872 Reservoir Rd., Pascoag RI 02859..... (Fax) 568-7805
Youth Programming: MaryAnn Kolakowski
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 COMMUNITY

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

ST. ELIZABETH HOME, East Greenwich RI
ST. ELIZABETH MANOR, Bristol RI
ST. ELIZABETH COURT, Providence RI
ST. ELIZABETH PLACE, Providence, RI

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: Carlene Casciano-McCann

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, 2009

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

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

Lorraine M. Mills-Curran	Brazilian Ministry development; Christian Ed. coordinator
Hedwig B. Neale	Retired; outreach to seniors.
Eloise Neilsen	Retired; active with Order of Julian
Elizabeth Nestor, M.D.	Emergency dept, RIH
Janet Worth Nunley	Supply in Region II Diocese of NY
Nancy Olmsted	Retired;
Ceilia C. Perry	Chaplain, Hallworth House, Providence; no report submitted.
Paul Pickens	Retired
Pamela Rannenberg	Chaplain, Butler Hospital
Marshall T. Rice	Retired
David A. Ryan	Retired.
Richard Schweinsburg	Military Chaplain
Keith E. Scott	Retired; preaching, teaching, pastoral care @ St. Andrew's, Albany
Marcia A. Sessions	Supply
Robert L. Shearer	Interim Rector St. Peter's, Morristown, NJ; no report submitted.
Marlene J. Simonian	Retired; no report submitted.
Richard R. Simpson	Supply
Peter L. Spencer	Retired; Chaplain St. Elizabeth Home; Supply
Frederick J. Spulnik	Retired; volunteer work
Gordon J. Stenning	Eucharist to nursing homes; supply
Linda Strahan	Pastoral Counseling and supply work
Edward Trafford	Retired0
Henry G. Turnbull	Retired
Paul Twelves	Retired; Supply; part-time interim priest at 2 parishes
Paula Ulanowski	Retired; no report submitted

Robert Vanderau	retired; supply and help with administration
James L. Verber	Long term Supply, St. Mark's, Warren no report submitted
George Warren	retired; supply; no report submitted.
Peter H.G. Westthorp	Associate Regulatory Affairs Specialist for medical devices.
Gail Wheelock	Retired;
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; school volunteer

Canonically Resident Clergy
as of June 30, 2009

<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
BURGER, Timothy	10/8/2008 Atlanta
BURKE, J. Daniel	2/19/1978 MI
BURLINGTON, R. Craig	3/4/1992 Newark
BURTON, Christine H.	3/28/1992 RI
CARGILL, David C.	11/21/1979 NH
CARPENTER, Susan Elizabeth	6/14/2008 RI
CHAPLIN, George M.	3/8/1969 RI
CHRISMAN, John A.	5/15/1991 CofE
CLOSE, Leroy	1/19/2005 NY
COBURN, Michael C.	8/18/1998 CT
COCHRAN, A. Royston	9/20/1973 MA
COLLINS, Judith T.	6/20/1992 RI
CONNER, Ronald P.	9/14/1981 WA

CUMMINGS, Robert C.	5/16/1983 CT
DeCARVALO, Maria E. A.	6/23/1990 RI
DEVENS, Philip	2/26/1987 MA
DRAKE, Jo-Ann J.	2/1/1993 Pennsylvania
EPPERSON, Christopher L	6/11/2006 Atlanta
FAIRMAN, Henry	2/2/1982 Bethlehem
FISCHER-DAVIES, Clare	7/12/2005 SW VA
FRAATZ, William F.	12/5/2000 AZ
FRAIOLI, Karen A.	6/18/1994 RI
FRANKLIN, Kenneth R.	2/1/1969 CT
FRASER, R. Trent	6/2/2009 Michigan
FRINK, James P.	6/20/1959 RI
GATES, Alan Kenneth	9/1/2007 Olympia
GILLESPIE, David M.	2/1/1987 CA
GORDON, Harrington M.	6/24/1955 RI
GREENE, Everett H.	9/13/1960 Rochester
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
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
LUCEY, David J.	2/10/2009 Chicago
MANCHESTER, Sean	11/16/1992 Rio Grande
MATOTT, Michele	11/22/1992 RI
MATTHEWS, M. Theresa	3/31/2006 Bethlehem
MAUNEY, James Patrick	4/27/1982 Sul Central Brazil
MAYER, Peter	11/15/2005 Washington
MAYS-STOCK, Barbara L.	3/20/1994 RI
MELLO, Iris E.	7/13/1985 RI
MICHAELSON, Peter R.	3/26/1993 ID
MILLER, Nancy F.	6/24/1995 RI
MILLETTE, Carol L.	4/5/1986 RI
MILLS-CURRAN, Lorraine M.	9/1/1991 Rio Grande
MITCHELL, Judith N.	6/26/1993 RI
MORGAN, Richard	1/5/1994 VA
MOTT, Pamela J.	12/1/2004 OR
NEALE, Hedwig B.	6/23/1990 RI
NEILSEN, Eloise S.	2/4/1989 RI
NESTOR, Elizabeth M.	6/29/1979 RI
NORTH, Susan G.	3/16/1991 RI
NUNLEY, Janet W.	12/10/1994 RI
OLMSTED, Nancy K.Y.	12/19/1994 NH
PALLARD, John J.	4/9/2009 Central Florida
PAPPAS, Christopher	9/16/2008 Edmonton, Ontario
PECKHAM, Ashley H.	6/27/1970 RI
PEDRICK, Jennifer L.	6/13/1998 RI
PELLETIER, Ann D.	6/23/1990 RI
PENFIELD, Joyce	6/27/2002 NJ
PERRY, Cecilia C.	1/27/1996 RI
PHILLIPS, Jennifer M.	6/20/2000 MO
PICKENS, Paul G.	6/18/1977 RI
PRIOR, John Gregory	4/10/2002 SC
RANNENBERG, Pamela L.	12/16/1999 VA
RICE, Marshall T.	2/9/1996 Newark
ROBERTS, Jose Francisco	11/17/2004 PR
ROGERS, John S.	2/21/1984 ME
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
SHOBE, R. Casey	11/25/2008	Texas
SHOEMAKER, H. Stephanie C.	3/16/1991	RI
SIMONIAN, Marlene	6/23/1990	RI
SIMPSON, Richard R.	8/26/1997	Western KS
SPENCER, Peter L.	6/19/1965	RI
SPULNIK, Frederick J.	6/26/1984	MA
STAHL, Daryl W.	8/15/1990	IA
STENNING, Gordon J.	6/24/1955	RI
STILES, Susan R.	1/27/1996	RI
STRAHAN, Linda C.	2/21/1984	VA
TARRANT, Paul	2/23/1995	MA
TIERNEY, Phillip J.	1/31/2005	NC
TRAFFORD, Edward J.	4/5/1986	RI
TURNBULL, Henry G.	6/23/1956	RI
TWELVES, Paul D.	12/17/1996	Newark
ULANOWSKI, Paula H.	4/17/1983	RI
VANDERAU, Robert J., Jr.	3/17/1994	Cent. FL
VERBER, James L.	7/13/1985	RI
WARREN, George H	12/7/2005	Westerm MA
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
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 (2009)

Resolved, that the 219th Diocesan Convention expresses its appreciation to our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolf and her husband Thomas Bair, and assures them of our affection, prayers and support for their ministry among us, and be it further

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

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings and warm affection to the Rt. Rev. John Zawo and the Diocese of Ezo, our new companion diocese, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention sends its greetings and warm affection to the Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins and the Diocese of Louisiana, our companion diocese, as it continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and be it further

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

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

Resolved, that this Convention sends greetings and congratulations to St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich, Christ Church in Lincoln and Christ Church in Westerly on their 175th anniversaries, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention congratulates the Rev. Frederick Jellison on the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; the Rev. Paul Twelves on the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood; and the Revs. James Frink, Marshall Rice, and Edward Winsor on the 50th anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its heartfelt thanks for the ministry of the recently closed mission of the Church of the Epiphany in Providence and soon to be closed Calvary Church in Pascoag, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention heartily supports the recent mergers of St. Mary's Church in Warwick with St. Barnabas' Church in Warwick; and Christ Church in Coventry with St. Matthias' Church in Coventry, now known as St. Francis Church, and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention expresses its appreciation to the members of Diocesan staff; we also welcome Ruth Meter as our new Communications Officer and wish Sue Hurn a wonderful retirement; and we are grateful to Peggy Amatore and Joan DeCelles who continue to serve our diocese in countless ways after more than 27 years, 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 especially to Catherine Thenault who has provided the PowerPoint presentations for several years.

We move adoption of these resolutions.

**PLANT ASSETS-PROPERTIES OWNED
December 31, 2009**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cathedral Close:	
Cathedral House and Annex	275 No. Main St., Providence
Hallworth House	66 Benefit Street, Providence
Hallworth House Parking Lot	Star St., Providence
Edwards Fund Homes	62, 74, 78, 80, 84, 88 Benefit Street, Providence
Mission Churches:	
St. Thomas	322 Church St., Alton
St Ann's-by-the-Sea	25 Spring St., New Shoreham
St. Elizabeth's Church	63 Canonchet Rd., Hope Valley
Church of the Holy Spirit	4150 Old Post Road, Charlestown
Vacant Land (Charlestown)	Lot 42 and Lot 50-3
Land & Bldg. (Charlestown)	Lot 43, Plat 13
St. Matthias Church & Vicarage	1395 Nooseneck Hill Rd., Coventry
St. Francis	RR#2 Peckham Lane, Coventry
Church of the Holy Cross	1439 West Main Road, Middletown
Calvary Church and Vicarage	158 Broad Street, Pascoag
Vacant Land (Grant House)	Scituate
Old Narragansett Church:	
Old Narragansett Church	55 Main St., N. Kingstown
The Greenway	Access to the church (55 Main St.)
Burial Ground	Shermantown Rd., N. Kingstown
Fowler Property	Vacant Land, Fowler St. N. Kingstown
Baker Property	Vacant Land, Fowler St. N. Kingstown
Miscellaneous Properties:	
Episcopal Conference Center	872 Reservoir Road, Pascoag
May Cottage	110 Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown
May House	120 Cold Spring Lane, N. Kingstown
Parking Lot	65 Benefit St., Providence
Cemetery (Andrew's & Philips)	W. Warwick

This is to certify that the above are Diocesan-owned properties.
The Rev. Kevin M. Lloyd, Secretary

INSTITUTIONS (In the Diocese of Rhode Island)

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

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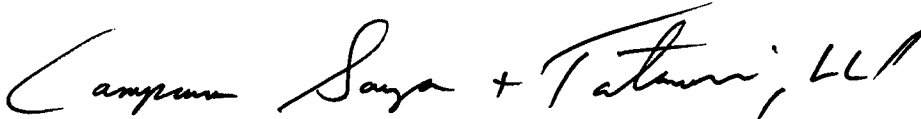
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Providence, Rhode Island 02903

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Diocese of Rhode Island (a not-for-profit organization) as of December 31, 2008, 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, 2008, 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 26, 2009

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Notes 2 and 13)		\$ 2,572,482
RECEIVABLES:		
Apportionment – net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$8,235	\$ 86,568	
Pledges - net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$10,389 (Note 3)	19,293	
Loans (Note 4)	348,230	
Other	<u>16,178</u>	
Total receivables		470,269
INVESTMENTS (Note 5)		13,927,599
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, Net (Note 6)		<u>1,835,837</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$18,806,187</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES		\$ 127,848
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	\$3,096,155	
Designated for specific purposes	<u>5,107,460</u>	
Total unrestricted		\$8,203,615
Temporarily restricted (Note 8)		4,674,856
Permanently restricted (Note 9)		<u>5,799,868</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS (EXHIBIT B)		<u>18,678,339</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$18,806,187</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:				
Apportionment	\$ 1,942,447	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 1,942,447
Contributions	-0	652,118	10,652	662,770
Program services revenue	251,444	-0	-0	251,444
Investment income	367,230	598,999	-0	966,229
Other income	106,150	-0	-0	106,150
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 10)	<u>1,014,803</u>	<u>(1,014,803)</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>\$ 3,682,074</u>	<u>\$ 236,314</u>	<u>\$ 10,652</u>	<u>\$ 3,929,040</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Program expenses (Schedule I)	\$ 2,312,742	\$ -0	\$ -0	\$ 2,312,742
Support services	853,576	-0	-0	853,576
Episcopal Charities granted to Non- Diocesan programs	322,100	-0	-0	322,100
Fundraising	<u>194,529</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>194,529</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 3,682,947</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ -0</u>	<u>\$ 3,682,947</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE OTHER CHANGES	<u>(\$ 873)</u>	<u>\$ 236,314</u>	<u>\$ 10,652</u>	<u>\$ 246,093</u>
OTHER CHANGES				
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(\$ 3,738,553)	(\$2,944,283)	\$ 79,996	(\$ 6,602,840)
Transfer of church property (Note 12)	<u>152,304</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>152,304</u>
Total other changes	<u>(\$ 3,586,249)</u>	<u>(\$2,944,283)</u>	<u>\$ 79,996</u>	<u>(\$ 6,450,536)</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	<u>(\$ 3,587,122)</u>	<u>(\$2,707,969)</u>	<u>\$ 90,648</u>	<u>(\$ 6,204,443)</u>
NET ASSETS, January 1, 2008	<u>11,790,737</u>	<u>7,382,825</u>	<u>5,709,220</u>	<u>24,882,782</u>
NET ASSETS, December 31, 2008	<u>\$ 8,203,615</u>	<u>\$4,674,856</u>	<u>\$5,799,868</u>	<u>\$18,678,339</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended December 31, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Changes in net assets	(\$6,204,443)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	82,197
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	6,602,840
Decrease in receivables	26,186
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>36,189</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 542,969
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of property and equipment	(\$ 208,328)
Proceeds from sale of investments	152,800
Purchase of investments	<u>(424,366)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	(479,894)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 63,075
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, January 1, 2008	<u>2,509,407</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, December 31, 2008	<u>\$2,572,482</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

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

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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.

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.

Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of investments is discussed above. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of other financial instruments:

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, other accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, approximate their fair value as they are short-term in nature.

The carrying values of loans to religious organizations approximate their fair value.

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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).

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	\$29,682
Less allowance	<u>10,389</u>
Net pledges	<u>\$19,293</u>

Pledges receivable at December 31, 2008 have the following restrictions:

Episcopal Charities	<u>\$19,293</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, 2008, thirteen (13) loans were outstanding totaling \$348,230. 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.

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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, 2008:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Corporate Bonds	\$ 9,996	\$ 19,877
Common Stock	18,308	33,622
Pooled Investments	<u>12,854,503</u>	<u>13,874,100</u>
	<u>\$12,882,807</u>	<u>\$13,927,599</u>

Pooled investments represent funds invested with the Diocesan Investment Trust of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island (DIT), a related entity. The investments with DIT are carried at fair value based principally upon the quoted market prices of the underlying assets.

Note 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>Total</u>
Land and buildings	\$5,233,197
Equipment	113,726
Motor vehicles	<u>98,491</u>
	\$5,445,414
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>3,609,577</u>
	<u>\$1,835,837</u>

Depreciation expense for 2008 was \$82,197.

Note 7. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Diocese follows the Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act of 1972 (UMIFA) and its own governing documents. UMIFA requires the historical dollar amount of a donor-restricted endowment to be preserved as a permanent fund. The historical dollar amount as defined in the Rhode Island uniform act is adjusted to reflect the change, if any, in the purchasing power of the historical dollar value. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted

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endowment that is not classified in permanent net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Diocese.

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UMIFA requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, deficiencies of this nature that are reported in unrestricted net assets were \$944,227 as of December 31, 2008. These deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations after the investment of permanently restricted contributions and continued appropriation for certain programs that was deemed prudent by the Diocese.

Endowment Investment and Spending Policies

The Diocese has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of these endowment assets over the long-term. The Diocese's spending and investment policies work together to achieve this objective. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes. The current long-term return objective is to grow the aggregate portfolio value, net of spending, at the rate of inflation or greater over the endowment investment horizon. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount. To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Diocese relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Diocese targets a diversified asset allocation to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters.

The spending policy calculates the amount of money annually distributed from the Diocese's various endowed funds, for grant making and administration. The current spending policy is to distribute an amount at least equal to 4.25% to 5.25% of a moving three-year average of the fair value of the endowment funds. This is consistent with the Diocese's objective to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

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Endowment Net Asset Composition by Fund Type as of December 31, 2008 is as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -0	\$1,771,499	\$5,587,701	\$ 7,359,200
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>4,329,256</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>4,329,256</u>
	<u>\$4,329,256</u>	<u>\$1,771,499</u>	<u>\$5,587,701</u>	<u>\$11,688,456</u>

Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the year ended December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of the year	<u>\$6,578,558</u>	<u>\$3,605,209</u>	<u>\$5,497,053</u>	<u>\$15,680,820</u>
Investment return:				
Investment income	\$ 276,108	\$ 429,162	\$ -0	\$ 705,270
Realized gains	31,520	-0	-0	31,520
Unrealized losses	<u>(2,432,739)</u>	<u>(1,833,710)</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>(4,266,449)</u>
Total investment return	(\$2,125,111)	(\$1,404,548)	\$ -0	(\$ 3,529,659)
Contributions	-0	-0	10,652	10,652
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(428,408)	(429,162)	-0	(857,570)
Other changes:				
Transfers to create board-designated endowment funds	304,217	-0	-0	304,217
Transfers to maintain historic value	<u>-0</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>79,996</u>	<u>79,996</u>
Total changes	<u>(\$2,249,302)</u>	<u>(\$1,833,710)</u>	<u>\$ 90,648</u>	<u>(\$3,992,364)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of the year	<u>\$4,329,256</u>	<u>\$1,771,499</u>	<u>\$5,587,701</u>	<u>\$11,688,456</u>

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Note 8. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available to support the following purposes at December 31, 2008:

Parish Endowment Fund	\$ 262,351
Missions	199,190
Commission on Ministry	16,852
City Camp	9,838
Old Narragansett Church	5,558
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	890,716
Episcopate	1,029,138
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	147,388
A.A. Gammell	87,016
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	1,330,675
Airport Chapel	1,306
Special activities	100,000
Companion diocese	72
Sacred Music	8,750
Episcopal Charities	586,006
	<u>\$4,674,856</u>

Note 9. 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, 2008:

Parish Endowment Fund	\$ 14,484
Old Narragansett Church	79,159
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	595,887
Episcopate	1,206,466
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	180,795
Episcopal Charities	2,579,209
Episcopal Conference Center	246,572
Congregational Development	205,135
Missions	602,122
Edwards Homes	90,039
	<u>\$5,799,868</u>

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Note 10. 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:

Old Narragansett Church	\$ 3,826
Supplemental Retirement Benefits & Assistance	44,410
Episcopate	147,995
Bishop's Discretionary Fund	63,608
A.A. Gammell	1,984
Elmer R. Shippee Fund	57,991
Dunning Trust	6,839
Episcopal Charities	496,756
Episcopal Conference Center	104,078
City Camp	31,506
Parish Endowment Fund	18,296
Congregational Development	15,864
Missions	6,836
Commission on ministry	500
Ministry to young adults	7,396
Other programs	6,918
	<u>\$1,014,803</u>

Note 11. 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 2008. 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 \$62,600 to this plan in 2008.

The Diocese also contributed \$47,510 to a plan sponsored by the National Church covering clergy employed by the Diocese.

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Note 12. CHURCH PROPERTIES

In 2008 the Diocese received \$152,304 from merging parishes upon the sale of certain real estate by the parishes.

At December 31, 2008, 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 13. 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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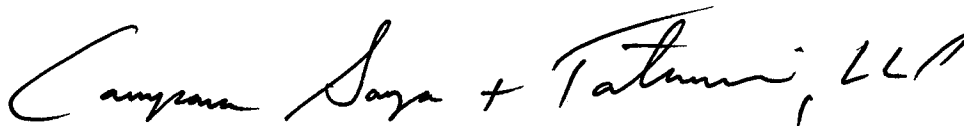
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of The Diocese of Rhode Island as of December 31, 2008 appears on Page 1. That audit was for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of program expenses is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



May 26, 2009

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SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Apportionment Funded</u>	<u>Non- Apportionment Funded</u>	<u>Total Program Expenses</u>
Leadership & Pastoral Support			
Office of the Bishop	\$ 273,726	\$165,207	\$ 438,933
Support of the Bishop	85,901	-0	85,901
Communications	83,821	-0	83,821
Clergy Development/Deployment	99,763	5,741	105,504
Other Leadership & Support	<u>93,510</u>	<u>-0</u>	<u>93,510</u>
Total leadership & pastoral support	<u>\$ 636,721</u>	<u>\$170,948</u>	<u>\$ 807,669</u>
Outreach, Advocacy & Service			
Episcopal Conference Center & City Camp	\$ 545,177	\$ 7,605	\$ 552,782
National Church Assessment	470,854	-0	470,854
Ministry to Higher Education	28,076	-0	28,076
Chaplaincies	77,688	9,909	87,597
Other Outreach	<u>42,063</u>	<u>62,275</u>	<u>104,338</u>
Total outreach, advocacy & service	<u>\$1,163,858</u>	<u>\$ 79,789</u>	<u>\$1,243,647</u>
Congregational Development	<u>\$ 189,255</u>	<u>\$ 72,171</u>	<u>\$ 261,426</u>
Total program expenses	<u>\$1,989,834</u>	<u>\$322,908</u>	<u>\$2,312,742</u>